



Part 9: Beauty and the Beast

The story of Abigail and Nabal is one of those stories that remain in our minds and imaginations long after we read them. What a story! What a woman!

~ Jerram Barrs
Through His Eyes

Abigail ably demonstrated that although women seldom held centre stage for long in Israel's history, their intervention at strategic moments was often pivotal.

~ Joy Osgood
The IVP Women's Bible Commentary

Abigail becomes David's third wife after her husband Nabal died. She is said to be beautiful and intelligent and is the only person in Scripture described by these two adjectives.

~ Robin Gallaher Branch
The IVP Women's Bible Commentary

Her decision to help David meant that Abigail was not submitting to her husband. When submission will harm the family, a wife may have to take the lead for the sake of everyone else in the family, including the unreasonable husband.

~ Gbile Akanni
Africa Bible Commentary

Abigail's speech is a masterpiece of rhetoric, appealing equally to reason and emotions.

~ Ronald F. Youngblood
Zondervan NIV Bible Commentary

Meekness saved the day. Abigail's gentleness reversed a river of anger. Humility has such power. Apologies can disarm

arguments. Abigail teaches so much. The contagious power of kindness. And the strength of a gentle heart.

~ Max Lucado
Cast of Characters

Yes. I just quoted Max Lucado. It happens. Let's move along.

~ Bruxy Cavey

The story of Abigail shows us that faithfulness does not always mean obeying those in authority over you. Here the servant goes against his master, and the wife against her husband. And God blesses them for it.

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Abigail's tact and diplomacy, eloquence and persuasive speech dramatically turned the course of action and had the effect of restoring David to an attitude of dependence on God rather than relying on his own schemes.

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Women are made in the image of God. Abigail's preparedness to give strong and courageous advice to the man who she knows will someday be her king is a beautiful example of the way God has indeed made us as equals.

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My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because our anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

~ James, the Brother of Jesus