



Let every man be swift to hear,  
slow to speak, slow to wrath.

**James 1:19** (NIV)

# The Wise Woman

1 Samuel 25

"There are men hiding in the mountains!" whispered a worried shepherd.

"Don't be afraid," responded another. "Those are David's warriors. They protect us and never bother us."

David and his soldiers protected the shepherds carefully.

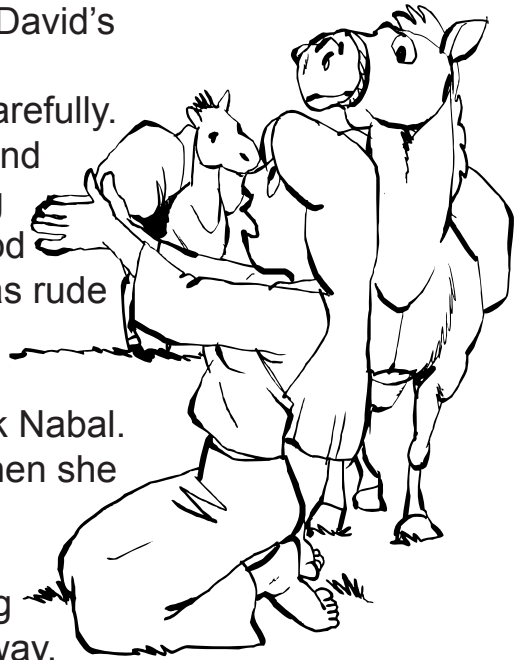
Nabal, the owner of those sheep, was very rich, and when it was time to shear the sheep, he threw a big party. So David sent some men to ask Nabal for food to share with his soldiers, but Nabal refused. He was rude and sent them away with nothing.

When they told David what Nabal did, David got mad. He took 400 soldiers and headed out to attack Nabal.

Nabal's wife, Abigail, was a very wise woman. When she heard what had happened, she loaded up donkeys with lots of food and met David on the way. She begged him to let God bring justice instead of taking it himself. So, David accepted the food and went away.

At home Abigail found Nabal drunk from the party. In the morning, she told him what happened. When Nabal heard, his heart failed. Ten days later, Nabal died.

David heard that and he was grateful that he had left justice in the hands of God. He sent a message and proposed to Abigail. She agreed and they got married.

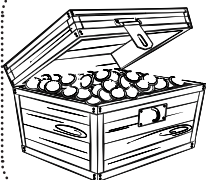


## What did we discover?

- 1) David's warriors \_\_\_\_\_ Nabal's shepherds.  
 BOTHERED                      PROTECTED                      ROBBED
- 2) Nabal \_\_\_\_\_ the men who came to ask for food for David.  
 MISTREATED                      HELPED                      HIRED
- 3) Abigail took \_\_\_\_\_ for David.  
 SHEEP                      FOOD                      SWORDS
- 4) David left \_\_\_\_\_ in the hands of God.  
 ANGER                      JUSTICE                      BUSINESS



**When I get angry, do I listen to good advice?**



**God's justice  
is the best.**

I leave justice  
in God's hands not in my own.



**God,  
Help me trust  
in Your justice  
and not try  
to take my own.**

