

# God's Peeps

Abigail, the hero  
1 Samuel 25

# Nabal and Abigail

## vv. 2,3

- \*A certain man in Maon, who had property there at Carmel, was very wealthy. He had a thousand goats and three thousand sheep, which he was shearing in Carmel. His name was Nabal and his wife's name was Abigail.
- \*She was an intelligent and beautiful woman,
- \*But her husband, a Calebite, was surly and mean in his dealings.

# David and his men

## vv. 4-9

- \*While David was in the desert, he heard that Nabal was shearing sheep. So he sent ten young men and said to them, "Go up to Nabal at Carmel and greet him in my name. Say to him: 'Long life to you! Good health to you and your household! And good health to all that is yours!'"
- \*Now I hear that it is sheep shearing time. When your shepherds were with us, we did not mistreat them, and the whole time they were at Carmel nothing of theirs was missing.
- \*Ask your own servants and they will tell you. Therefore be favorable toward my young men, since we come at a festive time. Please give your servants and your son David whatever you can find for him.'
- \*When David's men arrived, they gave Nabal this message in David's name. Then they waited.

# Nabal's response

## vv.10,11

- \*“Nabal answered David’s servants, ‘Who is this David? Who is this son of Jesse? Many servants are breaking away from their masters these days.’
- \*Why should I take my bread and water, and the meat I have slaughtered for my shearers, and give it to men coming from who knows where?”

# Abigail falls at his feet

## vv.23-27

- \*“When Abigail saw David, she quickly got off her donkey and bowed down before David with her face to the ground. She fell at his feet and said: ‘My lord, let the blame be on me alone. Please let your servant speak to you; hear what your servant has to say. May my lord pay no attention to that wicked man Nabal. He is just like his name—his name is Fool, and folly goes with him. But as for me, your servant, I did not see the men my master sent.
- \*Now since the LORD has kept you, my master, from bloodshed and from avenging yourself with your own hands, as surely as the LORD lives and as you live, may your enemies and all who intend to harm my master be like Nabal.
- \*And let this gift, which your servant has brought to my master, be given to the men who follow you.”

# Abigail repents

## vv.28-31

- \*“Please forgive your servant’s offense, for the LORD will certainly make a lasting dynasty for my master, because he fights the LORD’S battles. Let no wrong be found in you as long as you live.
- \*Even though someone is pursuing you to take your life, the life of my master will be bound securely in the bundle of the living by the LORD your God. But the lives of your enemies he will hurl away as from the pocket of a sling.
- \*When the LORD has done for my master every good thing he promised concerning him and has appointed him leader over Israel, my master will not have on his conscience the staggering burden of needless bloodshed or of having avenged himself.
- \*And when the LORD has brought my master success, remember your servant.”

# Abigail's new life

## vv.39-42

\*“When David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, ‘Praise be to the LORD, who has upheld my cause against Nabal for treating me with contempt. He has kept his servant from doing wrong and has brought Nabal’s wrongdoing down on his own head.’

\*Then David sent word to Abigail, asking her to become his wife. ...Abigail quickly got on a donkey and, attended by her five maids, went with David’s messengers and became his wife.”

# Abigail's story points to the hero

- \*“I will place over them one shepherd, MY SERVANT DAVID, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. I the LORD will be their God, and MY SERVANT DAVID will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.” Ezekiel 34:23,24
- \*“As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: ‘You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.’” Mark 1:10,11