

## Bible Study – May 2, 2018

“Making the \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_ Situation”

**UNSUNG: Major Lessons from ‘Minor’ People – Pt. 1**

**Character Study: Abigail**

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SCRIPTURE: **1 Samuel 25**

This bible study series is about people whose names are not the most prominent in scripture. You might regard them as minor people; as minor characters, and yet God can share with us major insights, major truths, and major principles from people that seem insignificant. Tonight, we are going to look at the life of a woman in the Bible who is mentioned only a few times. In fact, with the exception of meeting Abigail in the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter of 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel, her name is given only in reference to who she is married to and that she was a mother. But there are some insights that we can glean from what we are told about her.

Abigail, I want to suggest was in a bad situation involving her \_\_\_\_\_ relationship to her \_\_\_\_\_. She was married to a man named \_\_\_\_\_ whose name means \_\_\_\_\_. When we read this chapter, we see how Abigail handled her situation revealing principles and truths on how we can handle our own difficult circumstances.

**1.** If you want to overcome a bad situation, “Keep Your \_\_\_\_\_.” What stands out about this text is not so much what Abigail does but what she does not do. She does not yell, holler, scream, or throw tantrums.

**Question:** What do you do to keep your \_\_\_\_\_ when in a bad situation?

**1(a)** Understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s \_\_\_\_\_.  
(cf. Matthew 5:45)

**1(b)** Don’t \_\_\_\_\_. (cf. Elijah in 1 Kings 19).

**Question for Discussion:** Have you ever blown your situation out of proportion? When you look back on it now what do you think about your behavior?

Abigail doesn’t respond to Nabal by going off in a blind rage to get even with him. Here is what we need to get into our hearts today: ***we cannot always control what the other person does to us; but we are in absolute control of how we respond to what the other person does!***

2. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ Your \_\_\_\_\_.

When Abigail hears what her foolish husband has done, she takes the necessary steps to make matters right. She gets together the food and things David and his men needed and she goes out to meet David with the hope that she can change his mind.

**Question for Discussion:** What can keep us from compromising our convictions?

2(a) \_\_\_\_\_ You Are?

2(b) \_\_\_\_\_ You Are

2(c) \_\_\_\_\_ Your \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Your \_\_\_\_\_

There are so many gifts and blessings that God has given Abigail in this chapter, and she cultivates her gifts and uses what God has given her. We can all learn an important lesson from Abigail. She used her skills and resources for the good of others. She was concerned enough about the men who worked for them that she took it upon herself to try to save their lives.

3(a) \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of Darkness

So the lesson is keep being faithful to the assignment God has given you, rather than let your situation drain you.

3(b) It positions you to receive something \_\_\_\_\_ that God has for you next. (when Nabal died, she married David.) (cf. 1 Samuel 25: 36-42)

So, by influencing David's thoughts back to where they were supposed to be and diplomatically convincing him to change his mind, Abigail was able to save lives and keep David on the straight and narrow. This wasn't something that went unnoticed by David.

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