



## LOVE YOUR ENEMIES.

“BELOVED, NEVER AVENGE YOURSELVES, BUT LEAVE IT TO THE WRATH OF GOD, FOR IT IS WRITTEN, “VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY, SAYS THE LORD.”

**ROMANS 12:19**

### A NOTEWORTHY OBITUARY:

Samuel: Israel’s JUDGE, PROPHET, PRIEST, and King ANNOINTER

### THREE SCENES FROM 1 SAMUEL 25

| CHARACTERS | David and Nabal’s<br><u>SHEPHERDS</u>  | David’s <u>MEN</u> and <u>NABAL</u>   | David and <u>ABIGAIL</u>   |
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| ACTION     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David’s men do not <u>INSULT</u></li> <li>David’s men do not <u>STEAL</u></li> <li>David’s men provide <u>PROTECTION</u></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David’s men ask for <u>FAVOR</u></li> <li>Nabal acts <u>FOOLISH</u></li> <li>David gets <u>VENGEFUL</u></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abigail hears of the <u>SITUATION</u></li> <li>Abigail <u>PLEADS</u> with <u>DAVID</u></li> <li>David <u>RELENTS</u></li> </ul> |
| RESULT     | David <u>PROTECTS</u>  | David <u>SEEKS REVENGE</u>  | David <u>FORGIVES</u>  |

### WHAT WE LEARN...

- VENGEANCE IS THE BUSINESS OF THE LORD
- THE LORD IS JUST
- OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD
- FORGIVENESS IS THE HEART OF THE LORD

### PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- WHEN PEOPLE TALK BAD...SPEAK WITH GRACE.
- WHEN PEOPLE ACT SELFISH...RESPOND SELFLESSLY.
- WHEN PEOPLE DON’T RECOGNIZE...ACT FOR AN AUDIENCE OF ONE.
- WHEN PEOPLE AREN’T DESERVING...RECOGNIZE YOUR OWN FORGIVENESS.

### BOTTOM LINE

1. LOVE YOUR ENEMIES
  2. YOU ARE ACCOUNTABLE FOR YOUR ACTIONS NOT THE ACTIONS OF OTHERS.
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## QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. How were you challenged or encouraged by our study tonight?
2. When you are faced with something that offends the Living God, how do you respond?
3. Which of the markers of David's life are markers of your life? Where do you need to grow?
4. What is your hope for your family, your school, your workplace?
5. What can we learn and take away from our study tonight?