

ADMIRABLE ABIGAIL

I Samuel 25

**Tonight we'll consider how this lovely women
with a lousy husband, this admirable
Abigail, aids David.**

I. A SITUATION ESCALATES (4-13, 21-22)

A. FAVOR DENIED (4-12)

1. David's Request (4-9)
2. Nabal's Refusal (10-12)
3. David's men return and report the situation (12)

B. FURY DETERMINED (13, 22-23)

1. "This means war!" (13)
2. "You deserve destruction!" (21-22)

II. THE SITUATION ADDRESSED (14-31)

- This women steps in between a bully and a bonehead ...!

A. ACTION (14-20)

1. Information (14-16)
2. Expectation (17)
3. Initiative (18-20)

B. ATTITUDE (21-25)

1. Respectfulness (21-23)
 - a. Situation (21-22)
 - b. Submission (23-24)
2. Skillfulness (25)
 - a. Admitting her husband's foolishness
 - b. Distancing herself from her husband's decision

C. INTERVENTION (26-31)

1. Perspective (26)
2. Provision (27)
3. Pardon (28a)
4. Praise (28b-29)
5. Protection (30-31a)
6. Plea (31b)

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III. **THE SITUATION RESOLVED** (32-42)

A. DAVID'S ASSESSMENT (32-35)

1. God sent you (32)
2. God used you to keep me from sinning (33-34)
3. I respect you (35)

B. ABIGAIL'S HUSBAND (36-38)

1. Drunk (36)
2. Informed (37a)
3. Afflicted (37b)
4. Struck down (38)

C. DAVID'S RESOLVE (39-40)

1. Praise God (39a)
2. Propose to Abigail (39b-40)

D. ABIGAIL'S COOPERATION (41-42)

1. Willing to serve (41)
2. Ready to wed (42)

CONCLUSION

1. **Some Observations:**

- a. Diffusing impulsive wrath is desirable
- b. Understanding people is commendable
- c. Wise words are remarkable
- d. Waiting on God is noble

2. **Inspiration:**

- a. Though surrounded by fools we can still be faithful!
- b. Admirable Abigail is a worthy example to emulate.