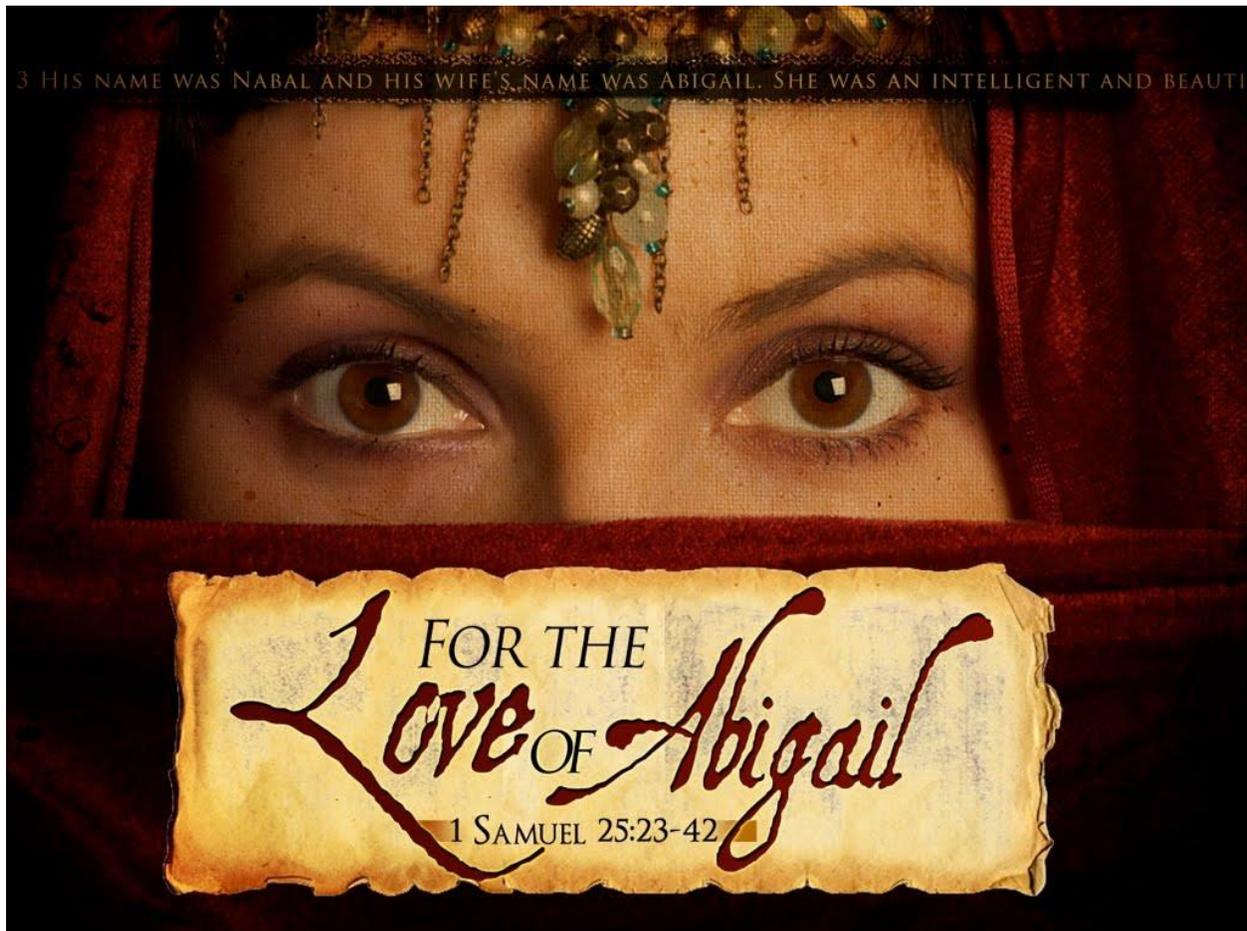


Minster Bethel Congregational Church (MBCC)

1/08/2021 -- Women of the Bible --Abigail

Abigail



Today it is so loveley that the church is open and Nigel is leading our service.
Here are a few thoughts for those unable to attend and anyone else who choses to read it.

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But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect

1 Peter 3:15

Good morning and welcome to this week's thoughts.

Our hymn today is: "I do not know what lies ahead"

[I Do Not Know What Lies Ahead - YouTube](#)

1. I do not know what lies ahead,
The way I cannot see;
Yet One stands near to be my guide,
He'll show the way to me:

I know Who holds the future, And He'll guide me with his hand.
With God things don't just happen; Everything by Him is planned.
So as I face tomorrow, With its problems large and small,
I'll trust the God of miracles, Give to Him my all.

2. I do not know how many days
Of life are mine to spend;
But One who knows and cares for me
Will keep me to the end:

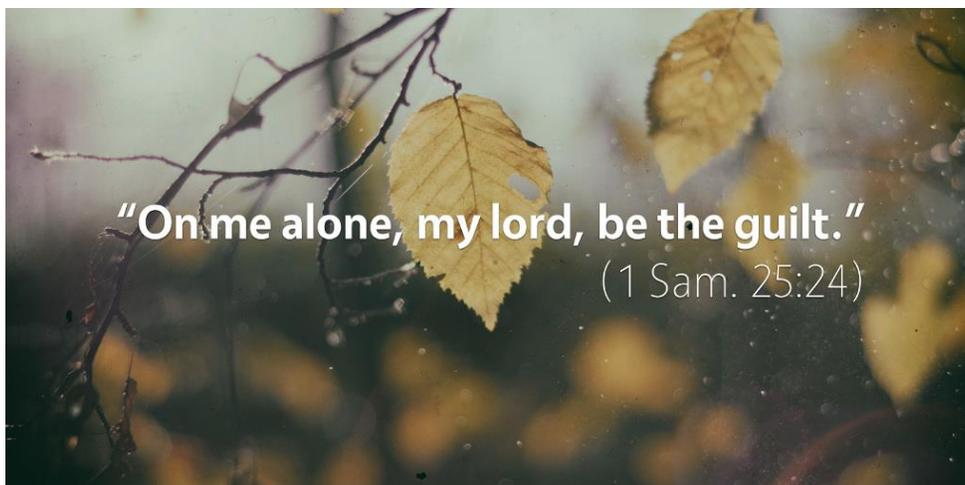
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3. I do not know the course ahead,
What joys and griefs are there;
But One in near who fully knows,
I'll trust His loving care:

I know Who holds the future

The reading today is 1 Samuel 25

[1 Samuel 25 NIVUK - David, Nabal and Abigail - Now Samuel - Bible Gateway](#)



Abigail

Today we learn about Abigail. She may not be well known but her timely display of wisdom prevented Daniel and his men from taken vengeance into their hands. The story of Abigail is simply summarized, as she being the wise wife of Nabal (who by interpretation means fool) who took responsibility for his husband foolishness and apologized for her husband's blunder and fed David and his troops for which she was later rewarded.

Although Abigail was married to a fool, She was not foolish, after Nabal successfully incared the wrath of David he went to feast not knowing what was to come from him. Abigail intercepted David, Abigail was wise enough to use her soft words to **calm** David's anger. How often do we see anger causing anger yet Abigails demonstrates calm in the middle of others rage.

Abigail was undoubtedly a wise woman being a wise woman she used her **discretion** to make arrangement to see David at the wilderness without the consent of her husband. Knowing that her husband was in danger she followed her discretion. Our discretion is a gift to use wisely as Abigail did.

Despite Nabal's foolishness, Abigail **respected** and honoured her husband. It may have been seen like she made a critical decision without her husband approval, after her return from her encounter with David, she explained everything to him. Letting him know what she has done.

Being kind and **considerate** does not cost much, Abigail and Nabal were just opposite, while her husband was inconsiderate and rude, and Abigail was kind, gentle with words and consideration.

From Abigail we learn the importance of being **proactive**. We can turn into peace makers, who can bring peace in times of crisis in our home or church. We may not be able to control all the decision of others but can be proactive to act right.

Abigail's decision to be proactive and discrete in handling that situation saved both her husband and David from taking revenge. Nabal was wrong in his reaction towards David, he also was unwilling to change but Abigail saw the **right way** and in adversity chose that.

So, from the little-known Abigail we can learn that as we face difficult times, we need to remain calm, show discretion, remember to be respectful and considerate to others, be proactive and chose the way that God would want.

Today's Pray:

Dear Lord.

Help us to remain calm, show discretion,
remember to be respectful and considerate to
others, be proactive and chose the way that You
would want.

Amen.

