



1 Samuel 25:23-43

Abigail

Beautiful, Intelligent, Courageous,
Common Sense, Relational, & Intuitive

"We can never gauge the effect of our words and actions upon others. The intervention of Abigail in the nick of time teaches us that when we have wisdom to impart, faith to share, and help to offer, we must not hesitate to take any risks that may be involved."

-- "All The Women of the Bible", Herbert Lockyer

[1] Relational Personality:

1. Risky initiative v.13
2. Emotional security v.19
3. Genuine humility v. 23
4. Personal responsibility v. 25
5. Selfless attitude v.26
6. Generous spirit v. 27
7. Fortright approach v.28
8. Quick wit v.29-31
9. Eternal perspective v.30
10. Kind affirmation v. 31b

[2] Attitude: Heart Belief > circumstances

1. Action
2. God
3. Unequally yoked
4. Time

[3] Confidence in Christ

1. Faith over fear
2. Serve over supremacy
3. Convey over consume

[1 Samuel 25:3] ³ Now the name of the man was Nabal, and the name of his wife Abigail. The woman was discerning and beautiful, but the man was harsh and badly behaved; he was a Calebite.

[Deuteronomy 32:35] ³⁵ Vengeance is mine, and recompense, for the time when their foot shall slip; for the day of their calamity is at hand, and their doom comes swiftly.'

[Romans 12:19] ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

[1 Samuel 25:13] ¹³ And David said to his men, "Every man strap on his sword!" And every man of them strapped on his sword. David also strapped on his sword. And about four hundred men went up after David, while two hundred remained with the baggage.

[1 Samuel 25:19] ¹⁹ And she said to her young men, "Go on before me; behold, I come after you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal.

[1 Samuel 25:23-35] When Abigail saw David, she hurried and got down from the donkey and fell before David on her face and bowed to the ground. ²⁴ She fell at his feet and said, "On me alone, my lord, **be the guilt**. Please let your servant speak in your ears, and hear the words of your servant. ²⁵ Let not my lord regard this worthless fellow, Nabal, for as his name is, so is he. Nabal is his name, and folly is with him. But I your servant did not see the young men of my lord, whom you sent. ²⁶ Now then, my lord, as the **LORD** lives, and as your soul lives, because the **LORD** has restrained you from bloodguilt and from saving with your own hand, now then let your enemies and those who seek to do evil to my lord be as Nabal. ²⁷ And now let this present that your servant has brought to my lord be given to the young men who follow my lord. ²⁸ Please forgive the trespass of your servant. For the **LORD** will certainly make my lord a sure house, because my lord is fighting the battles of the **LORD**, and evil shall not be found in you so long as you live. ²⁹ If men rise up to pursue you and to seek your life, the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living in the care of the **LORD** your God. And the lives of your enemies he shall sling out as from the hollow of a sling. ³⁰ And when the **LORD** has done to my lord according to all the good that he has spoken concerning you and has appointed you prince over Israel, ³¹ my lord shall have no cause of grief or pangs of conscience for having shed blood without cause or for my lord working salvation himself. And when the **LORD** has dealt well with my lord, then remember your servant." ³² And David said to Abigail, "Blessed be the **LORD**, the God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me! ³³ Blessed be your discretion, and blessed be you, who have kept me this day from bloodguilt and from working **salvation** with my own hand! ³⁴ For as surely as the **LORD**, the God of Israel, lives, who has restrained me from hurting you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, truly by morning there had not been left to Nabal so much as one male." ³⁵ Then David received from her hand what she had brought him. And he said to her, "Go up in peace to your house. See, I have obeyed your voice, and I have granted your petition."

[Proverbs 11:22] ²² Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful woman without discretion.

[1 Thessalonians 5:17] ¹⁷ pray without ceasing,

[1 Samuel 25:42] ⁴² And Abigail hurried and rose and **mounted a donkey**, and her five young women attended her. She followed the messengers of David and became his wife.

Study Questions and Prayer

- [1] Open your Bible & Read 1 Samuel 25:2-11. Why did Nabal fail? There are several reasons that can be pulled from this passage of scripture. Can you relate to any of these?
- [2] Read 1 Samuel 25:13-35. Circumstances in this scripture would suggest that women and children should seek safety and hide. Abigail walks in her gifting and saves many lives. When and where in your life has God given you a circumstance to put your faith on display?
- [3] Do you feel unequipped to be a difference maker for the Kingdom of God? God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called. If you are a child of God (have placed your faith in Jesus) He has a calling on your life. Take the first step, trust God. Ask Him to prepare you for what lays ahead.
- [4] Pray for God to send revival, pray and ask Him to give you a heart of repentance, pray he changes you from the inside out.