

A HEART FOR GOD

LEARNING FROM THE LIFE AND POETRY OF DAVID, part 1

Read 1 Samuel 25

1. How does the Bible describe the man who lives in Maon? (vs. 2) How much does he own? How is his character summarized? (vs. 3.)
2. What kind of greeting/blessing does David extend to Nabal? (vs. 6) What does he ask for? Why does he ask for it? (vss. 7-8)
3. What is Nabal's response when David's men arrive and ask for something in the name of God's anointed King? (vs. 11) Fill in the blanks:
Why should _____ take _____ bread and water and the meat that _____ have slaughtered for _____ shearers and give it to men coming from who knows where?
What does this response tell you about Nabal?
4. Think about how you initially respond when someone asks for your time, your help or your money. What excuses immediately come to mind? What is your initial response, even if you eventually agree to give?
5. How does David respond when he hears about Nabal's remarks? (vs. 13) How would you explain David's swift and extreme response? See James 4:1-3
6. In verse 17, how does Nabal's servant assess the situation? Why is Nabal unable to see the danger? Why can't the servants communicate with him?

7. Judging from Abigail's actions in verse 18, what kind of a woman do you think she is?
8. Read verses 24–31.
- Where does Abigail place blame?
 - What does she remind David about the past?
 - What does she give to David and his men?
 - What does she ask David to do?
 - What is her exhortation (advice/warning) to David?
 - What promises of God does she declare to David and why?
9. How is Abigail able to speak this way to David? What does she seem to know about him already?
10. How can we be prepared to confront an angry person at work, in our family or in our church?
(1Thessalonians 5:14-17)
11. How does David respond to Abigail's plea? (vss. 32–33) Can you remember a time when someone asked for your forgiveness or tried to turn you from an angry or sinful attitude? How did you respond?
12. How does God resolve the conflict between David and Nabal? Has God ever intervened in a powerful way to keep you from sinning?
13. David wants food and necessities for his army and they are not provided. However, what more precious gift does God give him as the situation unfolds? (vs. 42) Can you think of a conflict that was resolved and in which God blessed you with what you hadn't prayed for or expected?