

ABIGAIL SAVES DAVID

When God Graciously Saves Us from Ourselves

The Life of David, VII

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INTRODUCTION

I. THE CHARACTERS IN OUR STORY

A. Nabal

1. From Moan who worked in Carmel
2. Rich ... VERY rich!
3. Defined by his property
4. “Fool”

B. Abigail

1. Wise
2. Beautiful
3. A woman NOT governed by her emotions
4. A logical thinker.

C. David

1. Hard-working servant
2. Humble king
3. Short fuse; hot temper
4. Able to receive a rebuke and consequently repent

II. THE UNFOLDING OF OUR STORY

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III. THE PRESENT DAY APPLICATION OF OUR STORY

A. God shows unending grace when we are bent on evil.

B. God’s loving providence often guides us away from self-destruction.

C. Pray for the grace of release from self.

D. Pray for the grace in your own life to be an “Abigail.”

1. *Abigails* restore brokenness with all humility (cf. Matthew 7:3-4; Philippians 2:3-4)
2. *Abigails* fear God and love others. (cf. Deuteronomy. 6:24; Micah 6:8; John 15:13)
3. *Abigails* care about the glory of God, the peace and purity of the Church, and when a brother or sister in the Lord has “unsheathed his/her sword.” (cf. Galatians 6:1-3a)
4. *Abigails* are a blessing to you.
5. Descriptive words of an *Abigail*: wise, approachable, logical, rational (as opposed to hysterical), hospitable, decisive, resourceful, perceptive, courageous, engaging demeanor, convincing, shrewd, and used by God.

CONCLUSION ~ Philippians 2:7; Isaiah 53:6; John 8:11; Psalm 40:1-2

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A SAMPLING OF SCRIPTURES REGARDING SINFUL ANGER

Nehemiah 9:17; Psalm 34:13; 37:8; 39:1; 139:4; Proverbs 4:24; 6:2; 10:30; 14:17, 29; 15:1, 18; 16:32; 18:21; 19:11, 19; 21:19, 23; 22:24, 25; 25:21-22; 29:22; 30:5; 37:8; 145:8; Ecclesiastes 7:9; Matthew 5:22; 6:14-15; Romans 12:19-21; Ephesians 4:26, 31-32; Colossians 3:8, 21; James 1:19-20; 3:9-10; I Peter 3:10

A SAMPLING OF SCRIPTURES REGARDING PATIENCE

Psalm 27:14; 37:7, 34; 40:1-3; 62:5; 145:15; Ecclesiastes 7:8; Lamentations 3:25; Isaiah 30:18; 40:31; Hosea 12:6; Micah 7:7; Habakkuk 2:3; Matthew 24:13; Romans 5:3-5; 15:4; Galatians 5:22; 6:9; Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:12; I Timothy 6:11; Hebrews 6:12, 15; 10:23, 36; 12:1; James 1:2-4; 5:7, 8; I Peter 2:20