



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 (I 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.