

Abigail's Story: She Understood the Assignment.

My Scriptural Prayer for us: Ephesian 1:17-23 Amplified Version

-17 [I always pray] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may grant you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation [that gives you a deep and personal and intimate insight] into the true knowledge of Him [for we know the Father through the Son]. ¹⁸ And [I pray] that the eyes of your heart [the very center and core of your being] may be enlightened [flooded with light by the Holy Spirit], so that you will know and cherish the hope [the divine guarantee, the confident expectation] to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the asaints (God's people), 19 and [so that you will begin to know] what the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His [active, spiritual] power is in us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of His mighty strength ²⁰ which He produced in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion [whether angelic or human], and [far above] every name that is named [above every title that can be conferred], not only in this age and world but also in the one to come. 22 And He put all things [in every realm] in subjection under Christ's feet, and appointed Him as [supreme and authoritative] head over all things in the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills and completes all things in all [believers].

Amen Indeed!

Text: I Samuel Chapter 25 (See full text of the Amplified Version Below) *

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Abigail's Story Part 2 - Part 2 Abigail's story P.R.A.A.Y.S. & Where are my receipts? (Short Blog Post & Podcast) Link: https://thethankfulrevolution.com/2022/01/16/part-2-abigails-story-p-r-a-a-y-s-where-are-my-receipts/

Pre-Video to watch: ABIGAIL- Women of the Bible (Study) (#Biblestudyforwomen YouTube Video by Lisa Cook

Last time some of the core team met we determined it is important to first identify your assignment and then secondly align with your assignment so that you could provide your receipts for accomplishing your assignment's life journey purpose.

Building upon that foundation, it is remarkable that when dissecting Abigail's C. P. R. + N. O.W. moment she truly met the challenge and "Understood her Assignment."

The slang interpretation of "Understood the Assignment" basically means the following:

What Does understand the assignment come from?

In the Know Online sight an article by Article by Emerald Pellot Source: https://www.intheknow.com/post/understood-the-assignment-tiktok/

The slang term is a popular way to praise someone who is going above and beyond to do a good job. When Rihanna slays her outfit at the Met Gala every year, you might say she understood the assignment. It's pretty much like giving someone an "A+" or stamping something with your seal of approval.

Background Story: Custom & Cultural Insight – Commonalities and Courtesies – Source: https://www.learnreligions.com/abigail-and-david-116669 Abigail and David - Abigail Was King David's Wisest Wife Abigail Was the Comrade David Needed to Succeed By Cynthia Astle

Significance of The Number 10: Source - 5 Secrets of Number 10 in the Bible https://numerology/nation.com/numerology/biblical/number-10/ I found it interesting that the number 10 often represents setting an governance or upholding a principle. David sent forth 10 of his chosen men who had the authority to speak on his behalf what should have been a



customary observance that Nabal should have honored. Since David's men provided him a protection detail when it came time for the reaping and feast; Nabal should have shared some of his harvest like a tenth (hmm sounding like a tithe...but that's another discussion lolol (3)). He did not honor David's men – basically the question is, will a man rob God or in this case God's anointed, appointed and soon to be King? Well, Nabal thought he could and was arrogant enough to think he could party all night after shamefully rejecting David and His men's request. Nabal really thought he got away with something and would not have any consequences. Just take a pause at this moment and reflect how many foolish people have come in your life thinking they have 1 upped you or duped you and got away with it. Don't be deceived God is not mocked. Also, please take caution to not act out of character when you have been offended to take vengeance out by your own hands – that's not your lane to walk in that is God's so please STAY OUT OF IT for your own sake. You don't want to have that discussion with God on why you felt you had to do something emotionally instead of trusting God to have your back. Just a Selah (Think about it) moment.

Text in the story: 1 Samuel 25:5 - 6: ⁵So David sent ten young men; and David said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel and go to Nabal, and □greet him in my name; ⁵ and this is what you shall say, '□Have a long life! Peace be to you, and peace to your house, and peace to all that you have.

Key Points to focus upon:

(Let's talk about these key points in the discussion. It is going to be awesome to see how everyone uncovered through their own review, research, and revelations how the keys below apply)

- 1. Anointed for the Assignment
- 2. Acknowledge the Assignment Crisis
- 3. Answered the Assignment Call
- 4. Aligned with the Assignment Directive
- 5. Ambassador to carry out the Assignment
- 6. Absolved once actively fulfilled the Assignment
- Awarded & Ascended into the "More Abundant Life" all because Abigail attended to her Assignment



Abigail's Attributes, Attitudes, & Actions:

1. Abigail is known as a peacemaker and therefore a blessed woman who is reflective of being called a child of God:

Matthew 5:9 Amplified Bible

"Blessed [spiritually calm with life-joy in God's favor] are the makers and maintainers of peace, for they will [express His character and] be called the sons of God.

New International Version

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

James 3:17

But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peace-loving, gentle, accommodating, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial, and sincere.

- 2. Abigail did not adhere to the common view of how a woman should act and posture herself abiding by the custom of the times. She went against the grain of the status quo and used her voice as a wise, honorable, conscientious, humble, servant of the Most High God. She presented an attitude immersed in grace to the future King David. She reminded him of whose he was God's anointed and appointed. She adhered to the request he originally made of her husband and went above & beyond that request with the deposits of wisdom, nutrients, and course correction.
- 3. Abigail's presentation impressed all who witnessed her actions especially David who recognized that she is of value and vital to support him in his position as a King. Therefore, when the opportunity was present; she was afforded the proposal of marriage from David to become his wife and queen. She went from the Pitts to the Palace by being a woman who PRAAYS.

*SCRIPTURE TEXT BELOW AMPLIFIED VERSION WITH NOTES:



1 Samuel 25 Amplified Bible

Samuel's Death

25 Now Samuel died; and all Israel assembled and mourned for him, and they buried him at his house in Ramah. Then David left and went down to the Wilderness of Paran.

Nabal and Abigail

² Now *there was* a man in Maon whose business *and* possessions were 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 ³ (now the man's name was Nabal, and his wife's name was Abigail. She was intelligent and beautiful in appearance, but the man was harsh and evil in his dealings; he was a ©Calebite). ⁴ David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep. ⁵ So David sent ten young men; and David said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel and go to Nabal, and ©greet him in my name; ⁶ and this is what you shall say, '©Have a long life! Peace be to you, and peace to your house, and peace to all that you have. ⁷ Now I have heard that you have shearers. Now your shepherds have been with us, and we have not harmed them, nor were they missing anything all the time they were in Carmel. ⁸ Ask your young men and they will tell you. Therefore let my young men find favor in your sight [and be well-treated], for we have come on a ©good (festive) day. ©Please, give whatever you find at hand to your servants and to your son David."

⁹ When David's young men came, they spoke to Nabal according to all these words in the name of David; then they waited. ¹⁰ But Nabal answered David's servants and said, "Who is David?



And who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants today, each of whom is breaking away from his master. ¹¹ So should I take my bread and my water and my meat that I have slaughtered for my shearers, and give it to men when I do not know where they are from?" ¹² So David's young men made their way back and returned; and they came and told him everything that was said [to them by Nabal]. ¹³ David said to his men, "Each man put on your sword." So each man put on his sword. David also put on his sword, and about four hundred men went up behind David while two hundred stayed *back* with the provisions and supplies.

¹⁴ But one of *Nabal's* young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, "Listen, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to bless (greet) our master, and he shouted at them [in contempt]. ¹⁵ But *David's* men were very good to us, and we were not harmed *or* treated badly, nor did we miss anything as long as we were with them, when we were in the fields. ¹⁶ They were a wall [of protection] to us both night and day, all the time that we were with them tending the sheep. ¹⁷ Now then, know this and consider what you should do, for evil is [already] planned against our master and against all his household; but he is such a worthless *and* wicked man that one cannot speak [reasonably] to him."

Abigail Intercedes

already prepared [for roasting], five measures of roasted grain, a hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and loaded them on donkeys. ¹⁹ She said to her young men (servants), "Go on ahead of me; behold, I am coming after you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal. ²⁰ It happened that as she was riding on her donkey and coming down by [way of] the hidden part of the mountain, that suddenly David and his men were coming down one of Miriam's Personal Prayer Declaration: HERE I AM LORD, HELP ME TO CHANGE INTO THE PERSON YOU BIRTHED ME INTO EXISTENCE TO BECOME. ALLOW MY PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE (OUTLOOK AND THOUGHTS) BECOME NEW. LET ME KNOW IN MY HEART THAT YOU ARE GOD AND IF I TRULY TRUST YOU THEN I CAN BE LIBERATED – BASICALLY SET FREE TO LIVE A LIFE HERE ON EARTH LIKE YOU DESIRE ME TO EXIST FOR AN ETERNITY WITH YOU IN HEAVEN. HELP ME TO VIEW YOU CLEARLY WITH A STEADFAST FOCUS! I ASK THAT ANY OBSTACLE THAT HAS HINDERED ME BEFORE OR IN MY FUTURE BE REMOVED SO THAT I CAN OBTAIN THE WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE YOU HAVE FOR ME TO LIVE IN PEACE, LOVE, STRENGTH, POWER, AND FEARLESSLY. THANK YOU FOR EQUIPPING ME WITH ALL THAT I NEED (HOLY SPIRIT AND JESUS AS MY SAVIOR) TO SUCCESSFULLY NAVIGATE THIS LIFE'S JOURNEY. I AM GRATEFUL, HUMBLED, AND WILLING TO BE YOUR FAITHFUL SERVANT. I AM HERE AND ASK FOR YOUR HELP EVERY SINGLE DAY. THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME AND PROVIDING ALL THAT I HAVE NEED FOR ACCORDING TO YOUR RICHES IN HEAVEN. AMEN (SO BE IT)!



toward her, and she met them. ²¹ Now David had said, "Surely in vain I have protected *and* guarded all that this man has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missing of all that belonged to him; and he has repaid me evil for good. ²² May God do so to the enemies of David, and more also, if by morning I leave [alive] even one male of any who belong to him."

When Abigail saw David, she hurried and dismounted from the donkey, and wkneeled face downward before David and bowed down to the ground [in respect]. ²⁴ Wkneeling at his feet she said, "My lord, let the blame *and* guilt be on me alone. And please let your maidservant speak wto you, and listen to the words of your maidservant. ²⁵ Please do not let my lord wpay attention to this worthless man, Nabal, for as his name is, so is he. Nabal (fool) is his waname and foolishness (stupidity) is with him; but I your maidservant did not see my lord's young men whom you sent.

²⁶ So now, my lord, as the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, since the LORD has prevented you from shedding blood, and from avenging yourself by your own hand, now then let your enemies and those who seek to do evil to my lord, be as [self-destructive as] Nabal. ²⁷ Now this gift, which your maidservant has brought my lord, let it be given to the young men who accompany *and* follow my lord. ²⁸ Please forgive the transgression of your maidservant; for the LORD will certainly make my lord a secure *and* enduring house, because my lord is fighting the battles of the LORD, and evil will not be found in you all your days. ²⁹ Should anyone rise up to pursue you and to seek your life, then the life of my lord will be bound in the [precious] bundle of the living with the LORD your God; but the lives of your enemies—those He will hurl out as from the center of a sling. ³⁰ And it will happen when the LORD does for my lord according to all the good that He has spoken (promised) concerning you, and appoints you ruler



over Israel, ³¹ that this [incident] will not cause grief or [bring] a troubled conscience to my lord, both by having shed blood without cause and by my lord having avenged himself. When the LORD deals well with my lord, then remember [with favor] your maidservant."

³² David said to Abigail, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who sent you to meet me this day. ³³ And blessed be your discretion *and* discernment, and blessed be you, who has kept me from bloodshed this day and from avenging myself by my own hand. ³⁴ Nevertheless, as the LORD the God of Israel lives, who has prevented me from harming you, if you had not come quickly to meet me, most certainly by the morning light there would not have been left to Nabal so much as one male." ³⁵ So David @accepted what she had brought to him and said to her, "Go up to your house in peace. See, I have listened to you and have @granted your request."

Then Abigail came to Nabal, and he was holding a feast in his house [for the shearers], like the feast of a king. And Nabal's amood was joyous because he was very drunk; so she told him nothing at all until the morning light. ³⁷ But in the morning, when aNabal was sober, and his wife told him these things, his aheart died within him and he became [paralyzed and helpless] like a stone. ³⁸ About ten days later, the LORD struck Nabal and he died.

David Marries Abigail

³⁹ When David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, "Blessed be the LORD, who has pleaded the cause of my reproach [suffered] at the hand of Nabal and has kept His servant from [retaliating with] evil. For the Lord has returned the wickedness of Nabal on his own head." Then David sent word to Abigail, proposing to take her as his wife. ⁴⁰ When the servants of David came to



Abigail at Carmel, they said to her, "David sent us to you to take you [to him] to be his wife." ⁴¹ And she stood and bowed with her face to the ground and said, "Behold, your maidservant is [ready to be] a maid to wash the feet of the servants of my lord." ⁴² Then Abigail quickly got up, and rode on a donkey, with five of her maidens who attended her; and she followed the messengers of David and became his wife.

⁴³ David had also taken Ahinoam of Jezreel, and they both became his wives.

⁴⁴ But Saul had given Michal his [younger] daughter, David's wife, to Palti the son of Laish, who was from Gallim.

Footnotes

- a. 1 Samuel 25:3 I.e. a descendant of Caleb.
- b. <u>1 Samuel 25:5</u> Lit *ask him of his peace* (welfare). It was customary to greet someone by asking him of his welfare (Heb *shalom*), like "How are you?" However, David specifies the greeting in v 6 without the actual question, so the question here (v 5) is just a way of saying, "greet him."
- c. 1 Samuel 25:6 Lit To life!
- d. 1 Samuel 25:8 The time of shearing was a time of celebration and generosity.
- e. <u>1 Samuel 25:8</u> David and his men had given protection to Nabal's flocks and shepherds, and it was appropriate for David to ask for compensation for this service.
- f. <u>1 Samuel 25:10</u> Nabal was insulting David and his men by implying that as far as he was concerned, they could be nothing but runaway slaves.
- g. 1 Samuel 25:17 Lit son of Belial.
- h. 1 Samuel 25:22 Lit who urinates against a wall.



- i. <u>1 Samuel 25:23 Lit fell</u>.
- j. 1 Samuel 25:24 Lit Falling.
- k. <u>1 Samuel 25:24</u> Lit in your ears.
- I. <u>1 Samuel 25:25</u> Lit set his heart to.
- m. 1 Samuel 25:25 Nabal means "worthless, good for nothing."
- n. 1 Samuel 25:27 Lit walk at the feet of.
- o. 1 Samuel 25:35 Lit took from her hand.
- p. <u>1 Samuel 25:35</u> Lit *lifted up your face*, an idiom used in various positive ways, probably based on the idea of a superior person permitting someone to look him in the eye.
- q. 1 Samuel 25:36 Lit heart.
- r. <u>1 Samuel 25:37</u> Lit the wine had gone out of.
- s. 1 Samuel 25:37 Nabal probably suffered a stroke.
- t. 1 Samuel 25:42 Lit walked at her feet.

The above information is some of the revelation I received while delving into Part 3 of Abigail's Story – She Understood the Assignment.

I feel it will be good to see how her story applies to our contemporary lives. So, let us not veer away from the hard questions of self-introspections so that we can be better, live better, do better, and learn how to act better. Abigail is one example of how to be that one who is better, blessed, and beloved by God.

Below are a few questions to ponder and do some self-reflection:

I asked myself, do I have a Nabal, or have I had a Nabal in my life? Was I a Nabal (foolish, hard-hearted, stubborn, and put off people who try to share wisdom)?

Do I truly know what my personal assignment is for my earthly life's journey? Do I understand and align myself with actively, intentionally, and persistently pursuing that which I ascribe as being my personal life's purpose?



A previous question has been put on the table – Where are my receipts? Where is the evidence that my talk lines up with my walk? Am I prayerfully engaging in activities that help me walk in wisdom?

If I was presented with a C.P.R. scenario, would I be apt to quickly address the Crisis (C.) know how to skillfully Pivot (P. – Provide and walk in wisdom for a course correction) to get to a place of Rebirth (R.) where I can now walk out of the chaos and into the calm and next-level paradigm for obtaining a visible, manifested, and full-fruition "BEST LIFE Ever!"

Let's talk about it and see what unfolds...

NOTES:

| N.O.W. (New-Beginnings is OUR Witness means to me what? |
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7 Keys letting us know that Abigail Understood the Assignment

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Wrap Up & Questions to ponder

Do we have the attributes, attitude, actions that align more like Abigail, Nabal, or David?

Do we stay in our lane when an offense comes against us OR do we want to act out in vengence?

Do we understand our personal, unique, assignment for existing?

Have we aligned with our assignment?

Do we have receipts and evidence that we are intentionally, purposely, fearlessly, faithfully, and with wisdom walking in and having manifested our personal lifelong assignment?