

# THE LIFE OF DAVID

**David and Abigail**

1 Samuel 25

Sunday, November 18, 2018

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4. A Wise \_\_\_\_\_ (25:23-31)

5. A Humble \_\_\_\_\_ (25:32-35)

6. A Surprising \_\_\_\_\_ (25:36-42)

A few takeaways . . .

*It's easy to see David as too squeaky clean. But David, like all of us, has many flaws, failings and sins. In 1 Samuel 25, we see a vengeful David about to murder a foolish man who insults his pride. God graciously provides a surprising intervention to save David from this grave evil . . .*

1. A Reasonable \_\_\_\_\_ (25:4-8)

2. A Foolish \_\_\_\_\_ (25:9-12)

3. A Vengeful \_\_\_\_\_ (25:13-22)

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*Growth Groups are the glue that hold our church together. Growth Groups are groups of 6 - 12+ people that meet together during the week to process and apply the message, pray together, care for another and live life together. If you are interested in joining a Growth Group, go to [gracecentralcoast.org](http://gracecentralcoast.org).*

### Connecting and Caring for One Another

As you come together this week, share your holiday plans and Thanksgiving traditions.

### Digging into God's Word & the Message Together

1. How did you COME UNDER God's Word in the text and message this week? In other words, how did God speak to you, convict you or encourage you through our consideration of David and Abigail?
2. Read 1 Samuel 25 together again. What jumps out at you in this reading? While David loses a trusted spiritual advisor in the opening verses, God provides someone else to speak into David's life. Who is it?
3. When David is described as a "man after God's own heart," that doesn't mean he's perfect! Besides his big sin with Bathsheeba, what sin do we see in David here in 1 Samuel 25?

4. Abigail's appeal to David in 25:23-31 is masterful in a number of ways! What do you notice in her appeal? What does she do before David? What does she know about David? How does she reason with David to convince him not to kill Nabal? How does she bless David?
5. Abigail's appeal is a sweet instance of that phrase "deliver us from evil" from the Lord's prayer. God is gracious to often "restrain" us from sinning, like He does here with David. What are some of the ways that God does this in our lives? Can you think of an instance in your own life when God kept you or restrained you from evil? Can you think of an instance when you ran right past the restraints to do the evil anyway?
6. How does David respond to Abigail? And what do you notice in his response?
7. David is flawed in this story and helpfully so. What are ways that this story point us to Jesus, our true, better, unflawed David? What resources does the Gospel provide to help us avoid taking our own vengeance?

### Praying Together

- Pray for the Lord to "deliver us from evil" by providing strong restraints in our lives.
- Pray for grace to respond with love, not vengeance, to our enemies because of the Gospel.
- Share and pray for one another's needs.