

## Part 3- Abigail, A Woman of Wisdom and Grace

### Text: 1 Samuel 25

**Backdrop-** The end of the time of the Judges, the beginning of the reign of human kings.

**Samuel.** A prophet and final judge of Israel; son of Elkanah and Hannah; dedicated to the Lord from before his conception; raised in the temple from a young age; anointed Saul, then David, to be kings of Israel; name means “God hears,” recalling he was the answer to his mother’s prayers.

**Saul.** First king of Israel; began his rule in apparent humility and ended in madness; in between, proved again and again that human kings are no substitute for the Lord; died by his own hand in battle with the Philistines; name means “demanded.”

**David.** Anointed King in waiting. Slayer of Goliath and now hunted by King Saul who became jealous of his successes.

**Nabal.** A rich sheepmaster in Maon. Name means fool. Described as crude and churlish.

**Abigail.** Wife of Nabal. Name means father is rejoicing. Described as intelligent and beautiful woman.

### The Incident:

David’s Deed- vv.15-16

David’s Ask- v. 8

Nabal’s Snob- vv.10-11

Warrior’s Rage- vv.21-22

Wisdom-

She realized that David was a holy man and what his God was capable of.

- In action- vv.18-21, 23
- In message- vv. 24-31

### Lessons:

Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or turn away from them. Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.

~ Proverbs 4:5-7, NIV

### **Wisdom can save a foolish person.**

“A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident” (Proverbs 14:16).

“A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards” (Proverbs 29:11).

### **Wisdom can calm an angry one.**

“He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame” (Proverbs 10:5).

### **Wisdom can lead to grace. vv.33-34**

Dictionary.com defines wisdom this way: *Knowledge of what is true or right coupled with just judgment as to action; sagacity [level headedness], discernment, or insight.*

*Wisdom is knowing who you are not and who the Lord God is.* “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom and the knowledge of the holy is understanding” (Proverbs 9:10).

In message- vv. 24-31

- 6x she referred to herself as servant
- 2x she called David, lord
- 9x she called him master
- 5x she referred to the Lord giving favor to David

***Be wise to know who you are and who God is.***