

# STRONG WOMEN, MIGHTY MEN

Part 1.0 Abigail, a woman caught between two 'Kings' 1 Samuel 25

1. Abigail's HOUSEHOLD vs. 1-3
  - A WEALTHY home – 3,000 sheep, 1,000 goats
  - An CLEVER woman – fear of the LORD, wisdom of DAVID
  - An MALICIOUS husband – arrogance, ARRANGED marriage?
  
2. Abigail's CULTURE
  - Expectations of HOSPITALITY & RECIPROCITY
  - Honor / SHAME culture – give honor; avenge shame
  - PATRIARCHAL society – role of men and women
  
3. Abigail's DILEMMA vs. 4-17
  - David's HONORABLE request vs. 4-8
    - Honorable GREETING vs. 6
    - Honorable ACTIONS vs. 7
    - Honorable APPEAL vs. 8
  - Nabel's shameful INSULTS vs. 4-12
    - Shaming David's NAME vs. 10
    - Shaming David's CHARACTER vs. 11
    - Shaming David's FAMILY vs. 12
  - David's VENGEFUL response vs. 13
  - Abigail is INFORMED vs. 14-17

## Life Group Discussion Questions – Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**1 Samuel 25:33** David said to Abigail, '*...and blessed be your discernment, and blessed be you, who have kept me this day from bloodshed and from avenging by my own hand.*'

### QUICK REVIEW

1. How did your grandparents impact your life? Did they pass on any life lessons to you? Were you close to them? Would you like to be the kind of grandparent that yours were to you?
2. How important are grandparents for our culture today? What kinds of impact should they try to have on their grandchildren?

### MY STORY

1. Abigail was caught in a very complex situation. Her family was in danger, her marriage was in trouble, and her household was in trouble? Have you ever found yourself in such a complicated situation? How did you work through it?
2. How powerful can the woman of the home be? What can she accomplish that maybe nobody else in the home can?

### GOING DEEP

1. Read 1 Samuel 25:1-14. Try and name the various aspects of this situation Abigail had to consider?
2. Without reading ahead, how do you think Abigail should respond to this situation? Does God ever call us or allow us to step outside of normal boundaries to achieve a higher outcome?
3. Did Abigail have the Holy Spirit to help her with this situation?
4. What New Testament truths would guide you if you faced a complex situation like Abigail did?

### PUTTING IT TOGETHER:

1. What do you think are some of the challenges to living out each point?
2. Which of the above teaching points are most important for **you** to remember?