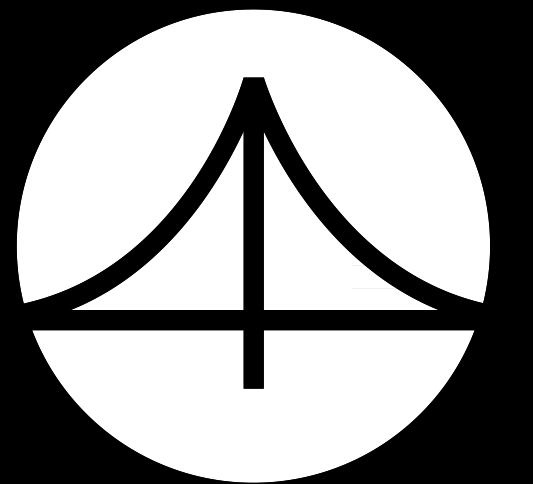


David's Relationships: Abigail and Nabal

1 Samuel 25:1-42



**Wisdom in relationships allows us to live in
a way that honors God.**

- The Story
- Nabal
- David (Part 1)
- Abigail
- David (Part 2)

The Story

- David blesses Nabal and asks for gifts in return for the service he offered Nabal
- Rather than thank David or offer a gift, Nabal insults him
- David plans to kill Nabal and all the men in his house as revenge
- Nabal's wife, Abigail, negotiates peace with David and saves the family

Nabal

- The name Nabal means “foolish”
- Because Nabal believes he’s the center of the universe, he acts in a way that leaves his family on the verge of destruction
- All the money in the world can’t save Nabal (or us) from God’s judgment

David (Part 1)

- David's first instinct when insulted is to get even
- Nabal did something wrong and deserved justice, but it isn't David's place to give him justice
- The story of the OT in 1 sentence: The LORD fights the battles for His people

Abigail

- Despite her horrible husband, Abigail takes charge of the things she CAN do to help the family
- Abigail takes the blame for her husband's action so forgiveness can become possible
- We will never sacrifice for our family like Abigail does until we understand how God sacrificed for us

David (Part 2)

- David listens to Abigail, recognizes he's wrong, turns back from his plan, and praises God for rescuing him from making a huge mistake
- David can stand down because of his faith in God's power and protection
- When you know the glory that awaits you in the future, it equips you to live properly today