

Samuel died

- The only one who had from the beginning heard and stood by the God anointing on David.
- Saw him as God saw him.
- Represented security for David

Foolish and Good understanding

- Positioned either to see what God does or not.
 - 1 Cor 13 – face to face –
 - God attributes – God character – Spirit of God remind us of who we are!
 - *1 Timothy 1:5 I am calling up memories of your sincere and unqualified faith (the leaning of your entire personality on God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness), [a faith] that first lived permanently in [the heart of] your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am [fully] persuaded, [dwells] in you also. 6 **That is why I would remind you to stir up (rekindle the embers of, fan the flame of, and keep burning) the [gracious] gift of God, [the inner fire] that is in you by means of the laying on of my hands [with those of the elders at your ordination].**7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control.*

David had protected Nabal's men

- Been like a wall to them
- Shepherding sheep to shepherding man

David asked – humbled for anything – whatever he had on hand

Nabal was arrogant and foolish –

- Greedy – didn't want to share or see what God saw in David.
- Confidence in what he had, not with what God saw
- Said something that struck a nerve with David – reminded him of what others thought he should be – father and brothers
- Stress from Saul
- Had 600 men following him.
 - Not high class men
 - Second class followers!
 - *1 Samuel 22:1 SO DAVID departed and escaped to the cave of Adullam: and when his brothers and all his father's house heard it, they went down there to him. 2 And **everyone in distress or in debt or discontented gathered to him, and he became a commander over them. And there were with him about 400 men.***

- Nabal's actions almost caused David to react in the way he treated him – as man saw instead of what God saw
 - People act like we treat them.

Abigail

- Acted immediately on what God saw in David. Cared about what God thought more than David or Nabal.
- Brought nourishment.
- 1st thing before we can hold up a mirror – nourish!
- Took responsibility – something she shouldn't have had to - something she didn't have to.
- If she wouldn't have acted quickly and confidently – too late!
 - Lack of action, confidence and humility can cause tragedy in not only our lives, but also others.
 - If she wouldn't have acted as she did, not only would David have missed out – so would she
 - She immersed herself – submitted herself 100% into the God plan.

Reminds David boldly who he is!

- Humility sown – reaps humility
- READ
- Uses stone and sling analogy
 - Remembered the stones and how they felt in his hand
 - Power and courage and faith in God he felt facing Goliath
 - The sound of them whizzing and zinging from his sling shot
 - The sound of the thud going in to the giant
 - Weapons for him – not against him.
 - God will use them to accomplish his will for David
- Could have been defensive
- Could have encouraged wrong actions

Nabal died and lost everything to David – even his wife

- Could have just given him what was in his hand
- God gave David much more than what he was willing to murder to have.
 - Often – God has so much more for us if we will just stick to acting and living how he sees us it will come to us.

Abigail married David

- Not to lord over David – but to serve him
 - Do not keep records of wrongs
- Saw God's plans so strongly.