

“The Fool, The Godly Woman, And The Grace Of God” (Part 2)  
1 Samuel 25:1-44

*“An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who brings shame is like rottenness in his bones” (Proverbs 12:4). “House and wealth are inherited from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the LORD” (Proverbs 19:14). “and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled” (Titus 2:4-5).*

*“An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels” (Proverbs 31:10). “She does him (her husband) good, and not harm, all the days of her life” (Proverbs 31:12). “She opens her hands to the poor and reaches out her hand to the needy” (Proverbs 31:20). “Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the way of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness” (Proverbs 31:25-27). “Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised” (Proverbs 31:30).*

- (1 Samuel 25:3) Abigail — A Woman of God:
  - *She had a reputation.* She was known as a discerning (pleasant, agreeable, intelligent, wise, morally good) and beautiful woman.
    - As Christians we should have a *reputation*. Elders are to be known as those who live holy lives (1 Timothy 3:1-7). Husbands are to be known for loving their wives as Christ loves the church (Ephesians 5:25). Wives are to be known as those who submit to and respect their husbands (Ephesians 5:22 & 33). Children are to be known for obeying their parents (Ephesians 6:1-2). Fathers are to be known as those who bring up their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). Mothers are to be known for loving their children (Titus 2:4). Workers are to be known as working as if they are working for the Lord (Colossians 3:23). Congregants are to be known for submitting to their Elders (Hebrews 13:17). As Christians we are to be known for our Christ-like love (John 13:34-35).
- (1 Samuel 25:14-42)
  - It mentions four times in this passage about Abigail making haste or hurrying. The Christian life is an urgent life because eternity is imminent (could happen at any moment). *“Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.” (James 4:14)*
  - Abigail was a woman of honor and respect for her husband (1 Samuel 25:24-25,37), her servants (1 Samuel 25:17-18), and for David (1 Samuel 25:23).
  - Abigail was a woman who spoke and lived according to God’s wisdom (1 Samuel 25:25-28).
  - Abigail was a woman who believed in the justice and the mercy of God (1 Samuel 25:29-31).
  - Abigail was a means of grace towards David and a means of justice towards Nabal (1 Samuel 25:32-35,39).

**Announcements:**

★**CHURCH MEMBERS MEETING:** We will be having a business meeting THIS Sunday, January 29th, immediately following the worship service to discuss the 2023 Church Budget. This meeting will last 30-45 minutes. If you are currently a church member, please plan on staying for this important meeting!

★**BAPTISMS:** Our next baptism service will be NEXT Sunday, February 5th. If you are interested in being baptized or have any questions about being baptized, please see Pastor Jeremey or one of the Elders.