

## Week Three – Abigail Summary Notes

- **Week Three – Defusing the Situation**
  - Father give me grace to be slow to anger and glorify you in my response.
  - Memory Verse: The Lord will keep you from all evil, He will keep your lie. The Lord will keep your going out and you're coming in from this time forth and forevermore. Psalms 121:7-8
- Our responses are an overflow of the condition of our hearts (Luke 6:45).
  - When we find our security in the One who holds our hearts, the Lord changes how we handle our circumstances.
- What is Submission?
  - It does NOT mean:
    - Men are superior to women.
    - Women can't express their opinions or give input.
    - Men are always right.
    - Women already overlook sin in the lives of those in authority.
- Abigail was caught between two proud, angry men
  - Nabal-her mean, crude husband
  - David-the future King of Israel
    - She responds differently to each of them.
- The word discerning means "Showing good or outstanding judgment or understanding" or "intelligent".
  - A discerning woman has good understanding and common sense in a crisis.
- Abigail saw the brewing conflict between her husband and David
  - Both were acting like fools
  - Abigail uses discernment and chose to respond differently than these 2 men.
- Abigail didn't cower in fear.
  - Even though she probably had fear in her heart, she didn't let it keep her from doing the wise and right thing.
  - Abigail listened to the warning of her husband's employee
    - Unlike Nabal, who wouldn't listen to anyone!
  - Abigail didn't sit back and do nothing.
    - She wasn't passive
    - She too action
    - She moved quickly, wisely, calmly, decisively
      - She was organized
      - She was prepared
        - A woman who walks with God will be prepared to act wisely in a crisis.

- Abigail also showed wisdom in knowing when to speak and when not to speak.
- Abigail knew to whom she should speak.
- She knew that David had a heart for God, and she likely determined that he could be reasoned with.
- Psalms 121:
  - I lift up my eyes to the mountains, where does my help come from
  - My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of Heaven and Earth
  - He will not let your foot slip, he watches over you and you will not slumber
  - He who watches over Israel will neither slumber or sleep
  - The Lord will keep you from all harm, He will watch over your life.
  - The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.
- Abigail did not make excuses for her husband
  - She was honest about the offense
  - She was respectful of David
  - It was not her goal to tear down Nabal her husband
  - She had a voice of wisdom reason in a tense situation
- God has established order, headship, authority and submission in every sphere of life.
  - Submission is not just for women.
  - Submission is for men, women, young, old, married, single, every human being
  - Submission to God's ultimate sovereign authority
- Abigail spoke to David, respectfully and called him "my lord".
  - She brings the Lord into the picture
  - She knew David had a heart for God, even though Nabal did not
  - She appeals to David through God's point of view
- Abigail challenged David to look at the big picture of Gods plan and to not return evil for evil.
  - She affirmed him in fighting the Lord's battle
  - She reminded David of God's protection and care for those that belong to God
  - She reminded David of the judgment that awaits those that oppose God
- If you are a child of God, verse 29 in our 1 Samuel 25 lesson, describes your position in Christ.
  - Your life is bundled in the care of the Lord, under the protection of divine Providence.
  - God has put us in a special place and wrapped us up in Christ, where we are safe.
- Abigail couldn't escape her difficult circumstances.
  - She knew she was safe in God
  - She confidently could say to David "No matter what Nabals come into your life, your bundled up in the life of the Lord your God"

- God will deal with the Nabals in this world
  - Whether your married to one, a neighbor of one, the employee of one, or even in the same church as one now, there will come a day when they will face the judgment of God.
- You may be facing a situation with a Nabal today, it seems as if will never end.
  - We don't know how long it will be until God brings justice
  - We do know God's ways and timing are different than ours and He will sling out, discard, and destroy all those who are evildoers.
- Lord, help me to rest in your promise that my life is bounded up in the bundle of your care.