

# David and Abigail

## SERIES: DAVID. Part 7

**1 Samuel 25:1-3 (MSG)** *Samuel died. The whole country came to his funeral. Everyone grieved over his death, and he was buried in his hometown of Ramah. Meanwhile, David moved again, this time to the wilderness of Maon. There was a certain man in Maon who carried on his business in the region of Carmel. He was very prosperous—three thousand sheep and a thousand goats, and it was sheep-shearing time in Carmel. The man's name was Nabal, a Calebite, and his wife's name was Abigail. The woman was intelligent and good-looking, the man brutish and mean.*

**NABAL:** stupid; wicked (especially impious):--fool (-ish, -ish man, -ish woman), vile person.

**ABIGAIL:** one who is the cause of (father's) joy, one who gives joy.

### I. The **CONFLICT**

**1 Samuel 25:21; 1 Samuel 25:8 (MSG)** *Ask your young men—they'll tell you. What I'm asking is that you be generous with my men—share the feast! Give whatever your heart tells you to your servants and to me, David your son.' "*

**1 Samuel 25:15**

### Nabal's response to all of this:

**1 Samuel 25:10-13**

### II. The **CONFRONTATION**

**1 Samuel 25:14-20; 1 Samuel 25:32-35**

**Matthew 5:9 (NIV)** *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.*

### III. The **CONCLUSION**

**1 Samuel 25:36-42**

## FIVE POINTS WORTH NOTING FROM THIS STORY

1. **From verse 3:** Differences between husbands and wives do not mean that the **MARRIAGE** cannot continue.

*Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.*

2. **From vv.17-18:** The wife's primary role is to **SUPPORT** her husband.

*1 Samuel 25: 18 (MSG) Abigail flew into action. . . .*

3. **From vv. 19 and 36:** **SILENCE** and **TIMING** are two of the most effective ways to handle a strained relationship.

*1 Samuel 25:19 (MSG) . . . But she said nothing to her husband Nabal.*

*1 Samuel 25:36 (MSG) . . . she didn't tell him anything of what she'd done until morning.*

*1 Peter 3:1-2*

4. **From v.25:** There is a difference between harsh **CRITICISM** and honest **REALISM** in relating to your mate.

**THE DIFFERENCE IS MOTIVE.**

*1 Samuel 25:25 (MSG) Don't dwell on what that brute Nabal did. He acts out the meaning of his name: Nabal, Fool. Foolishness oozes from him. "I wasn't there when the young men my master sent arrived. I didn't see them.*

5. **From v.39:** God **HONORS** the wife who **HONORS** her husband.

*1 Samuel 25:39 (MSG) . . . Then David sent for Abigail to tell her that he wanted her for his wife.*

*1 Peter 3:5-6 (NIV) For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.*

*1 Peter 3:5-6 (MSG) . . . You'll be true daughters of Sarah if you do the same, unanxious and unintimidated.*