

Wise Counsel Is Given & Received



- ✧ Abigail Meets & Confronts David: 1 Samuel 25:19-31
 - ✧ She humbles herself before David with her appeal (v.23).
 - ✧ She takes responsibility for her husband's iniquity (v.24).
 - ✧ She owns the truth about Nabal – He is a scoundrel (v.25a).
 - ✧ She confesses her innocence (v.25b).
 - ✧ She pleads with David to relent from his wrath (v.26).
 - ✧ She presents her gift for David's men & pleads for forgiveness – declaring her faith in God's promises concerning David (vv.27-31).
- ✧ David Acknowledges Her Gift, Her Character & Her Wisdom: 1 Samuel 25:32-35 – He sees the divine timing in her visit and advice.

The Rest of the Story...

- ✧ Nabal Parties Hard & Perishes: 1 Samuel 25:36-38 – "His heart died within him, and he became like stone" and ultimately dies!
- ✧ David Takes Abigail for His Wife: 1 Samuel 25:39-44 – She responds favorably, with humility and gratefulness!

Gratitude That Prevails!

God Is Watching... God is Waiting... God is Willing...



✧ MY NEXT STEPS TODAY...

- ☐ Repent for My Lack of Gratitude ~ I've been selfish in my decisions, the stewardship of my finances, or in my treatment of others!
- ☐ Engage in Generosity ~ By finding ways to bless others, give things away, or invest in other people's lives in creative ways.
- ☐ Express Gratefulness More Often ~ I want to practice the spirit of thanksgiving every day in big and small things by expressing my thanks to God and others every opportunity I have. (Surveys, Tips, Gestures, etc.)
- ☐ Give Praise & Thanks God God ~ Worshipping Him for all His blessings and amazing benefits that He has poured into my life through Jesus Christ!



MESSAGE GUIDE

Speaker: Pastor Mark Geer
Sunday: November 23, 2025



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Today's Message:

A THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

"Gratitude Prevails"

Text: 1 Samuel 25:1-44



"Gratitude Prevails"

Feeling Thankful!

- ✧ Thanksgiving is a spirit of gratitude that we can celebrate year-round!
- ✧ 1 Thessalonians 5:18 ~ "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

Text: 1 Samuel 25:1-44

A Unique Couple – Nabal & Abigail

- ✧ 1 Samuel 25:1 – Samuel and David
- ✧ 1 Samuel 25:2-3 – Nabal: A man of corrupt character!
 - ✧ A rich snob – a scoundrel, a royal jerk, harsh and evil, full of folly and completely unreasonable! (See also vv.17, 25)
- ✧ 1 Samuel 25:3 – Abigail: A woman of noble character!
 - ✧ A wise and discerning person – with a good understanding and a beautiful appearance.
- ✧ Inward character is what truly matters!



Your Character Matters!



- ✧ Your Character: Your character will ultimately shine through in your life (Luke 6:45; Proverbs 4:23).
- ✧ David's Heart & Character: "A man after God's own heart!" (1 Samuel 13:14; Acts 13:22)
 - ✧ He was persistently thankful (See Psalm 9:1; 30:12; 95:1; 138:1)
- ✧ David's Character On Display: 1 Samuel 25:4-9 – He protected Nabal's men and sent greetings of peace to Nabal.
- ✧ Nabal's Character On Display: 1 Samuel 25:10-11 – He scoffed and selfishly rejects David's request and mocks his identity.

The Integrity of Your Character

- ✧ David's Nature: A Warrior!
 - ✧ 1 Samuel 17:34-36 – A shepherd boy experienced in combat.
 - ✧ 1 Samuel 18:7 – A military leader for King Saul.
 - ✧ 1 Samuel 22:2; 23:8-12 – A fugitive with an elite army of 400 soldiers.
 - ✧ 1 Samuel 25:12-13 – David: "Every man gird on his sword!"
- ✧ The Integrity of Both David & Nabal Was Being Tested: Would Nabal share his wealth? Would David trust in God or take vengeance into his own hands? Was there a lack of gratitude in each of them?
- ✧ Abigail's Character On Display: 1 Samuel 25:14-20 – She responds swiftly, wisely, with understanding, generosity and gratefulness towards David.
 - ✧ v.18 – Then Abigail made haste and took two hundred loaves of bread, two skins of wine, five sheep already dressed, five seahs of roasted grain, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and loaded them on donkeys.
- ✧ When gratitude prevails, blessings follow!



DISCUSSION GUIDE

For The Week of Nov. 23 – 29, 2025

A THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

"Gratitude Prevails"

1 Samuel 25:1-44

"Gratitude Prevails"

Feeling Thankful!

- 1) How do you plan to spend the Thanksgiving holiday? What are your traditions or favorite things to do this holiday season?
- 2) In your own words, tell what do you think is Paul saying to the Thessalonian believers when he wrote the following statement:
✧ 1 Thessalonians 5:18 ~ "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

A Unique Couple – Nabal & Abigail

- 1) Have you ever met a person like Nabal? How did they impact your life or your emotional well-being? (1 Samuel 25:2-3, 17, 25)
- 2) Have you ever met someone like Abigail? How did they make you feel or bless your life? (1 Samuel 25:3)
- 3) Why do you think our inward character so important when it comes to our relationship with God and others? Or is it?

Your Character Matters!

- 1) Read Luke 6:45 and Proverbs 4:23. What do they say about where our true character shines forth from?
- 2) What does the Bible say about David's heart and character? (1 Samuel 13:14; Acts 13:22) What do you think this says about David?
- 3) Compare David and Nabal's character below with in the following T-chart by listing words that describe each of them in the following texts.

DAVID (1 Samuel 13:14; 25:4-9)	NABAL (1 Samuel 25:2-3; 10-11)

The Integrity of Your Character

- 1) Do you think God tests our character in similar ways to how he tested David, Nabal, and Abigail's character? If so how?
- 2) What do these following passages of Scripture reveal about the trials and tests we go through in life? What is God's purpose behind them? (1 Peter 4:12-19; James 1:2-4, 19-20)

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- 1) List some of the things Abigail did when she met David that reveals her understanding of the situation and wisdom from 1 Samuel 25:19-31.
- 2) How does a spirit of gratitude impact the development of our character throughout our lives? Are we ever done developing this spiritual trait?