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When those around us react out of impulse or ignorance, seeking wisdom and sound judgment can save the day! Nabal's story shows us how his foolishness was saved by his wife's wisdom.

Nabal's arrogance caused him to snub David and David's pride in return shunned compassion. The short-term forecast was bleak, to say the least. But Abigail, Nabal's wife, timely intervened. In wisdom, one of the servants sought out Abigail urging,

"Now think it over and see what you can do, because disaster is hanging over our master and his whole household. He is such a wicked man that no one can talk to him," (1 Samuel 25:17).

It is interesting to note how the servant understood the need to wise intervention and went to Abigail who must have been known to act wisely in the past. Abigail did *"think it over"* and displayed good judgement. God used her to avert a massacre. Wisdom compelled her to act without Nabal's knowledge, to gather from the wealth of his household. It led her into the ravine and prompted the words that would save her household.

Abigail put her understanding into action! Her wise decision to courageously intervene, prevented a tragedy and brought about reconciliation.

After reading scripture consider these questions

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