



David: A study on his life.

Part 10 What to Feed an Angry Man Part2

Last study we read how a few insulting words from a "Fool" (Nabal) made David our king in waiting, lose all his self control and restraint.

How he planned to take 400 of his men an go and seek revenge upon Nabal. He planned to murder him.

Abigail, Nabal's wife gets to hear about David's intentions and begins to try and put things right.

Proverbs 29:1 *He that is often reproved hardenth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed without remedy.*

Remedy: Cure, Deliverance, Repair, Yielding.

Abigail had a choice. Go to the one who is stiff necked and will not listen. To the place where there is no answers, no cure, or do I go to the angry man.

Proverbs 15:1 *Read*

What turns away anger?

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Soft: Tender hearted, as opposed to hard hearted.

Difference between hitting something with a cushion or a brick!!

Proverbs 25:15 *By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue, breaketh the bone.*

Abigail's soft tongue and forbearing would soon persuade our prince and break the bone of contention that had arisen.

1 Samuel 25:18-19 *Read*

Abigail sets about cooking and preparing. All the time not telling her husband.

Do you think it was right to hide this from her husband and why?.....

Remember her background, her character, her Strengths.

1 Samuel 25:3

She was a woman of good understanding and wisdom. Understanding and wisdom that would have been inspired by God and not of the flesh.

Sometimes a man or a woman needs to act in favour of his/her husband/wife and not say a word. This is one of those occasions.

The foolish husband would never have allowed her to do what she wanted to do so she went ahead of him without him knowing.

NB She did not act in secret against him, she acted without his knowledge in his favour. Big Difference!!

Her intercession, stepping in saved his life.

Abigail sets off

1 Samuel 25:20-23 Read

Abigail had a plan. Wisdom will never leave you stranded not knowing what to do. Wisdom sets the way forward.

Proverbs 24:3 Read

What does wisdom and understanding do?

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Whenever we hear about God's wisdom, we also hear about God's goodness. They go together.

Abigail's thought through plan had three things that made it perfect and bound for success. Tact, Faith, and Loyalty.

As she rushes to David and bows before him, her plan is well underway.

1 Samuel 25:24-25 Read

How does Abigail's plan unfold further. What tactics does she use?

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She tells the truth and takes responsibility. She tells it as it is and says she is there to make GOOD.

The power of intercession cannot be underestimated. She puts herself forward and then shows great faith as she believes that David will, be the next king of Israel. That king must be guiltless and not avenge himself and be found shedding blood without cause.

Her Speech:

1 Samuel 25:26-31 Read

As you read this through, note how her tender heart pleads and clears the clouds of anger from David's life. How she settles his spirit and brings rest to his soul.

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David's Reply:

1 Samuel 24: 32, 33, 35 Read

What can we learn from David's reply?

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Also the following scriptures

Proverbs 21:1 Read

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2 Timothy 3:16 Read

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2 Timothy 2:15 Read

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Abigail spoke a word of truth and David recognised it and acted upon it. His heart took a different direction. He was now back in control of his emotions and could control what he was doing. He was no longer angry.

THE END !! They all rode off into the sunset and got on with their lives!!

David's way (our way) would not have ended like this

1 Samuel 25:36-42 Read

David learned a lesson: Blessed be the God that kept him from killing Nabal. Blessed be the God that keeps us from avenging our enemies. We do not need to fight in these battles as they belong to God.

When conflict comes into your life, Be wise, don't handle it in the flesh, allow God to speak to you and use you as He used Abigail.

Whether you are a Nabal, an Abigail or a David.

Lessons from this chapter in David's life remind us of **Repentance, Intercession and Forgiveness.**