



1 SAMUEL 25:23-44



**PEACEMAKER  
ON THE  
ROAD**

**AN ABIGAIL  
CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE  
FOR AGES 11-14**

# How to Use This Book

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Welcome to an adventure where YOU become Abigail,  
David future wife!

## **How it works:**

- Start at Section 1.
- Read each section carefully.
- When you reach a choice, decide what YOU would do.
- Jump to the section number your choice sends you to.
- Some paths lead to peace, some to regret.

## **Tips:**

- You can read this alone or with a group (vote on choices together!)
- Try different paths to see how the story changes.
- There are 5 different endings—can you find them all?
- Keep your Bible open to Book of 1 Samuel as you read.

**Remember:** You can keep Bibles open to 1 Samuel 25:23–44 as you go.

# Abigail Kneels Before David

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## Section 1

You are Abigail, the wise and discerning wife of Nabal. Your husband has just insulted David, refusing to give food to David's men and sending them away with harsh words. You know David and his men helped protect your husband's flocks in the wilderness.

A servant tells you that David is now marching toward your household with armed men, furious and ready to take revenge on Nabal and every male in your house.

You act quickly—loading donkeys with food and heading out to intercept David before he reaches home. As soon as you see him, you hurry down from your donkey and bow with your face to the ground.

You fall at his feet and say, *“Pardon your servant, my lord, and let me speak to you; hear what your servant has to say... Please pay no attention, my lord, to that wicked man Nabal. He is just like his name—his name means ‘Fool!’...”*

David's eyes are still hard and angry. His men are gripping their swords.

**What do you say next?**

- If you mostly defend yourself and focus on how innocent you are, go to **Section 2**.
- If you focus on reminding David of who HE is and what God has promised him, go to **Section 3**.

# Making It About You

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## Section 2

You continue: *“I didn’t see your men when they came. If I had been there, this never would have happened. I’m a good person, and I don’t deserve any of this. Please don’t punish me for my husband’s stupidity.”*

You talk a lot about your innocence and your pain. David listens, but his anger is still focused on Nabal and the insult he received. He hears that you’re upset, but he doesn’t hear much about God or his own calling.

*“I’m sorry for you,”* David might think, *“but your husband still deserves what’s coming.”*

Your words soften him a little, but not enough. He thanks you for the gifts, then still heads toward your home with his men. The disaster is only partly slowed, not stopped.

### **END 1 – “The Halfway Plea”**

- (You can restart from **Section 1** and choose differently.)

# Pointing David Back to God

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## Section 3

You choose your words carefully.

*You say something like: “My lord, the Lord your God will certainly make a lasting dynasty for you, because you fight the Lord’s battles and no wrongdoing will be found in you as long as you live. Even though someone is pursuing you to take your life, the life of my lord will be bound securely in the bundle of the living by the Lord your God. But the lives of your enemies He will hurl away as from the pocket of a sling.”*

You remind David of who he really is: a man chosen by God, protected by God, destined to be ruler over Israel. You are not just asking him to calm down—you are calling him back to his true identity and future.

*Then you say, “When the Lord has fulfilled for my lord every good thing He promised concerning him and has appointed him ruler over Israel, my lord will not have on his conscience the staggering burden of needless bloodshed or of having avenged himself.”*

You are asking him to imagine his future and whether this revenge will bring regret.

David's face begins to soften.

**Now you must decide how bold to be.**

- If you stop there and hope what you said is enough, go to **Section 4**.
- If you go further and clearly ask him to accept your gift and turn back, go to **Section 5**.

# Almost Enough

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## Section 4

You fall silent. You've said a lot of wise things, and you hope they sink in. David is thinking. His anger is cooling, but he still glances toward the direction of your house.

He says, "*You have spoken with wisdom, but Nabal's insult was great.*" He agrees to slow down, but he doesn't clearly commit to turning back. Some of his men are still eager for a fight.

The situation ends with less destruction than it might have had, but lives are still lost. David remembers your wisdom but also remembers that he went too far that day.

You came close to being a full peacemaker, but you stopped just short of directly asking David to change his course.

### **END 2 – “Almost a Peacemaker”**

- (You can restart from **Section 3** and choose differently.)

# Asking for a Different Ending

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## Section 5

You take a breath and press in a little further.

You say, *“And let this gift, which your servant has brought to my lord, be given to the men who follow you. Please forgive your servant’s presumption.”*

You don’t just talk about the future; you offer a practical solution in the present. You give food, honor, and respect to David and his men—everything Nabal failed to give.

You ask for forgiveness, not only for yourself but on behalf of your whole household. You step into the middle of someone else’s mess and ask David to let this gift and this moment change his mind.

David looks at the loaded donkeys, the food, your bowed posture, and your wise words.

**Now he has a choice too.**

- If David hardens his heart and pushes past you, go to **Section 6**.
- If David listens and chooses to turn away from revenge, go to **Section 7**.

# When Anger Wins

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## Section 6

David's anger flares again. *"Your words are wise," he says, "but it's too late. Nabal mocked me. I protected his men, and he repaid me with insult. I won't walk away from this."*

He thanks you for your gift but keeps moving with his men. You step aside as they thunder past on the road.

By the time the sun sets, Nabal's house is in ruins. Lives are lost because anger felt more powerful than self-control.

You did what you could, but David chose revenge instead of restraint.

### **END 3 – “The Peacemaker Overruled”**

- (You can restart from **Section 5** and choose differently.)

# Anger Turned Around

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## Section 7

David looks at you, then at the donkeys, then at his men.

Something in him breaks in a good way. He says, *“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, who has sent you today to meet me. May you be blessed for your good judgment and for keeping me from bloodshed this day and from avenging myself with my own hands.”*

He admits that, without you, he would have done something he’d regret. He sees that God used you to stop him.

David accepts your gift. He tells you to go home in peace. He sends his men back. Swords are sheathed. The road that was about to run red with blood calms again.

You turn your donkey around and head home, heart pounding but hopeful.

When you arrive, Nabal is holding a wild feast, drunk and loud. You decide not to tell him anything until morning when he is sober.

The next morning, you tell him everything—how his insult almost cost him his life, how close disaster came, and how God used this moment to stop David.

Nabal's face goes pale. His heart fails him, and he becomes like stone. About ten days later, he dies.

You didn't plan or wish for this. But Nabal's own foolishness caught up with him.

After Nabal's death, David hears what happened. He praises God for keeping him from evil and for upholding justice. Then he sends messengers to you with a surprising message: he asks if you will become his wife.

### **What do you do?**

- If you decide to refuse and stay where you are, go to **Section 8**.
- If you decide to accept and join David's household, go to **Section 9**.

# Staying in the Old Place

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## Section 8

You thank the messengers for the honor but say you will remain where you are. You feel safer in familiar surroundings and are not sure you want to step into a future that might mean more danger and change.

You live out your days remembered by a few as a wise woman who once saved her household, but you step out of the center of what God is doing in David's life and future.

Your story still matters, but its impact is smaller than it could have been.

### **END 4 – “Safe, but on the Sidelines”**

- (You can restart from **Section 7** and choose differently.)

# Joining a New Story

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## Section 9

You bow your head and say, “*Here is your servant, ready to serve and follow where the Lord leads.*” You accept David’s invitation.

You travel with the messengers and become David’s wife. You are now part of the future king’s household. Your wisdom and courage will have a ripple effect in the years to come.

You once stood between a furious warrior and a foolish husband and turned a road of revenge into a road of peace. Now you stand beside the man who will be king—someone you helped keep from a terrible mistake.

Your story is remembered as that of a peacemaker who used words, wisdom, humility, and courage to change the outcome of a violent moment.

### **END 5 – “Peacemaker Beside a King”**

- You chose to step into danger, speak truth, and trust God with both Nabal and David—and God used you in a powerful way.

# All the Endings

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How many endings have you discovered? Check them off as you find them!

- **END 1 – “The Halfway Plea”**
  - You cared and spoke up, but because you didn’t point David clearly back to God, the disaster was only partly stopped.
- **END 2 – “Almost a Peacemaker”**
  - You used wisdom and faith, but stopped short of asking David to fully turn back, so peace was only halfway won.
- **END 3 – “The Peacemaker Overruled”**
  - You did the right thing, but David still chose anger over God’s way, and people were hurt anyway.
- **END 4 – “Safe, but on the Sidelines”**
  - You helped once, but then chose comfort over calling, so your life stayed safe but smaller than it could have been.
- **END 5 – “Peacemaker Beside a King”**
  - You stepped into danger with courage and wisdom, and God used you to stop violence and shape the future beside a king.

**Challenge:** Can you find all 5 endings? Try different paths and see how Abigail's choices changed everything!

**Memory Verse:** Esther 4:14 (NIV)

*"And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"*

# Abigail's Five Peace Choices

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Abigail faced a dangerous, angry situation and chose God's way of peace. Here are **FIVE** choices she made that we can copy:

- **CHOICE 1: Listen to the Warning**
  - Abigail took the servant's report seriously instead of ignoring the problem. Peacemakers pay attention when something is wrong, even if it's uncomfortable.
- **CHOICE 2: Move Quickly to Do Good**
  - She didn't wait around or gossip; she acted fast to bring food and help. Peacemakers do something helpful instead of just talking about the problem.
- **CHOICE 3: Step Between Two Sides**
  - Abigail put herself in the middle between Nabal and David. Peacemakers sometimes stand in the gap, risking awkwardness to stop a fight from getting worse.
- **CHOICE 4: Point People Back to God**
  - She reminded David of God's promises and his calling, not just how hurt he felt. Peacemakers help people remember who God says they are, not just how angry they are.

- **CHOICE 5: Trust God with the Outcome**

- Abigail did her part, then trusted God to deal with Nabal and to guide David's future. Peacemakers do what is right and leave justice and results in God's hands.

# Where are YOUR places you can bring peace?

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Use these for journaling, pairs, or small-group talk:

## **Discussion Questions**

1. Which of Abigail's five choices do you think was the hardest? Why?
2. When have you seen anger almost "take over" a situation like it did for David? What happened?
3. Are you more like Nabal (quick to insult), David (quick to react), or Abigail (quick to make peace) most days? Explain.
4. What's one place in your life right now where you could "step between" two sides and bring peace instead of drama?
5. Abigail reminded David of who God had called him to be. Who reminds YOU of who you are in Jesus—and who could you encourage like that this week?

# Your Challenge This Week

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Choose ONE “Abigail choice” to practice this week:

- Listen carefully when I hear about a problem— instead of pretending it’s not my business.
- Move quickly to do something kind that could calm a tense situation.
- Step between two people (or two sides online) and gently try to de-escalate things.
- Use my words to remind someone of what God says about them, not just how they feel.
- Do the right thing in a conflict and trust God with the results, even if I’m nervous.

**My specific action step:**

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# Prayer

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Dear God,

Thank You for placing me where I am—in my family, my Thank You for the story of Abigail and how You used her to stop anger and violence. Help me to be a peacemaker like her—to listen when something is wrong, to move quickly to do good, and to step between people who are ready to fight.

Give me wise words that point people back to You, not just to their anger. When I do my part, help me trust You with the outcome, just like Abigail did.

Show me one situation this week where I can choose peace instead of drama. Give me courage to do it.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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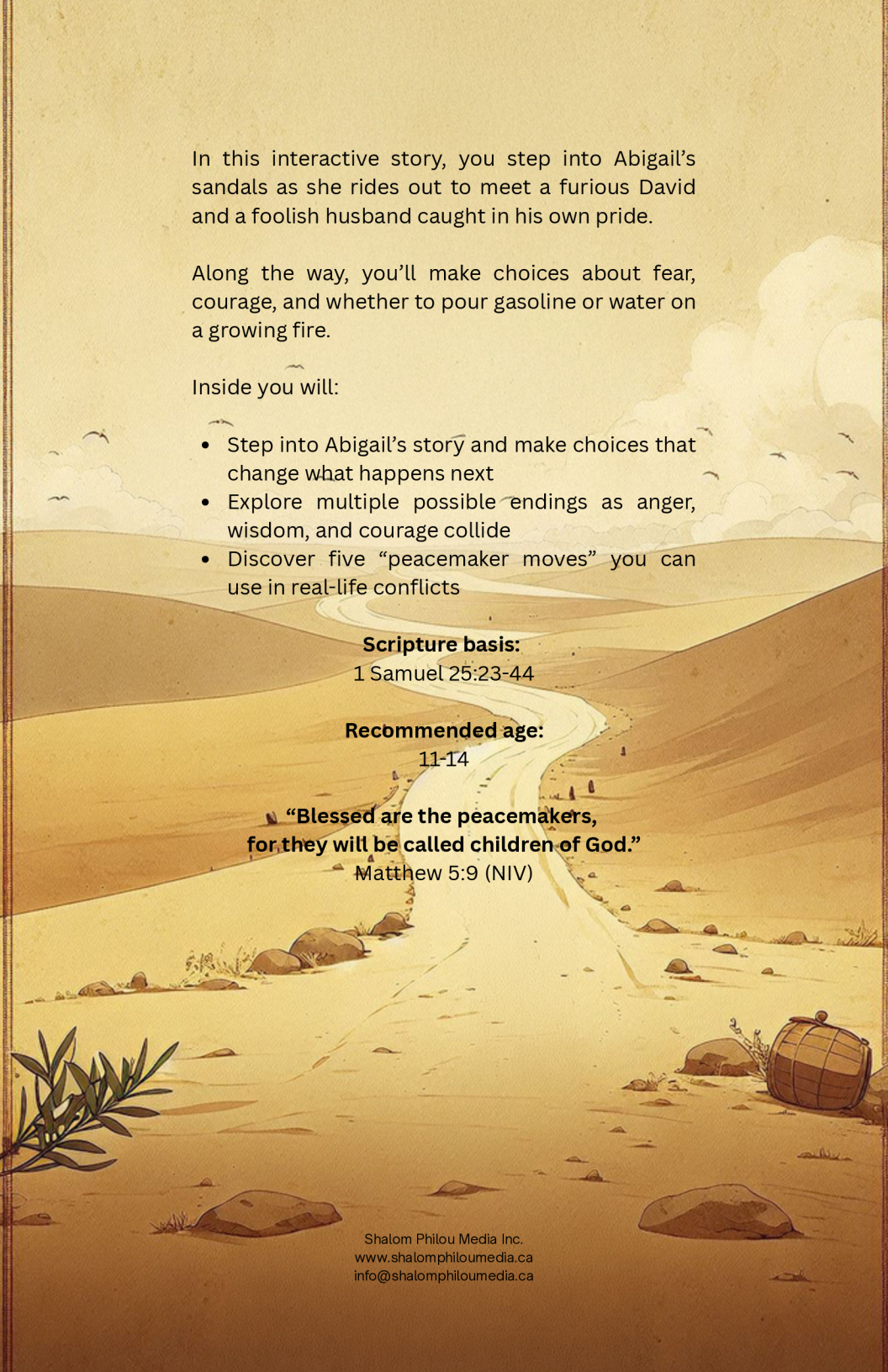
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In this interactive story, you step into Abigail's sandals as she rides out to meet a furious David and a foolish husband caught in his own pride.

Along the way, you'll make choices about fear, courage, and whether to pour gasoline or water on a growing fire.

Inside you will:

- Step into Abigail's story and make choices that change what happens next
- Explore multiple possible endings as anger, wisdom, and courage collide
- Discover five "peacemaker moves" you can use in real-life conflicts

**Scripture basis:**

1 Samuel 25:23-44

**Recommended age:**

11-14

**"Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God."**

Matthew 5:9 (NIV)