

Lesson 11 January 15, 2025

Who IS That Woman?

Women in the Bible who got it right and those who didn't

What a Woman!

1 Samuel 25

1. By this time Samuel had died, and David was a fugitive running from the paranoid, insane, jealous King Saul. David was in the desert of Moan, which was home to a wealthy, surly, mean cattle rancher named _____ and his beautiful and intelligent wife _____. (vv. 1-3).
2. When _____ heard that Nabal was nearby shearing sheep, he sent ten of his men to ask him for _____ for his army. David had no reservations about asking because he and his men had watched over Nabal's shepherds on a previous occasion. However, Nabal _____ to honor David's request. Instead, he disparaged David's name and sent the men away **empty handed** (vv. 4-11).
3. David was _____ when he learned about Nabal's refusal and commanded his army (400) to _____. He was bent on seeking _____ (vv. 12-13).
4. Meanwhile, Nabal's servants told Abigail how _____ Nabal had been to David's men. They also told her _____ David's army had been to them in the past. Then they voiced their opinion of Nabal - he was _____ - wicked and unreasonable (vv. 14- 17).
5. Abigail understood _____ was necessary. She quickly gathered a _____ of food items and sent them with her servants while she followed behind (vv. 18-19).
6. As they made their way, Abigail could see David and his army approaching. David was _____, vowing to _____ in Nabal's household (vv. 20-22).

7. Abigail knew she needed to _____ the situation if possible, so when they came face to face, she quickly dismounted her donkey, fell at David's feet, and begged for an opportunity to speak. First, speaking from a _____, she interceded for _____. Next, she asked David to accept her gift and to forgive her for any offense. In conclusion, she prophesied about David's succession to the throne of Isarel (vv. 23-31).

8. By this time, David had calmed down and could think rationally. He praised God for sending Abigail _____ from avenging Nabal's offense. He accepted the provisions, promised not to act on his anger, and sent her home in peace (vv. 32-35).

9. When Abigail returned home Nabal was _____, so she waited until morning to _____ him. Upon hearing what could have happened, Nabal had a _____ and died ten days later due to _____ (vv. 36-38).

10. When David heard about Nabal's death, he praised God for keeping him from _____. He also praised God for _____ and judging Nabal. David asked Abigail _____ him. She said, "Yes!" (vv. 39-44).

What can I learn from Abigail?



Sometimes it only takes _____ of my gifts, skills, or character traits to deal with a situation, and I have _____ about it before I _____. However, other times I am thrown into a situation which demands _____. Then, I must rely on my _____, on everything the Lord has _____, and on all the qualities He has _____ within me:



"A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." Proverbs 15:1



"Let your speech always *be* filled with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one." Colossians 4:6



"A word spoken at the right time is like gold apples on a silver tray." Proverbs 25:11



"A beautiful woman _____ is like a gold ring in a _____." Proverbs 11:22



"This is my command - be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

HOMework

Song: _____ By: _____

Review: 1 Samuel 25 and look for additional lessons you may learn from Abigail

Homework: The Widow at Zarephath – 1 Kings 17