



THE ABIGAIL APPROACH - MAY 6, 2018

1 SAMUEL 25:30-36

30 And when the Lord has done to my lord according to all the good that he has spoken concerning you and has appointed you prince[a] over Israel, 31 my lord shall have no cause of grief or pangs of conscience for having shed blood without cause or for my lord working salvation himself. And when the Lord has dealt well with my lord, then remember your servant.”

32 And David said to Abigail, “Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me! 33 Blessed be your discretion, and blessed be you, who have kept me this day from bloodguilt and from working salvation with my own hand! 34 For as surely as the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, who has restrained me from hurting you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, truly by morning there had not been left to Nabal so much as one male.” 35 Then David received from her hand what she had brought him. And he said to her, “Go up in peace to your house. See, I have obeyed your voice, and I have granted your petition.”

36 And Abigail came to Nabal, and behold, he was holding a feast in his house, like the feast of a king. And Nabal’s heart was merry within him, for he was very drunk. So she told him nothing at all until the morning light.

THE GOLDEN RULE

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.



REWRITTEN:
Do unto others as others have done unto you.

1 SAMUEL 25:37-39, 42

37 In the morning, when the wine had gone out of Nabal, his wife told him these things, and his heart died within him, and he became as a stone. 38 And about ten days later the Lord struck Nabal, and he died.

39 When David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, “Blessed be the Lord who has avenged the insult I received at the hand of Nabal, and has kept back his servant from wrongdoing. The Lord has returned the evil of Nabal on his own head.” Then David sent and spoke to Abigail, to take her as his wife.

42 And Abigail hurried and rose and mounted a donkey, and her five young women attended her. She followed the messengers of David and became his wife.

MEMORY VERSE

1 PETER 3:9

Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.

NABAL

DAVID

ABIGAIL

Repaid

Repaid

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for

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MANIACAL

PREDICTABLE

REMARKABLE

1 PETER 3:9-11

Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. 10 For

“Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; 11 let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it.



SUNDAY - 5/6

Reflect on the message and take some Next Steps.

MONDAY - 5/7

Deuteronomy 7:7-11

TUESDAY - 5/8

1 Timothy 6:11-16

WEDNESDAY - 5/9

Psalms 93

THURSDAY - 5/10

John 6:25-29

FRIDAY - 5/11

Proverbs 8:22-36

SATURDAY - 5/12

Become aware of the Presence of God and His love for you.



NEXT STEPS

1. Say “yes” to Jesus.
2. Memorize 1 Peter 3:9.
3. Identify a time when you have “re-written” the Golden Rule to justify your actions. Repent.
4. Honestly answer the questions from today’s message. Share your story with someone.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. Do I really want to be even with someone I don’t even like?
2. What story do you want to tell?
3. What would it look like for me to return good for evil?

MATTHEW 5:43-44

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

