

Lesser-known Heroes of the Bible

Abigail

She survives a mismatched marriage. 1 Sam. 25:3,17,25

- ◆ Nabal and Abigail = opposites: insightful vs. foolish, as his name implies. These two types of people are contrasted in Proverbs.
- ◆ What do comments in 14-17,25 imply has happened before?
- ◆ What should most husbands recognize and appreciate?

She saves many because of her intercession. 18-38

- ◆ What ethical dilemma does Abigail face that we could face?
- ◆ Can you see how the immediacy of the moment can make insightfulness/wisdom so very important?
- ◆ Abigail's heroic intercession succeeds because of her humility (bowing, *My lord, your maidservant*), which is so unlike Nabal.
- ◆ Abigail doesn't just save many men from death but also saves David's reputation, which she insightfully sees as crucial.

She becomes David's wife as a reward. 39-42

Abigail wisely waits to tell Nabal of his narrow escape once he is sober. God takes Nabal's life and David takes Abigail as a wife.

Can you think of a NT passage warning of Nabal's attitude?

