

## **Abigail**

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Nabal was a wealthy man who was crude and mean. On the other hand, his wife, Abigail, was a sensible and beautiful woman.

Nabal was shearing his sheep, typically a festive occasion. David sent a message, "Peace and prosperity to you and yours! While they stayed with us near Carmel, we protected your shepherds and your flocks. Ask your own men; they'll tell you. So please share with us any provisions you happen to have on hand."

Nabal sneered, "Who is this David? Some servant who ran away from his master? Why should I give my supplies to a band of outlaws from who knows where?"

David and four hundred of his men armed themselves and started toward Nabal's home.

Abigail heard what had happened. She quickly gathered provisions, packed them on donkeys, and set out to find David. She met him on the road and said, "My husband's name is Nabal, which means 'fool', and that's just what he is. Please accept this gift as an apology. Don't take vengeance on him. Then when the Lord has made you leader of Israel this incident will not be a blemish on your record."

David replied, "Thank God for your good sense! You have kept me from committing murder." He accepted her gift.

When Abigail told Nabal what she had done, he had a heart attack. After ten days in a coma, he died.

David said, "Praise the Lord for avenging me." Then he asked Abigail to become his wife. She accepted, and they were married.

Meanwhile, Saul had given his daughter Michal, David's wife, to another man.