

SENIOR BIBLE FELLOWSHIP ASSIGNMENT: JUNE 10, 2025

Yup, we are still looking at “how we relate to others”. Currently, we are parked on 1Samuel 25:1 – 39, focusing on the relationships between Nabal, Abigail, and David. I hope you’ll see this passage as more than just an interesting story. Allow the Holy Spirit to illuminate this passage and change your heart. Go a little deeper than a person’s actions and try to see their heart motive... are their actions in line with God’s will or are they only glorifying themselves.

We first looked at Nabal, and saw a man who was arrogant and selfish. Then we looked at his wife Abigail. What a contrast between Nabal and Abigail. Abigail is seen to be a beautiful person, both inside and out.

In our discussion, one thing which bubbled to the surface was how God prepares those who love him for the future. Abigail jumps into action to save her household. She shows an admirable wisdom and discernment. How did she know what to do? God prepared her for time such as this. Being married to Nabal, was not a picnic. She probably faced daily situations where she had to defuse these tense situations caused by his crass behavior with wisdom and discernment. So when her servants came to her with the report of how Nabal insulted David and his men, she jumped into action... God had already equipped her. This is similar in how God equipped David with faith and confidence in his God to face Goliath. For those who are faithful with a little, God rewards them with more (Matt 25:21).

Plan:

June 10: Examine and discuss the actions and character of David.

June 24: Discuss the interactions between Abigail and David.

July 8: Discuss the interactions between Abigail and David.

For our June 10th fellowship please read 1Samuel 25:1 – 17, 21 – 22 and answer the below questions. We will be examining the actions and character of David. This account will cover David’s request, Nabal’s rejection, and David’s immediate reaction. Let God speak to you.

QUESTIONS:

1. On their own accord, David and his men protected Nabal’s flocks from bandits.

During the shearing season, when Nabal was feasting, David sent some men to ask Nabal if he was willing to share some food with them.

a. What was David’s expectation from his request to Nabal?

b. Do you think this was a reasonable expectation from David?

c. If you help someone, do you expect a gesture of thanks from the person you helped? How do you feel if the person does not acknowledge your help? Does it lead you to confront the person?

2. Nabal, not only rejects David's request, but also insults him by equating David to a runaway slave.

a. What is David's reaction?

b. Do you think David's plan for action is reasonable or harsh?

3. The previous chapters in 1 Samuel accounts for events which lead to Saul chasing David with the intent to kill him. This is why David asks Nabal to share his food, they are living off the land. 1 Samuel 24:1 – 7, finds David and his men hiding in a cave. It so happens that Saul goes into that cave to relieve himself. David's men praise God thinking God delivering their enemy into their hands. Yet, David lets Saul go unharmed.

a. Compare David's reaction to Nabal vs. his reaction to Saul. Think about David's heart condition during both of these situations. What are some reasons David's actions are different?

b. Our hearts are fickle when our pride is stepped on. When you pray in your groups, pray for each other, the things which you need to repent so God can change your heart.