



**Series:** Unsung Heroes

**Sermon:** Part 10: Blessed Are The Peacemakers: Abigail & The Servant

**Date:** Sunday, September 8th, 2024

*“... the punishment must match the injury: a life for a life, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth...” (Exodus 21:23-24 NLT)*

*Scriptures referenced in sermon message: 1 Samuel 25:1-35*

*“Don’t take any money in your money belts - no gold, silver, or even copper coins. Don’t carry a traveler’s bag with a change of clothes and sandals or even a walking stick. Don’t hesitate to accept hospitality, because those who work deserve to be fed.” (Matthew 10:9-10 NLT)*

**Abigail’s Character and Actions In The Midst of Impending Tragedy:**

- 1. Abigail acts \_\_\_\_\_ and decisively**
- 2. Abigail shows \_\_\_\_\_ in the face of conflict and danger**
- 3. Abigail \_\_\_\_\_ herself and takes the blame**

*A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare. (Proverbs 15:1 NLT)*

- 4. Abigail, in \_\_\_\_\_ and courage, speaks truth to power**

*“You have heard the law that says the punishment must match the injury: ‘An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also. If you are sued in court and your shirt is taken from you, give your coat, too. If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles. Give to those who ask, and don’t turn away from those who want to borrow. You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!” (Matthew 5:38-44)*



**Abigail Teaches Us:**

**1. To \_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of others**

**2. The importance of acting \_\_\_\_\_**

*“If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and He will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.”  
(James 1:5)*

**3. To act \_\_\_\_\_ when we have the opportunity**

*“Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry.” (Ephesians 4:26 NLT)*

**4. To approach conflict in \_\_\_\_\_ and with generosity**

**5. To speak truth in \_\_\_\_\_, to challenge injustice, and to rely on God when doing His will**

*“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.”  
(Romans 5:1-2 NIV)*

**Bottom Line:** *“God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.”  
(Matthew 5:9)*

***Questions to reflect on this week or with others:***

- 1. Have you ever helped someone who has not acknowledged what you have done for them and instead they ignored or insulted you? Have you felt judged by people in your life when you needed help?*
- 2. In what ways may God be inviting you to show generosity and faithfulness in the midst of conflict?*
- 3. Do you usually approach conflicts in humility or with self-righteousness?*
- 4. In what situations do you need to respond more immediately and decisively?*

*Songs used in service: Better (Pat Barrett), Jireh (Maverick City Music & Elevation Worship), Is He Worthy? (Shane & Shane), The Jesus Way (Phil Wickham)*

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**Any prayer requests?**

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**What can we be praying for you about?**