



L1.50: David and Abigail

1 Samuel 25

David was on the run from King Saul, and with God's help he and his mighty men managed to stay at least one step ahead of the jealous king. They hid in caves, fought against the Philistines, and always stayed on the lookout for Saul and his men. Though King Saul did not like it, most people knew who David was and that he was in line to be the next king of Israel, so they would help David with whatever he needed. One day, David and his men were hungry, so they stopped at the home of a wealthy man named Nabal who they knew would have plenty of extra food to spare. But, instead of helping them out, Nabal turned the men away and refused to share anything. Angry at Nabal's foolish decision, David told his men to get their swords ready. David and his men headed down to the household, swords in hand, when suddenly they were met by someone on the way who had an urgent request.

Discuss:

- Who was Nabal? What does his name mean? Why do you think David and his men chose to stop at Nabal's house to get food to eat?
- Why do you think Nabal refused to share with David? Why was David so upset by Nabal's response?
- Who was Abigail? How did Abigail find out what was going on? What did she do when she found out what Nabal had done? What can we learn from Abigail's actions?
- How did Abigail act when she made her request? What did David do when she did?
- What happened to Nabal? What did David do when he found out?



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Memory Challenge:

1 Samuel 25:32

Then David said to Abigail: "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me!"