

David said to Abigail, "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who sent you to meet me this day. And blessed be your discretion and discernment, and blessed be you, who has kept me from bloodshed this day and from avenging myself by my own hand." 1 Samuel 25:32-33



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Amen.
 In the Name of Jesus Christ. Thank You.
 restore my soul.
 Please come and touch me today. I receive Your healing to
 healing hand in my life. Holy Spirit, you know my story.
 Father God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. I need Your
 A prayer for your healing:

(For reference read Romans 10:9 & 10)

my life today. In the Name of Jesus, I pray, Amen.
 Jesus, I ask You to come into my heart, and to be the Lord of
 Father, thank You for raising up Jesus from the dead.
 the cross.
 Please forgive me for my sins, as I believe Jesus died for me on
 Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus.
 Say this prayer for your Salvation:
 Lord of your life, good things will come from your hurt and pain.
 God can forgive, restore, and help you. So, if you make Jesus the
 be your Saviour. He also wants to be your Healer.
 God is a good Father. So, you are loved by Him! Jesus wants to

Courage that restored peace and saved her household from calamity

Abigail's Story

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- God's Word describes Abigail as both intelligent and beautiful (1 Samuel 25:3).
- Abigail was originally married to a man called Nabal whose business and possessions were well-established in Carmel. Nabal, however, was an evil man.
- During the season when David was fleeing from the villainous grip of King Saul, who was consumed by jealousy and plotted David's murder, David and his men ventured into the wilderness of Paran following the passing of Prophet Samuel.
- In this time David's soldiers camped amidst Nabal's Shepherds protecting them. Thus David felt that it was fair to send ten of His young men to ask Nabal if he would spare some provisions for them.
- David's men approached Nabal in peace but Nabal completely shunned them away. This infuriated David and acting out of anger he immediately told his men to prepare their swords and he took approximately 400 of his men with him and headed towards Nabal's home (1 Samuel 25:13).
- Thankfully one of Nabal's young men informed Abigail about the calamity with Nabal and how he disregarded David's men. He also shared how David and his men had protected them each day out in the field.
- God gave Abigail great foresight and she was able to quickly arrange for 200 loaves of bread, 2 wineskins of wine, 5 sheep prepared for roasting, 200 cakes of figs, 100 clusters of raisins and had them all mounted on donkeys and sent her servants ahead of her to David as she followed behind.
- When Abigail saw David she dismounted her donkey and bowed to the ground before him and asked him for an opportunity to speak.
- She explained that Nabal acted out of foolishness and asked for his pardon because she never had the chance to meet his men.

- Abigail prophesied to David that God had called David for great things as future King and that the Lord would be with him.
- David heard Abigail's cry and received the gifts she brought. He also thanked her for preventing him from shedding blood and told her to go home in peace.

God's Hand in Abigail's Life

- Abigail had great favour from the Lord over her life.
- The Lord safeguarded Abigail in a time of calamity and gave her great wisdom.
- God blessed Abigail with the gift of prophecy and he anointed her to prophecy over David's life.
- The Word of God explains how God Himself struck Nabal, leading to his death. Despite this, God still had wonderful plans for Abigail's future.
- David heard that Abigail's husband had died and he valiantly sent his servant to give her the message that he wanted to marry her.
- Abigail went back with David's servants and became his wife and later was able to witness with her own eyes how David became King.
- No matter what calamity you might face, God is always there to guide you and to work in your circumstances towards the good. We can be assured of this through the Bible verse in Romans 8:28a "We know that in everything God works for the good of those who love him..."

You can read more of Abigail's full story in the Bible in the book of 1 Samuel, chapter 25.