

Season 2 Study 2: David & Abigail

THE BIG YEAR

A Journey through God's Word

Did you learn anything from the sermon, or from your family devotions and personal time with God this week? How has God been encouraging you from His Word?

1. The Bible has a few romantic love stories. Can you name a few? Which is your favourite, and why?

READ 1 SAMUEL 25:1-13 TOGETHER

2. Do you think David's request to Nabal is any way unreasonable?
3. If Nabal was smarter, how might he have used this situation to his advantage?
4. What were David and his men planning on doing to Nabal after he denied their request so rudely?

READ 1 SAMUEL 25:14-31

5. Why do you think Abigail kept her rescue attempt a secret from Nabal?
6. According to verse 25, what does Nabal's name actually mean? How has he lived up to it?
7. Abigail's words to David show her to be an extraordinary woman. She shows courage, wisdom and tact. What does Abigail appeal to in David that she hopes will pacify his anger?
8. How is Abigail a 'type' of Christ? Who did she save and why? How did she save them, and at what cost?

READ 1 SAMUEL 25:32-44

9. How is true justice done in this story in vs 37-38? How do you feel reading these verses?
10. What did David do upon hearing of Nabal's death? Why do you think David is particularly grateful?
11. How does God honour Abigail for her courage and faithfulness?
12. Consider the way Christ gave Himself as a willing and acceptable sacrifice on our behalf while we were still 'Nabals', lost in our stupidity and sin! **Read Romans 5:6-10** and discuss the following:
 - What do we deserve for our ignorance and wickedness, and why do we not receive it?
 - How did Jesus speak up on our behalf, and before Whom?
 - Whose wrath was Jesus able to turn away, and what did it cost Him?
 - What is the result of Jesus' intervention? What gifts have we received now because of Jesus?

*And David said to Abigail, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me!"
(1 Samuel 25:32)*