



AWCI SERMON *Notes & Announcements*

DATE: August 6th, 2025

SPEAKER: Rev. Rebecca Harris

SERMON TITLE: "Facing The Giants: Overcoming Obstacles God's Way"

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KEY PASSAGE

1 Samuel 25:32-35 (NKJV)

32 Then David said to Abigail: "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me! 33 And blessed is your advice and blessed are you, because you have kept me this day from coming to bloodshed and from avenging myself with my own hand. 34 For indeed, as the Lord God of Israel lives, who has kept me back from hurting you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, surely by morning light no males would have been left to Nabal!" 35 So David received from her hand what she had brought him, and said to her, "Go up in peace to your house. See, I have heeded your voice and respected your person."

INTRODUCTION

Tonight, as we reflect on 1 Samuel 25:32-35—where David chooses faith and wisdom over anger—we'll watch how these same principles unfold on screen. Facing the Giants is a story of trusting God, listening to wise counsel, and finding victory through faith, no matter the obstacle.

SERMON POINTS

David's Praise for Abigail's Wisdom (Verse 33):

"Blessed be your discretion, and blessed be you, who have kept me this day from bloodguilt, and from working salvation with my own hand."

- Abigail demonstrated great wisdom in diffusing a dangerous situation.
- Her quick thinking saved her family from destruction and protected David from taking revenge himself.

Illustration of Wisdom Over Vengeance:

- Abigail's actions show that wisdom can prevent unnecessary bloodshed and turmoil.

The Call to Overcome Obstacles God's Way:

- Never seek vengeance. Romans 12:19 reminds us, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay."
- David was ready to act out of anger and revenge, but God's way is to trust Him and leave justice in His hands.

Consequences of Seeking Vengeance:

- When we try to get revenge ourselves, we often end up hurting more than our enemies.
- True victory comes through faith, patience, and following God's Word.

Encouragement & Faith in God's Power:

- Grant Taylor's words: "We serve a big God who can do whatever He wants."
- When we live for His glory and honor, He blesses our efforts.

BEYOND THE MESSAGE

- Trust God's timing and justice rather than our own.
- Wisdom is crucial in navigating life's difficult situations—like Abigail's example.
- Overcoming obstacles requires operating in faith and in alignment with God's Word, not impulsive emotions.
- Live with confidence that God is sovereign, powerful, and able to open doors or shut them as He sees fit.
- Let's commit to doing life God's way, trusting His plan, and seeking His wisdom in every decision.

NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note: There are multiple ways to sign up for an event. You can scan the QR code, visit our website, or sign the signup sheet in the foyer under the event registration section.



August 3rd - Sept. 11th - 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting. Download your Prayer Guide Today. Scan The QR Code.

August 13th - August 27th at 7:00 pm - Wednesday Night Series: The Power of Prayer

August 16th - Men's Ministry Meeting. 8:30 AM. At Agape Worship Center International 424 Lee Road, Columbia, SC. All men are invited. More information: Contact Deacons Teddy Spence or Eureka Washington.

Sept. 3rd - Oct. 8th at 7:00 pm: Wednesday Night Bible Study: Blueprint of Faith: The Nehemiah Bible Study!

Sept. 20th - Our next water baptism celebration—scan the QR code and sign up throughout August to take this powerful step of faith! If you'd like to be baptized sooner or in August, just let us know and we'll gladly work with you.



Sept. 20th at 10:00 am-4:00 pm —Annual Church Picnic. More details coming soon.

Oct. 15th-Nov. 19th at Various Dates & Times: Fall Into Fun Agape's Interest Groups. Scan the QR Code to sign up today. For more information, contact the Christian Education Department.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

Sunday School

- Every Sunday at 10:10 am-10:55 am.
- Scan QR Code to Sign Up & receive a digital copy of the Sunday School Book.



Men's Ministry Meeting.

- Every 3rd Saturday, 8:30 AM.
- At Agape Worship Center International
- All men are invited.
- More information: Contact Deacons Teddy Spence or Eureka Washington.

Breakfast For Champions: Weekday Devotion & Prayer

- Monday-Friday at 7 am
- Call In: 717-908-1690 Access Code: 577625

Intercessory Prayer

- Every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Monday at 6:30pm-7:30pm

Virtual Midday Bible Study - Starting Back August 14th, 2025

- Every Thursday at noon
- Call In: (470)869-2200 (US East)
- Meeting ID: 393-678-9202
- Virtual: meetings.ringcentral.com/j/3936789202

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