

D1/D2/D3 – The Heart, The Home, & Ministry: Life of Abigail (1 Samuel 25:1-39a)

Wellspring Purpose and Disciplines:

When Reading a Narrative:

1. The main character and the "Hero" is always God.
2. There are many details that are given in any narrative—but there are also many that are NOT given. We must be very careful not to read more into what is going on than what is written.
3. Keep in mind we are reading about real people and real places at a real time in history, and therefore must keep it in historical context.
4. Not everything that is written is to be taken as something to apply. It may simply be telling what happened.

Historical Context of 1 Samuel 25:

Nabal:

Ps 14:1

Prov 1:8

Prov 28:26

Isa 32:6

Abigail:

David:

David's Request, vv 5-8:

Nabal's Response, vv 10-11:

David's Reaction, vs 13:

God's Persevering Grace:

Through Unnamed Servant of Nabal, vv 14-17:

Through Abigail, vv 18-31:

Prov 31:12

A discerning woman is concerned to view things _____
and to respond in a way that _____.

1. Humility, vs 23:

2. Gentle, gracious appeal, vs 23:

3. Pointed David to see God's protection of him, vs 26:

4. Acknowledged the offense and sought to right the wrong, vs 27:

5. Removed the obstacle, vs 28:

6. Pointed David to God, vv 29-31:

7. Defused David's anger, vs 32:

Abigail was _____ to speak _____ when it needed to be heard.