

ABIGAIL – THE PEACEMAKER

Who was Pauline Friedman? _____

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Matthew 5:9 NIV

CRISIS CREATED

A _____

This was a season in Israel when they had _____ kings:

D _____

A certain man in Maon, who had property there at Carmel, was very wealthy. He had a thousand goats and three thousand sheep, which he was shearing in Carmel. His name was Nabal 1 Samuel 25:2-3a NIV

4 While David was in the wilderness, he heard that Nabal was shearing sheep. 5 So he sent ten young men and said to them, "Go up to Nabal at Carmel and greet him in my name. 6 Say to him: 'Long life to you! Good health to you and your household! And good health to all that is yours!

7 "Now I hear that it is sheep-shearing time. When your shepherds were with us, we did not mistreat them, and the whole time they were at Carmel nothing of theirs was missing. 8 Ask your own servants and they will tell you. Therefore, be favorable toward my men, since we come at a festive time. Please give your servants and your son David whatever you can find for them." 1 Samuel 25:4-8 NIV

- It like our American custom of t _____

Nabal answered David's servants, "Who is this David? Who is this son of Jesse? Many servants are breaking away from their masters these days. Why should I take my bread and water, and the meat I have slaughtered for my shearers, and give it to men coming from who knows where?" 1 Samuel 25:10-11 NIV

I _____

David said to his men, "Each of you strap on your sword!" So they did, and David strapped his on as well. About four hundred men went up with David, while two hundred stayed with the supplies. 1 Samuel 25:13 NIV

He orders: *Strap on your swords (1 Samuel 25:13a).*

May God deal with David, be it ever so severely, if by morning I leave alive one male of all who belong to him!" 1 Samuel 25:22 NIV

- What has to be said for you to respond: *Them are f_____ w_____!*

CRISIS AVERTED

Get I _____

Abigail acted quickly. She took two hundred loaves of bread, two skins of wine, five dressed sheep, five seahs of roasted grain, a hundred cakes of raisins and two hundred cakes of pressed figs, and loaded them on donkeys. 1 Samuel 25:18 NIV

His name means Fool and folly goes with him. 2 Samuel 25:25b

Ask yourself: *In what am I i _____?*

Respond with W _____

-Be r _____

Nabal and David responded with quick “K _____ J _____” reactions

23 When Abigail saw David, she quickly got off her donkey and bowed down before David with her face to the ground. 24 She fell at his feet and said: “Pardon your servant, my lord, and let me speak to you; hear what your servant has to say. 25 Please pay no attention, my lord, to that wicked man Nabal. He is just like his name—his name means Fool, and folly goes with him. And as for me, your servant, I did not see the men my lord sent. 26 And now, my lord, as surely as the Lord your God lives and as you live, since the Lord has kept you from bloodshed and from avenging yourself with your own hands, may your enemies and all who are intent on harming my lord be like Nabal. 1 Samuel 25:23-26 NIV

She understood a battle would only create 1 _____.

- *Never wrestle a pig. You both get dirty and the pig l _____ it.*

-Exercise b _____

-Be k _____

And let this gift, which your servant has brought to my master, be given to the men who follow you. 1 Samuel 25:27 NIV

- *“People who fight fire with fire usually end up with a _____.” --Abigail Van Buren*

-Show f _____

30 When the Lord has fulfilled for my lord every good thing he promised concerning him and has appointed him ruler over Israel, 31 my lord will not have on his conscience the staggering burden of needless bloodshed or of having avenged himself. And when the Lord your God has brought my lord success, remember your servant.” 1 Samuel 25:30-31 NIV

David said to Abigail, “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, who has sent you today to meet me. May you be blessed for your good judgment and for keeping me from bloodshed this day and from avenging myself with my own hands. 1 Samuel 25:32-33 NIV

37 Then in the morning, when Nabal was sober, his wife told him all these things, and his heart failed him and he became like a stone. 38 About ten days later, the Lord struck Nabal and he died. 1 Samuel 25:37-38 NIV

Who saved you from yourself?