

THE VOICE OF WISDOM

1 SAMUEL 25

JAMES 1:12
Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial, because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

"It's easy to act like a Christian, but it's difficult to react like a Christian."
- Dr. Matthew Halsted.



1 THE TEST

Trials don't just come... they test how we react.

- Grief
- Sickness
- Financial stress
- 16 year old gets their license
- ...and anything that causes us to worry.

IN THE CAVE: David prayed.

BUT NOW...
...and the LORD rescued him.
1 SAMUEL 24.

His character is attacked.

His sword comes out.

IT'S EASY TO TALK ABOUT FAITH... UNTIL LIFE PASSES IN.

2 SAMUEL'S DEATH

1 SAMUEL 25:1

All Israel assembled and mourned for Samuel.

WHO'S GOING TO BE THE VOICE THAT CALLS ISRAEL BACK TO THE LORD?

His voice that guided a nation is gone. Uncertainty hangs in the air.

3 NABAL & ABIGAIL

1 SAMUEL 25:2-11

NABAL - FOLLY & HOSTILITY

- Very wealthy
- Surlly & mean
- "Nabal" means "fool"

SHALOM! SHALOM! SHALOM!

Who is this David? Why should I give anything to men coming from who knows where?

NOT MY KING!

ABIGAIL - WISDOM & GRACE

- Intelligent
- Beautiful
- "Abigail" means "a father's joy"

DAVID'S MEN WERE A WALL OF PROTECTION AROUND NABAL'S SHEPHERDS.

4 DAVID'S CRISIS

1 SAMUEL 25:12-22

"He has paid me back evil for good." v. 21

RAGE FLESH VENGEANCE MY JUSTICE VS. SPIRIT-LED RESTRAINT TRUST THE LORD'S JUSTICE

SAUL-LIKE VENGEANCE TRUST IN THE LORD

Two roads. One decision.

5 ABIGAIL: THE VOICE OF WISDOM

1 SAMUEL 25:13-33

She fell before David... and spoke with wisdom.

"Don't become like my husband."

"The LORD fights your battles."

"Don't carry bloodguilt into your future."

WISDOM STOPS DESTRUCTION.

6 RESOLUTION & APPLICATION

1 SAMUEL 25:34-43

David's anger turned to peace.

He lowered his sword.

THE LORD SENT ABIGAIL.

God's providence was working behind the scenes to protect David.

MAIN TAKEAWAY

The LORD often protects us by sending wise voices into our lives before we do something destructive.

ARE WE LISTENING FOR THE ALMIGHTY?

CHECK YOUR HEART BEFORE YOUR ACTIONS. Pride can make destruction look right.

WISE VOICES ARE A GIFT FROM GOD. Don't ignore them.

THE LORD FIGHTS OUR BATTLES. We can trust His justice, not our own.

TRUE WISDOM BRINGS SHALOM, NOT SHAME. Peace protects the future.

LIVE LIKE AN HEIR OF THE KINGDOM. Not like the enemies of God's King.

Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.

1 SAMUEL 3:10

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Seeking God's Kingdom — Going Deeper
Part 24 — “The Voice of Wisdom” — 5.17.26
Main Scripture: 1 Samuel 25

Main Takeaway — God often protects us by sending wise voices into our lives before we do something destructive. The question is: *Will we recognize His voice?*

Discussion Questions:

1. David reacted differently in chapters 24 and 25.

Why do you think attacks on our character can sometimes affect us more deeply than physical hardship?

Read: James 1:19–20, Proverbs 29:11

2. Abigail spoke wisdom into David's anger.

Why is it often difficult to receive correction when we feel justified?

Read: Proverbs 9:9-10, Proverbs 12:15, Psalm 141:5

3. David recognized that the LORD sent Abigail.

Who are the wise voices God has placed in your life?

Read: Proverbs 27:5–6, John 10:27

Next Steps — When the pressures of life hit this week, ask yourself: *Am I reacting out of wounded pride, or am I responding in the wisdom of God?* Pray that the Holy Spirit would guide you in His wisdom.