

Main idea: God honors us when we are committed to peace.

Series

"Follow Us" is about others who have gone before us. They know. They have literally been there and done that. Others have carved a path through adversity. They have been overwhelmed. They walked the road of faith before you and me. Maybe we can learn from them (Hebrews 12:1-2).

Piece/ Peace

Abigail was a woman committed to peace. Note the following definitions and decide which one best describes you:

- Piece = a distinct part, separated or broken off from the whole**
- Peace = freedom from noise, worries, troubles, and fear**

Many of us can connect with the first definition because we feel like a distinct part with much to contribute, but we remain helpless feeling broken off from the bigger whole.

Background

Samuel had already named David as the next King of Israel and this was almost more than King Saul could handle. David finds himself roaming the countryside along with six hundred followers. David and his men looked after the livestock of numerous farmers and ranchers in the wilderness of Paran, protecting them from thieves and animals of prey. In exchange, food and shelter when necessary was an understood courtesy. No contracts were written. No words were exchanged. It was voluntary. Most of the ranchers were happy to compensate David and his men, but not Nabal.

An OT Odd Couple

Nabal and his wife Abigail are an Old Testament "Odd Couple" for sure. Nabal is arrogant, self-centered, and over-bearing, while Abigail is beautiful, warm, and gentle. When Abigail had the opportunity to make things difficult (even deadly) for her husband, she chose not to. Instead, she was a woman committed to peace.

Family Night Big idea – Read 1 Samuel 25:1-28

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers..." You want to teach your children to turn down an argument rather than amp it up.

- **Elementary School** – Ask, "What did David want from Nabal? How did David react to Nabal's hateful attitude? What did Abigail do for her husband?"
- **Middle/ High School** – Ask, "How would you define 'peace'? How can we amp up an already tense situation? What can we do to calm a tense situation? How do you know when to stand up and fight and when to walk away?"

Prayer

"Father, help us be bold enough to become peacemakers. Amen."

Velocity (Middle and High School Students)

Velocity: Meet at the church Wednesday, September 20th.

Gravity: Meet today in the Community Room.

Today's Songs

I BelievePhil Wickham

God Really Loves Us.....Crowder

Sing Sing Sing.....Chris Tomlin

Bring Your Phone Sunday

On October 1st and again on October 8th, we are asking everyone to bring their phones into the service. We will take a few minutes to log in to your GCC account and update everyone's contact information.

Boo Bash

KidsJAM and Velocity are having a Boo Bash on Wednesday, October 25th from 5:30 to 7:30. There will be a costume contest, Trunk or Treat, Pancake Supper and games. Kids and their parents are invited. Arrive by 5:45 to register for the costume contest. Contest starts at 6pm.

Velocity Bonfire

Overnight Bonfire for Velocity is October 6th at 7:30. Bring your camping stuff to spend the night.

Baptism Service

Coming Soon