

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

## **Confronting David**

What words defining David come to mind when you think of him?

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For me, first up is **Warrior!**

- From shepherd boy to king, he never lost a fight
- A lion & a bear, defending his father's flocks
- Goliath, defending the honor of God's name
- Every enemy army that came against him

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I then think of him as **extravagant worshipper & lover of God**

- Also, Poet, songwriter, man of prayer, devoted friend
- Repentant sinner & King, subject to God's will (**II Samuel 15 & 16**)

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As with all of us, his actions do not define him...

- **His actions reveal his character & convictions**

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I want to consider two of David's character attributes today:

- His **wisdom & humility**, revealed in this story,
- And how he acquired them that day

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- **I Samuel 25:2-35**

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God brought wisdom & humility to David that day **through an unlikely source...**

- **A woman** he had never met, the wife of the man he was going to kill
- She delivered them through **her demonstration of them both**
- He acquired them by **receiving them from her**

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This story is as much about **giving & receiving** them...

- As it is about the wisdom & humility themselves

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I believe for Abigail & David both, **Humility leads the way**

- Humility **opens the door** to wisdom
- There is no godly wisdom **without humility**
- **James 3:17**

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She **used humility** to offer the **wisdom** needed

- **Vs. 23-25**, Now when Abigail saw David, she dismounted quickly from the donkey, fell on her face before David, and bowed down to the ground. So she fell at his feet and said: "On me, my lord, on me let this iniquity be! And please let your maidservant speak in your ears, and hear the words of your maidservant. Please, let not my lord regard this scoundrel Nabal. For as his name is, so is he: Nabal is his name, and folly is with him! But I, your maidservant, did not see the young men of my lord whom you sent.

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He embraced humility to **receive the wisdom from her**

- **Vs. 33**, And blessed is your advice and blessed are you, because you have kept me this day from coming to bloodshed and from avenging myself with my own hand.

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They both acknowledged God as the source

- Abigail, **Vs. 26**, Now therefore, my lord, as the Lord lives and as your soul lives, **since the Lord has held you back from coming to bloodshed and from avenging yourself with your own hand**

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- David, **Vs. 32**, Then David said to Abigail: **"Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me!**

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How important is wisdom?

**Proverbs 4:7**, Wisdom is the principal thing; **Therefore get wisdom**. And in all your getting, get understanding.

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Knowledge knows **what's going on**.

Wisdom knows **what to do**.

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**Proverbs 2, 3, 4 & 8** and **James 1 & 3** all make it plain that wisdom is available to all who desire and seek it.

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It's interesting that **Proverbs 8 & 9** identify wisdom as **"her"** & **"she"**

- **Proverbs 8** identifies her as God's close companion...
- Carrying out His will

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**Proverbs 31** goes into great detail about the value of a wise woman

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**Philippians 2:1-8** identify Christ Jesus as making Himself humble...

- For the purpose of serving the Father in **the wisdom of faithful obedience**.

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What unlikely sources might the Lord use to deliver wisdom & humility to us?

What hindrances do we possess that could keep us from receiving from others?

Do we see humility as foundational to wisdom?