

Abigail Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Would it be easy to judge Abigail for tolerating Nabal's behavior?

Is it reasonable to assume that she had no choice about the marriage?

How is Abigail an example of dealing with a difficult person?

Is David's request for provisions reasonable?

Would David have been justified in retaliating after Nabal's response?

Would killing of Nabal's family really have been a blot on David's legacy?

What could Abigail have done rather than what she did?

Could it said that she was just protecting herself and her household?

What Biblically correct insight did she cite in her suggestion?

Is that anything like appealing to God on behalf of His own glory?

What do you think was going on in David's mind as he came up with his response?

What do you think were the reasons Abigail did not talk to Nabal right away?

Why do you think David proposed marriage to Abigail?

Picture the family politics of a royal multi-wife household.

Do you think Abigail would be likely to have had other suggestions for David?

Why might he have listened to her?

What lessons might there be for wives in abusive relationships?

What might be the lesson for married men who get suggestions from women?

How did David show the proper way to respond?

Is it likely that Nabal got advice from his wife prior to this incident?

How did Nabal fail to respond appropriately?

Could he have changed?

