

**1 Samuel 25 - 26**  
**David in the Judean Wilderness**  
**Lesson 8**

As a fugitive, David showed his loyalty to Israel when he fought against the Philistines to protect God's people. David showed his loyalty to God and his respect for God's anointed king when he refused to kill King Saul when given the opportunity.

**David's Men and Nabal - 25:1-13**

1. What event is mentioned that set the stage for this part of the story? (vs. 1a)
2. David and his men had moved from the caves of En Gedi to the desert of Maon. This story begins with mention of Nabal, a very wealthy man who owned property in Carmel. How many animals did he own? (vs. 25:2)  

\_\_\_\_\_ Goats  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sheep
3. What was said about Nabal and his wife, Abigail? (vs. 3)  

Nabal Abigail
4. When David learned Nabal was sheering sheep, he sent ten of his men to greet him in David's name. What was their cheerful greeting? (vs. 6)
5. They were to remind Nabal that David and his men never stole anything or mistreated any of his shepherds. Then, what were they to ask Nabal? (vs. 8)
6. The men went directly to Nabal and asked as David had requested. In one word, what was Nabal's response? (vs. 10, 11)
7. When the men gave a word-for-word report to David, what was his reaction? (vs. 13)

**Abigail Takes Action - 25:14-44**

8. One of Nabal's servants went to his wife Abigail. Using 25:14-16:
- What did he say to Abigail about David's messengers?
  
  - But the master \_\_\_\_\_ at them
  - The men were \_\_\_\_\_ to us
  - did not \_\_\_\_\_ us
  - \_\_\_\_\_ was missing
  - were a \_\_\_\_\_ around us
9. Why did the servant go to Abigail? (vs. 17)
10. Abigail immediately took action, loading the donkeys with: (vs. 18)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Loaves of bread
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Skins of wine
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Dressed sheep
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Seahs (bushels) of roasted grain
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Cakes of raisins
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Cakes of pressed figs
11. Abigail sent her servants ahead with the donkeys. What did she do regarding her husband? (vs. 19)
12. Where did she and David meet? (vs. 20)
13. Try to put yourself into this story. Imagine you are Abigail, a woman riding alone in the mountains and meet an army riding toward you. What was in David's mind at the time? (vs. 21, 22)
14. How did Abigail respond to the situation? (vs. 23, 24)

15. What did she tell David regarding: (vs. 25)
  - Nabal?
  
  - Herself?
16. Where did Abigail get her confidence? (vs. 26)
17. What three reasons did she give David in asking him to forgive Nabal? (vs. 28)
18. She reminded David the Lord was the one protecting him and one day the Lord would make him king. What was her final appeal to David? (vs. 31a)
19. What was her personal request? (vs. 31b)
20. David did listen to Abigail and thanked her for being God's messenger. What was his reason for asking the Lord's blessing upon her? (vs. 33)
21. What did David confess to Abigail? (vs. 34)
22. Why did Abigail not tell Nabal immediately? (vs. 36)
23. The next morning when Abigail did tell Nabal what she had done, what was his reaction? (vs. 37, 38)
24. When David received news of Nabal's death, what did he ask Abigail? (vs. 39)
25. List David's wives, including Saul's daughter. (vs. 42-44)

**David Spares Saul's Life Again - 26:1-26**

26. Once again the Ziphites informed the King of David's hiding place. What was Saul doing when David first spotted him? (vs. 1-5)
27. David and his nephew Abishai crept into Saul's camp. What did Abishai say when he saw the King asleep? (vs. 8)
28. Summarize David's answer to Abishai. (vs. 9-11a)
29. What did David ask Abishai to do? (vs. 11b)
- Was he successful? (vs. 12)
30. After putting some distance between them, summarize what David yelled to Saul's commander Abner. (vs. 14-16)
31. Saul recognized David's voice and called him, "David, my son." What did David ask Saul? (vs. 18)
32. After David gave his defense, what did Saul finally: (vs. 21)
- Admit:
  - Promise:
  - Say he acted like:
33. After telling Saul to send someone to get his things, what did David say about the Lord? (vs. 23)
- He rewards \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- He delivered \_\_\_\_\_.
- But I would not \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord's anointed.
34. When David asked that the Lord value his life as he had valued Saul's, what was Saul's reply? (vs. 25a)

After that they went their separate ways.