



**ABIGAIL - A MOTHER IN ISRAEL**  
I Samuel 25:1-44

**I. THE CAST**

A. The Hero - David

B. Supporting Characters

Samuel (vs. 1)

"David's ten men" (vs. 5, 9, 12)

"four hundred" (vs. 13 - c.f. I Samuel 22:2)

Nabal's shepherds (vs. 7)

C. The Villain - Nabal

D. The Heroine - Abigail

**II. THE STORY**

A. The Context (vs. 4-13)

B. The Flashpoint (vs. 14-22)

C. The Foil (vs. 23-35)

D. The Aftermath (vs. 36-42)

### III. THE MORALS OF THE STORY

#### A. For the Hero - David

Leave justice in the hands of God.

Thank God for the wise people He has placed in your life to give you good counsel.

#### B. For the Supporting Characters

Maintain a biblical respect for biblical authority (Hebrews 13:7)

If you live under a foolish authority give him the honor God commands and trust the Lord for a solution.

#### C. For the Villain - Nabal

Pay attention to what others are saying to you.

Wake up and get your sense of values in order, biblically.

#### D. For the Heroine - Abigail

Differences between husbands and wives do not mean that a marriage should be terminated.

The wife's primary role is to support her husband (1 Peter 3:5-6)

#### E. For You and Me

Silence and timing are two of the most effective ways to handle a strained relationship.

There is a difference between harsh criticism and honest realism in handling a difficult situation.