# "And they were both righteous before God"

Luke 1:6

## **Examples of righteous** couples

#### Zacharias and Elizabeth

- Walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord
- Blameless
- Patient and faithful



#### Abraham and Sarah

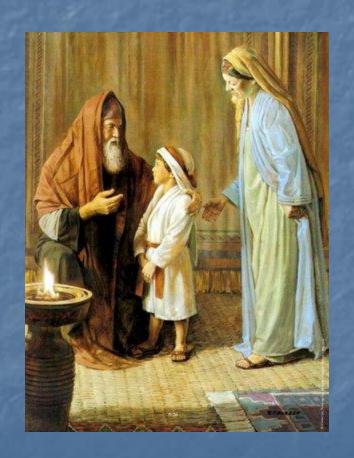
- God spoke with
   Abraham, yet Sarah
   followed her
   husband.
- Sarah's respect to Abraham is noteworthy.



#### Elkanah and Hannah

- Elkanah's sensitivity to his wife's feelings:
- "Then Elkanah her husband said to her, 'Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? And why is your heart grieved? *Am* I not better to you than ten sons?"

  1 Samuel 1:8
- Hannah's godliness in how she handled her sorrows
- Their agreement to honor Hannah's vow



## Priscilla and Aquila

- Their labor with St. Paul, opening their house as a church
- Their care to explain the faith to Apollos:

"So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately"

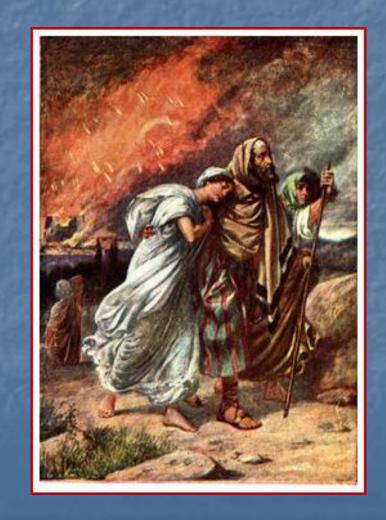


Acts 18:26

## **Examples of righteous**spouses

#### Lot the Righteous

- His wife's heart was with the city and what she left behind.
- Neither her husband, her daughters or even her own safety led her to look forward and flee the city:
   "But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt" Genesis 19:26



### Abigail the Wise

- She took initiative to fix what the foolishness of her husband caused.
- She saved her husband's life while knowing that he was mistaken.



## Job the Righteous

His wife was a thorn in his flesh with her foolish remarks: "Then his wife said to him, 'Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!"" Job 2:9

