

**DEVELOPING A HEART FOR GOD**  
**“AN ANGRY HEART”**

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“Now Samuel died, and all Israel assembled and mourned for him; and they buried him at his home in Ramah. Then David moved down into the Desert of Maon. A certain man in Maon, who had property there at Carmel, was very wealthy. He had a thousand goats and three thousand sheep, which he was shearing in Carmel. His name was Nabal and his wife’s name was Abigail. She was an intelligent and beautiful woman, but her husband, a Calebite, was surly and mean in his dealings.” 1 Samuel 25:1-3

**LET’S MEET THE MAIN CHARACTERS:**

1. Nabal
2. Abigail
3. David

**THE CONFLICT:**

1. HUSBAND AND WIFE VS.3
2. EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE Vs. 4-11

“While David was in the desert, he heard that Nabal was shearing sheep. So he sent ten young men and said to them, ‘Go up to Nabal at Carmel and greet him in my name. Say to him: ‘Long life to you! Good health to you and your household! And good health to all that is yours!’ ‘Now I hear that it is sheep-shearing time. When your shepherds were with us, we did not mistreat them, and the whole time they were at Carmel nothing of theirs was missing. Ask your own servants and they will tell you. Therefore be favorable toward my young men, since we come at a festive time. Please give your servants and your son David whatever you can find for them.’ When David’s men arrived, they gave Nabal this message in David’s name. Then they waited. Nabal answered David’s servants, ‘Who is this David? Who is this son of Jesse? Many servants are breaking away from their masters these days. Why should I take my bread and water, and the meat I have slaughtered for my shearers, and give it to men coming from who knows where?’”

3. DAVID EXPLODES WITH ANGER VS. 12-13
4. ABIGAIL HEARS WHAT HER HUSBAND HAS DONE VS. 14-17

**THE SOLUTION:**

- ABIGAIL USED HER TACT VS. 18-25
- ABIGAIL USED HER FAITH VS. 26-28
- ABIGAIL USED HER LOYALTY VS. 30-31

**THE RESPONSE:**

- DAVID RESPONDS WITH A TEACHABLE SPIRIT VS. 32-35
- NABAL DROPS DEAD VS. 36-37, 39

**LESSONS LEARNED:**

**WHATEVER YOU DO WHEN CONFLICT ARISES, BE WISE. HOW?  
I WILL BE CHOOSSES TO BE A ....**

Peace MAKER

“You have heard that it was said... ‘Do not murder’... But I tell you, that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment...” Matthew 5:21-22a (NIV)

SPEAK GENTLY

Again, anyone who says to his brother, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell. Matthew 5:22b (NIV)

SETTLE QUICKLY

“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother... Settle matters quickly with your adversary...” Matthew 5:23-25

## STOP RETALIATING

"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also." Matthew 5:38-39

### **Bottom line**

Be an agent of GOD'S PEACE AND LOVE

"But you must always act like your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:48 Contemporary English Version)

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## **TIME WITH GOD**

**The Bible was written to us, the Psalms were written for us. They are the prayers and songs of the Bible. As you read through the Psalms, make these prayers your prayers. Paraphrase verses to become your prayers to the Lord. Write out your own Psalms to the Lord. How powerful it is to pray back God's Word to Him. Blessings on your daily time with the Lord.**

Monday – Read Psalm 55-57

Tuesday – Read Psalm 58-60

Wednesday – Read Psalm 61-63

Thursday – Read Psalm 64-66

Friday – Read Psalm 68-70

Saturday – Read Psalm 71-73