

She isn't well known in the bible. It is not like she was a Sarah, Rebekah, or Mary the Mother of Jesus. She might be considered small in comparison with other great women of the bible. But, she was highly respected in God's view because she did the right thing, even when it could cost her dearly. The bible calls her "Abigail, a woman of good understanding."

Text: [1 Samuel 25](#) + a few other short references to her

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Title: "Abigail, A Woman of Good Understanding"

Introduction:

The majority of today's message is out of [1 Samuel 25](#), Abigail's life with her husband Nabal. After we tell that story, we will spend a much shorter amount of time, talking about her life after Nabal.

I. ABIGAIL'S LIFE WHILE MARRIED TO NABAL

[1 Samuel 25:1-3a](#) (NKJV)

- ¹ Then Samuel died; and the Israelites gathered together and lamented for him, and buried him at his home in Ramah (*Ray-muh*). And David arose and went down to the Wilderness of Paran (*Pair-ran*).
- ² Now *there was* a man in Maon (*May-on*) whose business *was* in Carmel, **and the man was very rich. He had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats.** And he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.
- ^{3a} The name of the man *was* Nabal, ...

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The bible tells us that Nabal was rich, and owned 1000's of animals.

[1 Samuel 25:3 b](#) (NKJV)

- ^{3b} ... and the name of his wife Abigail. And *she was* **a woman of good understanding and beautiful appearance; but the man (the husband Nabal) was harsh and evil in his doings.** And he *was of the house of* Caleb.

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1. This woman's husband, was harsh and evil **in his doings**, in other words, in how he handled people.

How did he get like this? Did his wealth go to his head? Did his power over many servants go to his head? Did his success in life go to his head? Or has he

just always been like this since being a child?

We can only wonder how he became like this. But, one thing we will learn soon, his pride was about to take him down. *Why?* Because that's how it works in this world. The bible is full of verses about pride, and how it brings destruction, and even verses about a haughty spirit happens before our fall. ([Proverbs 16:18](#))

A haughty spirit is an attitude of superiority and disdain for others that makes people think of themselves more highly than they should. A haughty spirit looks down on other people as not as smart as themselves, or not as important, etc. Pride and a haughty spirit will never be qualities of a godly person.

[Proverbs 6:17-19](#) gives a list of 7 things the Lord HATES. That is an interesting passage of scripture because God is not a God of hate. But, the list are qualities in a person that God hates. God must really hate "One with haughty eyes.

The bible says Nabel was treating people harshly. His actions were also the type that are evil, not of a good person, and definitely not of God.

The bible is very clear on how we are to treat people. We are to be humble, not prideful. We are to be loving, not hateful. We are to be respectful of others, not disrespectful. We are to try to be in unity with the saints, not bring disunity. The list goes on and on.

We have a choice in life, live like God wants us to live, or live like Satan wants us to live, and then justify our actions like Nabal did. Nabal was harsh with others, and his actions were evil.

2. But, Nabel's wife, Abigail, was not like that. The bible says she was a woman of good understanding. My guess is she was a wise woman, and could see things as they really were. I seriously doubt her husband even realized that. He was too busy in his own world to even appreciate the wife he had. And, we can also guess that if he was harsh and evil with others, he was probably harsh and evil with her, as well.

3. The bible also says that Abigail was a beautiful woman, in appearance.

[1 Samuel 25:4-5](#) (NKJV)

⁴ When David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep,

⁵ David sent **ten young men**; and David said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel, go to Nabal, **and greet him in my name.**

Why send 10 young men?

First of all, 10 would allow them to bring back more food. And, secondly, being young men, they might be received better because of their age. They would be less threatening.

Shearing sheep is normally done just before summer. It allows the owner of the sheep to get valuable wool, and it allows the sheep to stay cool during the summer months.

Verse 5: David told his men to say to Nabel that they have come from David.

[1 Samuel 25:6-8a](#) (NKJV)

⁶ And thus you shall say to him who lives *in prosperity*: 'Peace *be* to you, peace to your house, and peace to all that you have!

⁷ Now I have heard that you have shearers. Your shepherds were with us, and we did not hurt them, nor was there anything missing from them all the while they were in Carmel.

^{8a} Ask your young men (*the ones who were in the fields*), and they will tell you...

David wanted Nabel to realize that not he, or his own men, tried to kill their sheep or hurt Nabel's men in any way. They never tried to take anything away from them.

So, David told his men to say "Ask your own men how we treated them in the fields."

[1 Samuel 25:8b](#) (NKJV)

^{8b} ...Therefore let *my* young men find favor in your eyes, for we come on a feast day.

Please give whatever comes to your hand to your servants and to your son David.' "

In other words, David was asking "Please give what you can, to help us have the food we need."

[1 Samuel 25:9-12](#) (NKJV)

⁹ So when David's young men came, they spoke to Nabal according to all these words in the name of David, and waited.

¹⁰ Then Nabal answered David's servants, and said, "**Who is David, and who is the son of Jesse?** (*In other words, "I don't care anything about David."*) There are many servants nowadays who break away each one from his master.

¹¹ Shall I then take my bread and my water and my meat that I have killed for my shearers, and give *it* to men when I do not know where they *are* from?"

¹² So David's young men turned on their heels and went back; and they came and told him (*David*) all these words.

Nabal is giving several reasons for his refusal to help David. In verse 10, he is showing disrespect for David. In the rest of verse 10 and 11 he is acting like "I don't even know if this is really a request from David."

The thing is, David had his 10 young men tell Nabal to check with his own men in the fields. If Nabal would have done that, he would have known that these 10 men came from David and that Nabal's own men appreciated the protection that David's men gave them.

[1 Samuel 25:13-17](#) (NKJV)

- ¹³ Then David said to his men, "Every man gird on his sword." So every man girded on his sword, and David also girded on his sword. And about four hundred men went with David, and two hundred stayed with the supplies. *(which tells us he had 600 men total)*
- ¹⁴ **Now one of the young men** *(from the fields)* **told Abigail**, Nabal's wife, saying, "Look, David sent messengers from the wilderness to greet our master; and he reviled them. *(NIV ---> says it like this "hurled insults at them")*
- ¹⁵ But the men *(David's men)* were very good to us, and we were not hurt, nor did we miss anything as long as we accompanied them, when we were in the fields.
- ¹⁶ **They were a wall to us both by night and day, all the time we were with them keeping the sheep.**
- ¹⁷ Now therefore, know and consider what you will do, for harm is determined against our master and against all his household. **For he** *(your husband)* **is such a scoundrel that one cannot speak to him."**
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This man from the fields told Abigail all that had happened, and how badly her husband treated David's men, to the point of insulting them. Also, the man from the fields said that David's men created a wall of protection around them while they were out in the fields. He also told Abigail that David's men never did anything wrong, yet your husband treated David wrong. The man from the fields also believed this was going to result in revenge from David. Then, they mention that Nabal is such a scoundrel that people cannot even speak to him, have a reasonable talk with him.

[1 Samuel 25:18-19](#) (NKJV)

- ¹⁸ Then Abigail made haste and took two hundred *loaves* of bread, two skins of wine, five sheep already dressed *(already slaughtered)*, five seahs *(Suh-uhs - about 45 gallons)* of roasted *grain*, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and loaded *them* on donkeys.
- ¹⁹ And she said to her servants, "Go on before me; see, I am coming after you." **But she did not tell her husband Nabal.**

She took a big risk here. *What if Nabal found out what she was doing, and then this backfired on her? What if he stopped what she was about to do, and then angrily became revengeful with her in some way?*

There will always be a risk in doing the right thing.

1 Samuel 25:20-22 (NKJV)

- ²⁰ So it was, *as* she rode on the donkey, that she went down under cover of the hill (*the hill helped hide her trip from Nabal or his men seeing her, which shows her wisdom to go that direction*); and there were David and his men, **coming** down toward her, and she met them.
- ²¹ Now David had said, "**Surely in vain I have protected all that this fellow has** in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that *belongs* to him. And he has repaid me evil for good. (*We have treated him good, and look how he is treating us*)
- ²² May God do so, and more also, to the enemies of David, if I leave one male of all who *belong* to him by morning light."

It looks as if David is already in route to wipe out every male in that household. God's judgement was going to come down strong on the family of Nabal. The family was going to pay for what Nabal had done. Wives would lose their husbands, children would lose their fathers, the entire family would lose their workers. It was going to be devastating because of one man, Nabal, had a haughty attitude.

1 Samuel 25:23-25 (NKJV)

- ²³ Now when Abigail saw David, she hastened to dismount from the donkey, fell on her face before David, and bowed down to the ground.
- ²⁴ So she fell at his feet and said: "On me, my lord, *on me let this iniquity be!* And please let your maidservant speak in your ears, and hear the words of your maidservant.
- ²⁵ **Please, let not my lord regard this scoundrel Nabal. For as his name is, so is he: Nabal is his name, and folly is with him. But I, your maidservant, did not see the young men of my lord whom you sent.**

It is interesting that Abigail said "For as his name is, so is he." The name Nabal means a foolish person. Hence, the rest of what she said "Nabal is his name, and folly is with him."

She knows how her husband has acted. She knows he is wrong. She could have played gone along with his attitude, acting like she supported him, so nothing falls back on her. Many of a wife would do that sort of thing. Or, she could take the risk and see what is

about to happen, and do the right thing even if it could backfire on her.

She sees the kind of person Nabal has been, and she refers to him as a scoundrel, and that folly is with him. Then, she tells David "I was not there when your men came, and I had nothing to do with what happened."

1 Samuel 25:26 (NKJV)

²⁶ Now therefore, my lord, *as* the LORD lives and *as* your soul lives, since the LORD has held you back from coming to bloodshed and from avenging yourself with your own hand, now then, let your enemies and those who seek harm for my lord **be as Nabal.**

NLT bible says it like this:

²⁶ "... **let all your enemies and those who try to harm you be as cursed as Nabal is.**

Again, she sees the truth, and she sees what is about to happen to her husband, and she is calling it as it is. The way Nabal is living is going to bring a curse on him. What that curse will be, if David holds off killing him and his men, she did not know at the time. She just knew her husband could not handle people in the way he handled them, especially against David, God's chosen, without some kind of curse.

1 Samuel 25:27-28 (NKJV)

²⁷ And now this present which your maidservant has brought to my lord, let it be given to the young men who follow my lord.

²⁸ Please forgive the trespass of your maidservant. **For the LORD will certainly make for my lord an enduring house, because my lord fights the battles of the LORD, and evil is not found in you throughout your days.**

She knew about David. She heard about him and his reputation. She knew that David was a man who lived right, and does nothing wrong. She also knew that David was trying to live for God, and that God would help David. She knew all about David's previous reputation.

Here is my question to you: *How did her husband not know about David? How did her husband not know the things Abigail knew about David? Her husband knew David was the son of Jesse, how did he not know of David's reputation and God's hand on him?*

1 Samuel 25:29-31 (NKJV)

- ²⁹ Yet a man has risen to pursue you and seek your life (*She is speaking of King Saul. So, somehow she knew about that as well*), but the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living with the LORD your God; and the lives of your enemies He shall sling out, *as from* the pocket of a sling.
- ³⁰ And it shall come to pass, when the LORD has done for my lord according to all the good that He has spoken concerning you, and has appointed you ruler over Israel, (*She even knew that God was going to make David ruler over Israel*)
- ³¹ that this will be no grief to you, nor offense of heart to my lord, either that you have shed blood without cause, or that my lord has avenged himself. **But when the LORD has dealt well with my lord (Nabal), then remember your maidservant."**

Abigail somehow knew that Saul was pursuing David's life. And, somehow Abigail also knew that God was on David's side, and that someday he would be ruler over Israel. *So, again, if she knew all of that, how did her husband not know?*

It appears that Nabal didn't care about anyone but himself.

Look at the 2nd part of verse 31. **Abigail knew God was going to deal with her husband in some way.** She says "When the LORD has dealt well with my lord (her husband), please remember me."

So, it was a matter of what God would do, and it was a matter of when God would do it. Her husband was not going to get away with his disrespect, especially against God's anointed, David. She was asking that she not be included in all of that. She made it clear she would **not** ride on the side of her husband.

1 Samuel 25:32-35 (NKJV)

- ³² **Then David said** to Abigail: "**Blessed is the LORD God** of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me!
- ³³ **And blessed is your advice and blessed are you**, because you have kept me this day from coming to bloodshed and from avenging myself with my own hand.
- ³⁴ For indeed, *as* the LORD God of Israel lives, who has kept me back **from hurting you**, (*because you live in the environment that would have lost all the males*) unless you had hastened and come to meet me, surely by morning light no males would have been left to Nabal!"
- ³⁵ So David received from her hand what she had brought him, and said to her, "Go up in peace to your house. See, I have heeded your voice and respected your person."

Verse 34 actually makes it sound like David was NOT going to kill Nabal. Apparently, he was going to make him suffer with having no males in the family and no servants to help him.

We can also say that David appreciated Abigail in what kind of person she was, even when her husband probably did not truly appreciate her.

Abigail stopped a disaster from happening. That disaster was going to effect her entire household, and possibly all the workers who tended to the animals. *How would they have continued to run their business? Who would have later followed Nabal to be the next leader of the business?*

My guess is David might not have killed the men in the fields since they got along with them so well, *but who knows?*

[1 Samuel 25:36-38](#) (NKJV)

³⁶ Now Abigail went to Nabal, and there 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; therefore she told him nothing, little or much, until morning light. (*She wasn't about to tell him what is going on while he is drunk*)

³⁷ **So it was, in the morning, when the wine had gone from Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became *like* a stone.** (*in a coma, or couldn't move but was conscious?*)

³⁸ **Then it came about, *after* about ten days, that the LORD struck Nabal, and he died.**

God's judgement started on Nabel immediately. But, it ended up being a slow death that lasted 10 days total. Fortunately, he was the only one who had to pay for his deeds. **The only reason no one else paid for his evil attitudes, was because of Abigail.**

[1 Samuel 25:39](#) (NKJV)

³⁹ So when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, "Blessed *be* the LORD, who has pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and has kept His servant from evil! **For the LORD has returned the wickedness of Nabal on his own head.** **And David sent and proposed to Abigail, to take her as his wife.**

David realized God's judgement had come upon Nabal. God took care of it in His own way, which is the way we need to do things most of the time, just let God take care of it in His own way.

It makes you wonder if Abigail ever thought that the loss of her husband would result in a better deal for her, a deal where a better man, David, took her as his wife. David saw the qualities of Abigail, and he proposed to her.

Abigail had no way of knowing that this whole situation would turn around for her own benefit. She just did the right thing. Had she not done the right thing in opposing her husband, it would have ended in tragedy for the entire family and workers.

I am not saying that women should oppose their husbands, except for the cases that can end up in a mess. I think they have to be led by God as they do the right thing. But, at the same time, if they see something the husband is doing wrong, they might need to say something about it, rather than go along with him.

[1 Samuel 25:40-42](#) (NKJV)

- ⁴⁰ When the servants of David had come to Abigail at Carmel, they spoke to her saying, "David sent us to you, to ask you to become his wife."
⁴¹ Then she arose, bowed her face to the earth, and said, "Here is your maidservant, a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord."
⁴² **So Abigail rose in haste and rode on a donkey, attended by five of her maidens;** and she followed the messengers of David, and became his wife.
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Her 5 maidens also benefited from Abigail's goodness.

When we live right, it will effect those around us in a positive way. If we choose to not live right, or to go along with someone who is not living right, or doing right, it effects those around us in a negative way.

[1 Samuel 25:43-44](#) (NKJV)

- ⁴³ David also took Ahinoam (*Uh-hen-o-im*) of Jezreel, and so both of them were his wives.
⁴⁴ But Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Palti (*Pal-tie*) the son of Laish, (*Lay-ish*) who was from Gallim (*Gal-lum*).
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I didn't find much about Ahinoam. Saul had a wife by the same name. If it was after Saul's death, sometimes a family member will take the wife for himself. But, the time of verse 43 is when Saul was still alive. So, it is more likely this is a different Ahinoam. The bible tells us that she later had one child from David.

II. ABIGAIL'S LIFE AFTER MARRYING DAVID, UP UNTIL HE BECAME KING OF JUDAH

[1 Samuel 27:1](#) (NKJV)

- ¹ And David said in his heart, "Now I shall perish someday by the hand of Saul. *There is*

nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape to the land of the Philistines; & Saul will despair of me, to seek me anymore in any part of Israel. So I shall escape out of his hand."

David realized that King Saul was never going to give up chasing David. So, David left the country to live in a place Saul would not attack, in the land of the Philistines. That area is the same general area where Israel has been fighting today in the Gaza strip.

[1 Samuel 27:2-3](#) (NKJV)

- ² Then David arose went over with the six hundred men who *were* with him to Achish (*A-kish*) the son of Maoch (*May-ock*), king of Gath.
- ³ So David dwelt with Achish (*A-kish*) at Gath, he and his men, each man with his household, and **David with his two wives**, Ahinoam (*Uh-hen-o-im*) the Jezreelitess, (*Jez-ree-al-lite-tess*) and **Abigail** the Carmelitess, **Nabal's widow**.
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(from my computer file under "David Maps")*

So, Abigail left a life of living "high on the hog," so to speak. (*high on the sheep & goats*) Her previous life had lots of property with her husband, probably a nice house, & maybe most anything she would want in life. Now she is living her life "on the run" with David. But, she no longer has a life with a hateful, domineering husband.

David was better than that. David appreciated who Abigail was and was thankful to have her. Chances are she was treated very well in this new life with David.

David ends up later moving to Ziklag. The kind of Gath gave him that property there for David and his men.

In 1 Samuel 30:1, David and his men had just returned from a long trip to find out this news:

[1 Samuel 30:1-5](#) (NKJV)

- ¹ Now it happened, when David and his men came to Ziklag, on the third day, that the Amalekites (*Uh-mal-luh-kites*) had invaded the South and Ziklag, attacked Ziklag and burned it with fire,
- ² and had taken captive the women and those who *were* there, from small to great; they did not kill anyone, but carried *them* away and went their way.
- ³ So David and his men came to the city, and there it was, burned with fire; & their wives, their sons, and their daughters had been taken captive.
- ⁴ Then David and the people who *were* with him lifted up their voices and wept, until they

had no more power to weep.

⁵ **And David's two wives, Ahinoam (Uh-hen-o-im) the Jezreelitess (Jez-ree-al-lite-tess), and Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite, had been taken captive.**

*Show map of Ziklag area from HolmanIllusStudyBible-173
(My computer file David Maps)*

Abigail was a part of all of that. Life is not looking that wonderful right now. She was on the run, now she has been taken captive. I am sure there were lots of screams and cries from the women and children. All of them probably feared the worst.

[1 Samuel 30:6](#) (NKJV)

⁶ Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. **But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.**

David, and his men, were worn out from traveling, and then now they are all depressed from their town burnt down, and their families taken captive. Some of the men turned on David, blaming him for what the Amalekites did. In the midst of that, David strengthened himself in the Lord his God. He was the perfect example of what all of them should have done - strengthened themselves in the Lord instead of blaming.

The rest of the story shows that David and most of his men gave chase to hunt down the people who took their family. They end up defeating them and recovering it all.

Again, **Abigail was part of all of that, being rescued by a man who fought for her.**

[2 Samuel 2:1](#) (NKJV)

¹ It happened after this that **David inquired of the LORD**, saying, "Shall I go up to any of the cities of Judah?" And the LORD said to him, "Go up." David said, "Where shall I go up?" And He (*God*) said, "To Hebron."

This is the way we should live, constantly seeking God for direction. The city of Ziklag was burned. They would have to start all over there, so David sought God on what to do. God sends him to Hebron. (which is territory in Judah)

[2 Samuel 2:2-3](#) (NKJV)

² **So David went up there, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, & Abigail**

the widow of Nabal the Carmelite.

³ And David brought up the men who *were* with him, every man with his household. So **they dwelt in the cities of Hebron.**

⁴ **a Then the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah.**

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God guided David to Hebron, and unbeknownst to him at the time, he's made king over Judah (not Israel, that would come later).

Abigail was a part of all of that. She got to see the kind of life where someone actually wants to do God's will, and wants to allow God to guide him, instead of using their own reasoning in their decisions. She got to see how God led David to Hebron, and how the next step was the people of Judah make him their king. Abigail had a better life than she ever had before. And she experienced all of this because she stood up for what was right. It is what enabled her to have a better life.

2 Samuel 2:4b -5 (NKJV)

⁴ **b** ... And they told David, saying, "The men of Jabesh (*Jay-besh*) Gilead *were the ones* who buried Saul."

⁵ So David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh (*Jay-besh*) Gilead, and said to them, "**You are blessed of the LORD, for you have shown this kindness to your lord, to Saul, and have buried him.**"

Saul treated David bad because Saul was not living right. But, David kept treating Saul in a respectful way **because Saul was in a position of authority from God**, whether Saul lived right, or not. In other words, David showed respect to Saul whether he agreed with Saul, or not. David honored Saul's position of authority.

So, David hears of what Jabesh Gilead did in burying Saul when he died on the battle-field. David, in return, showed kindness to Jabesh Gilead because they did the right thing.

2 Samuel 2:6-7 (NKJV)

⁶ And now may the LORD show kindness and truth to you. **I also will repay you this kindness, because you have done this thing.**

⁷ Now therefore, let your hands be strengthened, and be valiant; for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah has anointed me king over them."

Abigail got to see all of that as well.

2 Samuel 3:1-3 (NKJV)

- ¹ Now there was a long war between the house of Saul & the house of David. **But David grew stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker.** (*And Abigail got to see all of that*)
- ² Sons were born to David in Hebron: His firstborn was Amnon by Ahinoam the Jezreelitess;
- ³ **his second, Chileab** (*Kill-lee-ab, but called Daniel in [I Chronicles 3:1](#)*), **by Abigail the widow of Nabal** the Carmelite; ...

Quick Summary -

1. Abigail had a rich life, but yet it was also a rough life, with a man who did not treat people right. He was called harsh, and an evil man, in [I Samuel 25:3](#). *So, even though she had a nice life with probably owning nice things, was it really worth it to her to be married to someone like Nabal?*
2. Her husband, Nabal, was disrespectful to David. As a result of what Nabal did, all males of his household were about to be killed by David and his men. Many people would be effected because of Nabal's evil conduct.
3. The wife, Abigail, was the wise one of the family. She found out what her husband did, and she realized what was about to happen. She did the right thing, whether her husband would like it, or not. She made food, and quickly went to David to ask forgiveness for her foolish husband.
4. Abigail somehow knew God was going to deal with her husband in some way for how he treated David. He was not going to get away with his disrectful attitude. ([I Sam. 25:31](#))
5. When Abigail later told her husband, Nabal, about what David was about to do, and how she prevented it, he ended up having some type of heart issue, that put him in some type of coma, and ended up killing him 10 days later. ([I Samuel 25:37-38](#))
6. David sees the good qualities in Abigail, apparently things he rarely ever saw in other women. So, David asks her to marry him. She gladly does so, as she hurries to him.
7. The new life was not easy because she was on the run with David. She did not have all the luxuries she used to have. In fact, later on she experienced the village she lives in,

Ziklag, raided by another nation, everything burned, and women and children captured.

8. In the end, David and his most of his men pursued the Amalakites & got back their wives and children.
9. She saw, again and again, that David, the man she had married, was truly a godly man. She got to see the blessings of God upon David's life and her life. And, eventually she also got blessed with a richer life than she ever had known before.
10. She got to see a change in her life, and then see great things ahead because she did the right thing when her husband would not. She did not fail to stand up for the right thing. It was a risk, but it was a risk that paid off.

Moms, you have to stand up to your children when they are wrong. Stop trying to appease the situation. You are going to create a monster in them later on. Wives you have to make a stand when your husband is so wrong on something that it opposes God's will. Of course, you have to be led by God, as for as what to say and when. And, you have to stop being afraid. Be prayed up, and say or do what God tells you to do.

Abigail did the right thing, and it saved the lives of every male in the household. Abigail did the right thing, and as a result, was not a part of the wrong doing of her husband.

In the New Testament we see a husband and wife, Ananias and Sapphira both go down together because neither one would stand apart from the other one.

Abigail did the right thing. It did not save her husband, but it did save the rest of the household. And, she got a better life than she had before.