
SERMON OUTLINE

Character is what Counts

1 Samuel 25

THE STORY

- I. David requests supplies from Nabal, who he has protected, but Nabal insultingly refuses (25:1-13).
- II. David plans to retaliate, but Nabal's wife Abigail intervenes with a food and an apology (25:14-31).
- III. David restrains himself and when God strikes Nabal dead, David takes Abigail as his wife (25:32-44).

THE CHARACTER OF THE MAIN CHARACTERS

1. NABAL – The mean man living selfishly
 - Surly, mean and insulting
 - Stingy
 - Unreasonable/Won't listen to advice
 - Indulgent/Selfish
 - Punished by God
2. ABIGAIL – The good wife doing what must be done
 - Beautiful and wise
 - Patiently tolerated a mean husband for years
 - Decisive, courageous and protective
 - Humble and willing to apologize
 - Eager to affirm God at work in David
 - Blessed by God
3. DAVID – The godly man who listens to wisdom
 - Generous with help
 - Gracious, polite
 - Reasonable/willing to listen
 - Restraint when seeing God at work through Abigail
 - Blessed by God