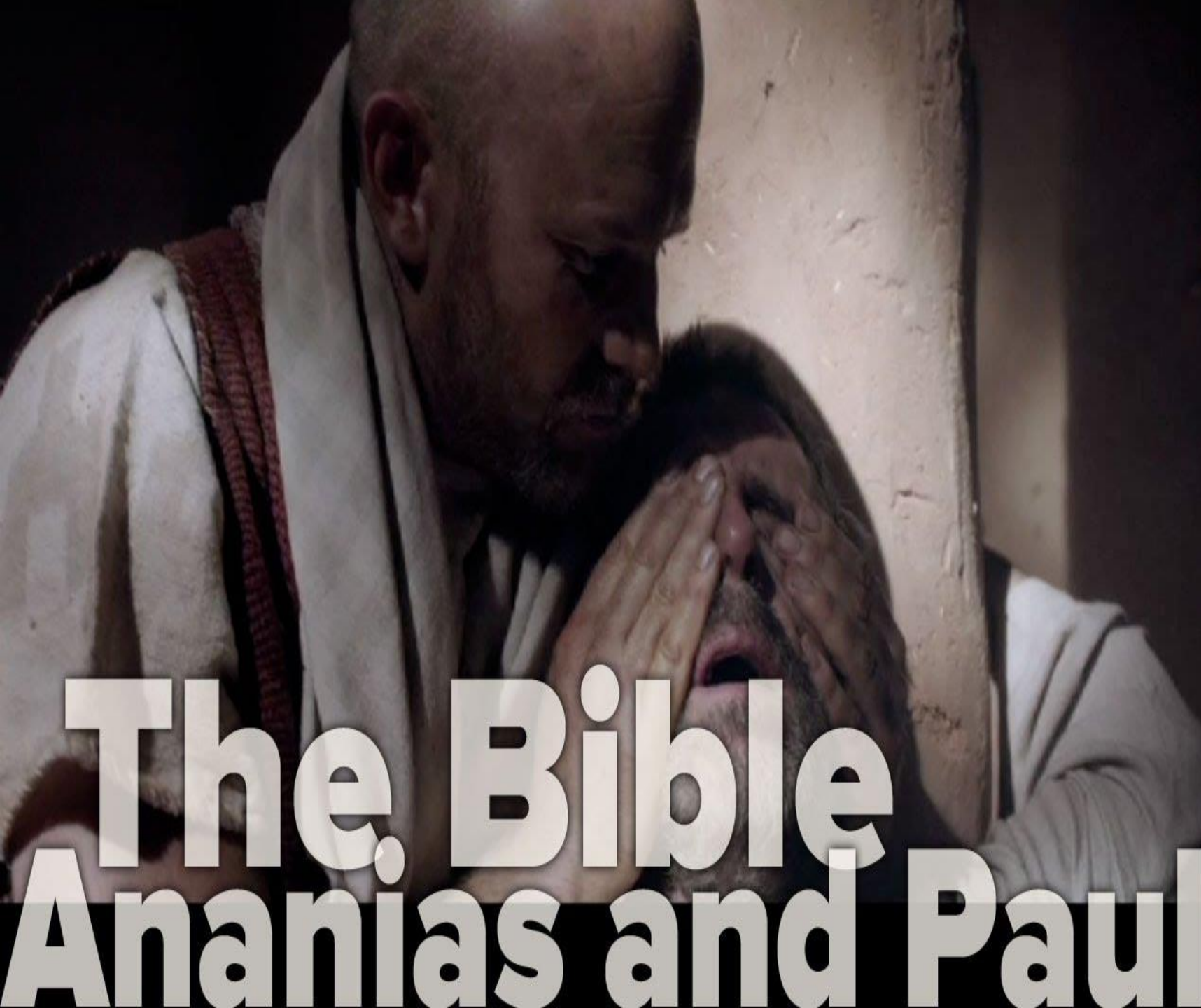


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AWESOME BIBLICAL CHARACTERS

(YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED)

“GIANTS” IN THE SHADOWS OF THE CHURCH



The Bible Ananias and Paul

- The man who baptized Paul- Acts 9:10-17; 22:12-16. How would you like to have that as one of the notches in your belt.
- An ordinary man with extraordinary faith. Described as a “certain disciple”
- He obeyed the Great Commission.
- He ignored his fears and did what Jesus wanted him to do.

- The man who believed in Paul- Acts 9:26-27
- The man who encouraged the church-
 - In Jerusalem- Acts 4
 - In Antioch- Acts 11:19-24
- He believed in people when no one else would.
 - Paul- Acts 9:26-27
 - John Mark- Acts 15:36-39

A Man Called Barnabas

Acts 11:19-24





Aquila & Priscilla
A Model for Ministry

- Hospitable
 - Opened their home and business to the apostle Paul.- Acts 18:1-4
 - Opened their home to the church- Romans 16:3-5
- Courageous
 - In defending truth- Acts 18:24-26
 - In defending God's people- Romans 16:4



I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

(Bible)

Acts 18:24

24 Now a Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures.

- Knowledgeable in Scriptures- Acts 18:28
- Gifted Preacher- Acts 18:28
- Humble Servant- Acts 18:24-26
- Inspiring Minister- I Cor. 3:4-7

Arist★rchus

- A Macedonian- Acts 19:29
- Travel companion and fellow worker with Paul- Phil. 1
- Caught up in the riot in Ephesus with Gaius- Acts 19:29
- Went to Troas to wait for Paul- Acts 20:4
- Fellow prisoner with Paul- Colossians 4:16.



Luke

- Deeply believed in Christ-
 - Luke 1:1-4
 - Then he begins talking about Jesus.
- Travel companion of Paul.
 - Acts 16:10-17, 20:5-21; 27:1; 28:16.
 - With Paul at end of his life.- II Tim. 4:11.
- Beloved physician- Col. 4:14
- Deeply believed in the church of Christ.
 - In Acts, he repeatedly talks about entrance into the kingdom and enthusiastic progress reports.

- First introduced to him in Acts 16:1-5.
- Became like a son to Paul- I Tim. 1:2,18, II Tim. 1:2.



T i m o t h y

- Worked with Paul in Corinth- Acts 18:5. Appears to have been with him when he wrote Romans, Col., both 1 & 2 Thess.
- Was sent by Paul to do mission work in Macedonia.- Acts 19:22- Referenced also in Phil. 2:19 and I Thess. 3:2
- Waited in Troas for Paul- Acts 20:4.
- Taught the ways of Christ just like Paul everywhere and in every church.- I Cor. 4:17
- Perhaps imprisoned- Heb. 13:23.
- The last person Paul wrote to that we is recorded and the person Paul wanted to see the most before his death.- II Tim. 4