

Women of the Bible:

Abigail

First: Start with the facts from each passage:

Second: What would her life have been like at this time

Third: What traits do we discover about her

Fourth: How did God work through this person, even after their mistake(s)

Fifth: What inspiration or lessons can be learned?

I Samuel 25:2, 3

I Samuel 25:14-35

I Samuel 25:35-44

I Samuel 27:1-3

I Samuel 30:3-6, 18-20

2 Samuel 2:1-7

I Chronicles 3:1

Lessons for Our Lives:

DID YOU NOTICE:

Abigail means: “father’s joy ” or “Father rejoiced”.

I Samuel 25:2, 3 Her husband was surly and mean, while she is intelligent and beautiful. His wealth, made her a woman of importance and standing.

I Samuel 25:14-35 She takes the initiative to protect her husband and his interests. She (a woman of standing) shows humility before David (who would be considered an “outlaw”). She acts to part of a servant and treats David as the lord or master. Note her confidence of how God will bless David.

I Samuel 25:36-44 David quickly takes Abigail as his wife after her husband's death. She is a bright, beautiful, supportive woman of means and would strengthen his position in Judah.

I Samuel 27:1-3 Abigail and Ahinoam (another of David’s wives) stay with him, as he takes refuge in enemy territory.

I Samuel 30:3-6, 18-20 Abigail and Ahinoam are rescued by David and his men.

2 Samuel 2:1-7 Abigail continues to have the lower position in the household, but stays with David.

2 Samuel 3:2-5 (I Chronicles 3:1) Abigail’s sons name is Kileab (2 Sam.) or Daniel (I Ch.). If David’s first 4 sons, only Abigail’s avoids major stumble (such as Amnon’s rape of step-sister) or threatening to take the throne (Absalom & Adonijah).