

Nabals gonna Nabal.

Proverbs 12:15

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.

Scenes of stubbornness

- Nabal: 1 Samuel 25:2 *The man was very rich...³ harsh and badly behaved...^{14b} railed at them...^{17b} he is such a worthless man that one cannot speak to him...³⁶ And Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunk.*
- Abigail: *...was discerning and beautiful* – 1 Samuel 25:3
- David: Provided free security to Nabal's business – 1 Samuel 25:7b-8a *Now your shepherds have been with us, and we did them no harm, and they missed nothing all the time they were in Carmel. ⁸ Ask your young men, and they will tell you.*
- Reaches out with a reasonable request – 1 Samuel 25:8b *Therefore let my young men find favor in your eyes, for we come on a feast day. Please give whatever you have at hand to your servants and to your son David.*
- Nabal unleashes – 1 Samuel 25:10a-11 *Who is David? Who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants these days who are breaking away from their masters. ¹¹ Shall I take my bread and my water and my meat that I have killed for my shearers and give it to men who come from I do not know where?*
- David reacts – 1 Samuel 25:13a *Every man strap on his sword!*
- Abigail intervenes – 1 Samuel 25:24 *She fell at his feet and said, "On me alone, my lord, be the guilt. Please let your servant speak in your ears, and hear the words of your servant."*

- David relents – 1 Samuel 25:35 *Then David received from her hand what she had brought him. And he said to her, “Go up in peace to your house. See, I have obeyed your voice, and I have granted your petition.”*
- Nabal’s physical and spiritual heart align – 1 Samuel 25:36-38 *And Abigail came to Nabal, and behold, he was holding a feast in his house, like the feast of a king. And Nabal’s heart was merry within him, for he was very drunk. So she told him nothing at all until the morning light. ³⁷ In the morning, when the wine had gone out of Nabal, his wife told him these things, and his heart died within him, and he became as a stone. ³⁸ And about ten days later the Lord struck Nabal, and he died.*

Replacing stubbornness with discernment

- Nabals gonna Nabal. Don’t let Nabals steal your joy.
- Regularly ask God to give you wisdom.
- Remember the source of your success.
- Resist the rant: Proverbs 29:11 *A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back.*