



“The Value of Godly Counsel”

1 Samuel 25

SERMON NOTES

Record your insights and observations from this week’s sermon:



KNOWING GOD

- a) Read 1 Samuel 25.
- b) How does David’s initial attitude toward Nabal in this chapter differ from the way he felt toward King Saul in the previous chapter? What do you think accounts for the difference?

- c) What do you learn about human nature from this week’s story?

- d) What does this chapter reveal about God’s nature?

- e) How does Abigail function as a type of Christ?



GROWING TOGETHER

a) Someone has said, “It’s the lesser irritations of everyday life that most reveal us to ourselves.” Often we seem better able to trust God with big afflictions than with the ordinary pressures of daily life. Why do you think David handled himself so poorly when it came to Nabal?

b) Do you have an “Abigail” in your life – that is, someone who holds you accountable and helps you keep your sinful nature in check?

c) What do you find particularly striking or inspiring about Abigail?

d) Read Luke 12:16-21. How does Nabal resemble the rich fool in Jesus’ parable?



SERVING OTHERS

a) Abigail challenges us about our duty to give counsel and encouragement to other believers. She could have ignored the situation and let Nabal get what he deserved from David. No one would have blamed her for refusing to get involved. But what would have been the consequences of her passivity?

b) Is there someone in your life who needs you to step up and be an “Abigail” for him or her? What do you need to tell that person? What might your inaction cost that person?

c) In Abigail we see the ideal mixture of truth and grace. Which is more natural for you – to give people truth or grace? List a few steps you can take to grow more balanced in the way you relate to other people.
