

# Minster Bethel Congregational Church (MBCC)

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08/08/2021 -- Women of the Bible –Priscilla

## Teamwork

### Priscilla and Aquila Partners in Ministry



Welcome to this weeks thoughts

Minster Bethel is planning its return back to services at the church starting in September  
Please contact any deacon re the return to church plans

All lockdown services can be found at: [www.mbccs.co.uk](http://www.mbccs.co.uk)

I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. **Philemon 1:6**

**Good morning and welcome to this week's thoughts.**

Our hymn today is: "Together everyone accomplishes More!"  
[Teamwork Song \(TEAM\) - Together Everyone Accomplishes More! - YouTube](#)

All Gods people time to join in,  
Come together, let the games begin.  
God has called us to be His team,  
So lets work together with Love extreme.

Teamwork! Pray for one another!  
Teamwork! Cheer for each other!  
It's our God we're living for, and..

Together  
Everyone  
Accomplishes  
More.

We're on God's team with love extreme and...

Together Everyone Accomplishes More.

Encourage each other with the love He gives,  
Show the world that our saviour lives!  
God has called us to be His team,  
So lets work together with Love extreme.

Teamwork! Pray for one another!.....



T.E.A.M what does it mean  
God has called us to be on His team.  
Four little letters what do they stand for?

Together Everyone Accomplishes More.

Teamwork! Pray for one another!.....

**The reading today is Acts 18:1-28** [Acts 18:1-28 NIVUK - In Corinth - After this, Paul left - Bible Gateway](#)

He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

Acts 18:26

## Team work

This week we are thinking about teamwork as shown by Priscilla and her husband Aquila.

I found this story on the internet

*A traveller was driving along one day and had an accident. He drove his car into a ditch in a desolate area. A local farmer came by to help with his horse named Buddy.*

*Well, the farmer hitched Buddy up to the car and yelled, "Pull, Nellie, pull!" Buddy didn't move. Once more the farmer hollered, "Pull, Nellie, pull!" Buddy didn't respond. The farmer repeated this action again, with the same results.*

*Then the farmer nonchalantly said, "Pull, Buddy, pull!" And the horse finally dragged the car out of the ditch.*

*The motorist was really appreciative, but he was also curious. He said to the farmer "I really appreciate what you did for me, but why did you call your horse by the wrong name?"*

*The farmer said, "Oh, Buddy is blind - and if he thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn't even try."*

Buddy needed a partner to be able to do what was asked of him.

The bible reminds us that we all need to work in partnership: In partnership with God and in partnership with each other.

Priscilla and Aquila were a Team. We read that they were partners by marriage, partners in work, partners in their ministry and partners with others including with Paul.

We also learn that Priscilla and Aquila were True: True to God -as part of the deportation of Jews from Rome under Claudius, they did not deny their heritage or hide, but went with God

They were true in their understanding of Jesus and the scriptures, and shared this deeper understanding with Apollos.

Priscilla and Aquila demonstrated true kindness and partnership with Apollos. They did not interrupt his sermon or insult him or belittle him but took him aside when he had finished and shared what they knew. They recognised that he may have been where they once had been.

As I am writing this the Olympic basketball is playing in the background and am reminded of this story:

*John Wooden is considered by many to be the basketball coach of all time. He coached the UCLA Bruins to more college basketball championships than any other NCAA coach in history. What was his secret to success? Teamwork.*

*Every year he put together the best group of players he could find. And the 5 men who best complemented each other and worked together are the ones he started. But he didn't consider them to be any more important than the substitutes, his assistants, or even the equipment manager. His motto was, "The most important player when we win -- is the rest of the team."*

*Wooden used to encourage his players to acknowledge the assists of their teammates. If one player received a pass that allowed him to score, Wooden wanted that player to give the other man a wink or point to him as they moved down to the opposite end of the court.*

*A new player once asked, "But what if the other player isn't looking when you point to him?" Wooden just smiled, "Oh don't worry. He'll be looking."*

As we see from Priscilla working in partnership brings results and we can be sure that God is always looking as he "passes us the ball" whatever the challenge. Are we working in His team, ready to catch and giving credit to all the others in our team?

### **Our Second Hymn is "For I'm Building a People of Power"**

[For I'm Building a People of Power \(Ingrid DuMosch\) \[with lyrics for congregations\] - YouTube](#)

For I'm building a people of power  
And I'm making a people of praise  
That will move through this land by My Spirit  
And will glorify My precious Name

Build Your Church, Lord, make us strong, Lord  
Join our hearts, Lord, through Your Son  
Make us one, Lord, in Your body  
In the kingdom of Your Son

#### **Today's Pray:**

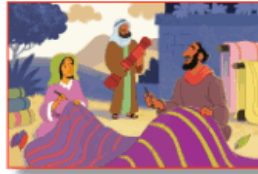
Dear Lord.

We thank you for having us in your team. Help us to be true to You and your scriptures. In doing so we ask that we show discretion and kindness to others so that they can also learn of your love and be on your team.

**Amen.**



## Paul and His Friends Taught About Jesus Crossword Puzzle

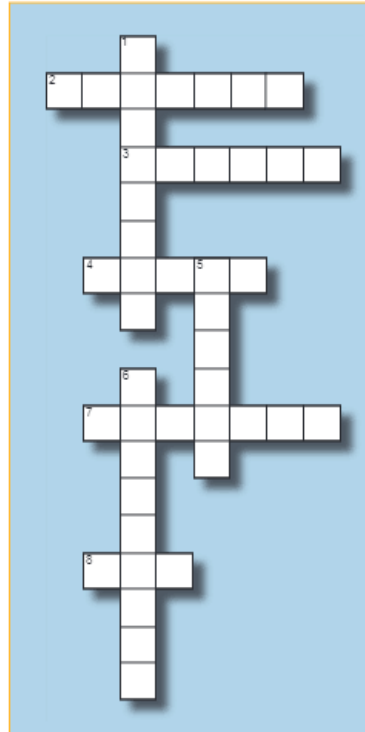


### ACROSS

2. City where Paul met Aquila and Priscilla
3. When Paul left Corinth, this man went with him.
4. Paul worked with Aquila and Priscilla to make these.
7. People who like and help each other
8. Paul stayed in Corinth for one year and \_\_\_\_\_ months.

### DOWN

1. While he was in Corinth, Paul \_\_\_\_\_ to the people.
5. To go from one place to another
6. Aquila's wife



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MAY GODS BLESSING SURROUND YOU  
EACH DAY  
AS YOU TRUST HIM AND WALK IN HIS WAY;  
MAY HIS PRESENCE WITHIN  
GUARD AND KEEP YOU FROM SIN.  
GO IN PEACE, GO IN JOY, GO IN LOVE.