

Women of Worth Bible Study
The Power of a Godly Woman: Studies in Abigail
What Do You Do When Trouble Comes - Handout
1 Samuel 25:14-18

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Facing Trouble with Godly Wisdom:

- 1 - The fact of the matter is that we are all going to face trouble at one time or another.
 - A - If you are anything like me, you will probably face it periodically.
 - 1 - Jesus told us very clearly, "In this world you will have trouble."
 - 2 - We should not be surprised when difficulties and challenges come.
 - 3 - But Jesus continued, "don't be afraid for I have overcome the world."
 - B - In Christ Jesus we know that we are more than conquerors. Romans 8:31-39
 - 1 - You can't be a conqueror unless you have something to overcome.
 - 2 - In reality, difficult times can become tremendous opportunities for our spiritual growth.
 - 3 - Remember, what the enemy means for evil, God intends for good.
 - C - We need to recognize that trouble and problems are a regular part of life and that our responses to those difficulties determine the outcome.
- 2 - When I look at our passage, I learn some things from the way that Abigail responded to the crisis she faced.
 - A - She didn't waste any time.
 - 1 - She didn't panic.
 - 2 - She didn't complain about her husband's foolishness.
 - 3 - She didn't get into a big fight with him.
 - 4 - She didn't call a meeting with all of the servants for suggestions.
 - 5 - Her walk with God was such that she felt confident in the decisions she was making. She operated in the wisdom He had given her.
 - a - This implies that she maintained a very close relationship with Him.
 - B - She focused on the problem and how to resolve it not on her emotions.
 - C - She took action, she began gathering the provisions that David had requested.
 - D - She was generous, giving David much more than he would have ever asked for.
 - E - She chose to put herself in danger by going out to encounter David face-to-face.

- F - She chose to become a courageous peacemaker.
- 3 - Let's look at principles found in Scripture that can help us navigate that problems we face in life.
 - A - Make a decision to honor God through the difficulty. 1 Cor. 10:31
 - 1 - Ask yourself how you can reveal God's power in this situation. 2 Cor. 4:7-10
 - B - Pray and give thanks in all situations, yes even this one. Philip. 4:6-7; 1 Th. 5:17-18
 - C - Ask God for wisdom. James 1:5
 - D - Obey God no matter what. Prov. 3:5-7
 - E - Cast our cares on the Lord. 1 Pet. 5:6-7
 - F - Faithfully forgive others, even those who have wronged you. Mat. 6:14-15, Eph. 4:32.