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NOT JUST A LIST

Romans 16:1 – 16

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MESSAGE NOTES

- **Behind every changed life is a faithful name**

Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well. – Romans 16:3 – 4 (ESV)

Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in Asia. – Romans 16:5 (ESV)

Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you. – Romans 16:6 (ESV)

Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord. – Romans 16:12 (ESV)

Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well. – Romans 16:13 (ESV)

I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf, that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company. – Romans 15:30 – 32 (ESV)

- **Our fellowship is a fellowship of names**

... All the churches of Christ greet you. – Romans 16:16 (ESV)

MESSAGE SUMMARY

Romans 16 may seem like just a list of names, but it shows how God builds His kingdom through ordinary people. Paul highlights men and women who served, worked hard, risked, and faithfully supported the mission of Christ. Their names remind us that spiritual growth happens through real relationships and everyday faithfulness. Romans 16 reminds us that behind every changed life is a name and it invites us let God use our names as part of someone else's story for His greater glory.



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use as many or as few of these questions as are helpful for your group or family discussion.

- Discussion Starter: Imagine someone read a speech about your faith in Christ, but instead of your accomplishments, they only read the names of people whom God used to help shape your spiritual life. Who would be someone on your list, and why?
- Read Romans 16:1–16. Which names or greetings stand out to you, and why?
- Paul often mentions people who “*worked hard*” or “*risked their necks*” (vv. 3–4, 6, 12). What do you notice about how he honors them?
- Paul calls out both men and women—leaders and behind-the-scenes workers. What does this tell us about God’s view of every believer’s role in the church?
- Verses 3 and 4 show that Aquila and Priscilla “*risked their necks*” for Paul. How does this illustrate the cost and courage of true discipleship?
- Who is one of the most significant people in your Gospel story, and what did God teach you through their example that has helped shape who you are today?
- Is there someone in your life right now who could use encouragement or recognition for their faithfulness? How could you reach out and encourage them? Send them a text right now.
- Romans 16 emphasizes ordinary people making an extraordinary impact. How might God be inviting you to serve faithfully or invest in small ways that make a lasting difference?
- Take a moment to think of one name in your spiritual life for whom you are grateful. Pray for them and thank God for the role they’ve played in your journey.