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Have you ever lost it, I mean really lost it? I have and when I lost it, I'm laughing now but I have grieved over losing it because what I did was I acted like a fool. I'm not a fool but I acted like a fool in his folly and, O Beloved, my problem was I didn't follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit. I was angry and I was going to act. What do you do when you act like that? We'll talk about it today.

PART ONE

Sometimes, Beloved, when you find yourself in a wilderness situation what happens is you just blow it, I mean you've had it up to here and you blow it. You can be a wise man. You can be a man or a woman after God's own heart and yet if you're not careful, if you do not listen to wisdom then you can blow it and you can blow it royally. Well that's where David is. David is so upset with Nabal that he has come to put Nabal and all of his men to

death, I mean he is ready to wipe ‘em out because Nabal has refused to give of his plenty to supply David and his men when David and his men have protected Nabal’s shepherds. It is not like Nabal doesn’t have anything. This is a very very wealthy man and thank God that he has an intelligent woman, a woman of good understanding and she happens to be very attractive on top of that. Well where we left in our last lesson David was on his way and Abigail met him on his way and now she is talking to him, now she is sharing with him what is going on and what she does is she acknowledges what David is facing. I want to go back and I want to pick up in 1 Samuel chapter 25, verse 25, and listen to Abigail’s words to David. She says, **“Please do not let my lord pay attention to this worthless man, Nabal, for as his name is, so [he is]. Nabal is his name...,”** which means foolish, you know, **“...and folly is with him; but I your maidservant did not see the young men of [the] lord whom you sent.” (25:25)** Now let’s just stop and put a cross reference here because I want you to see that a fool acts in his folly. Folly is the description of the actions of a fool and I want you to go Proverbs chapter 13, verse 16, Proverbs chapter 13, verse 16. Now I’ve told you that there are many references to a fool in Proverbs. They’re in the 30’s, they’re in the middle 30’s. But in Proverbs chapter 13, verse 16 it says, **“Every prudent man acts with knowledge....” “Every prudent man acts with knowledge, but a fool displays folly.” (Proverbs 13:16)** In other words he does not act appropriately. Now what you have is you have a contrast here, a contrast between David who is a man after God’s own heart and Nabal who is a fool and folly is his name. But what you find in this verse is that **“Every prudent man acts with knowledge...,”** but David is not about to act with knowledge. David is about to blow it and so Abigail, as she talks to him, remember in verse 28 she says, **“Please forgive the transgression of your maidservant; for the Lord will certainly make...my lord an enduring house because my lord is fighting the battles of the Lord....”(1 Samuel 25:28a)** Now that’s knowledge and what

Abigail is doing, is she's reminding David of truth, she's calling David not to blow it not to react but to respond according to truth. And so she goes on to say, **"...and evil [may] not be found in you all your days." (25:28b)** Now evil is about to be found in him and when you and I blow it, darlin', or Sir, when we blow it, then evil is found in us and I will tell you why it is evil, because it's of the flesh and the **"...flesh profits nothing...." (NKJV, John 6:63b)** The things that the flesh produces end up in disaster and that's why we have to learn to walk as I've taught you earlier, by the Spirit so that we will not fulfill the desires of the flesh. He says, **"...the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh...." (Galatians 5:17)** So it is normal, it is natural to act this way. To act apart from knowledge to just play the fool and to act in your folly because you've had it. That's what the flesh does and that's why when the flesh is desiring and crying out for satisfaction, you've got to put it into the gear, you've got to put it into overdrive and overdrive the flesh by walking in the Spirit. Well she's reminding him of truth. She goes on to say in verse 29: **"Should anyone rise up to pursue you and to seek your life, then the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living with the Lord your God; but the lives of your enemies He will sling out as...the hollow of a sling." (1 Samuel 25:29)** In other words, God's gonna take your enemies and he's gonna sling them out. God slings them out, not you. And see this is what David is about to do. David is a wise man, but he's not about to act in his knowledge, he's about to act like a fool and do something foolish. He's acting in his folly, and so when he does this, wisdom comes along, Abigail, this woman of good understanding comes along and says, ["Now wait a minute David, let's consider this. It's God's job to take care of your enemies and God will take care of your enemies. It's your job to be everything that God wants you to be."] (25:28-29) And that's what God wants to say to you today. God wants you and God wants me to know, hey, you're not going to accomplish anything by blowing it, you're not going to accomplish anything

by walking according to your own understanding, by just letting ‘er rip, if you do you are going to regret it. Watch what she goes on to say, **“And when the Lord does for my lord according to all the good that He has spoken concerning you, and appoints you ruler over Israel.” (25:30)** She’s reminding him of his high calling. You say, “ But I’ll never be a ruler over anything.” Listen, if you’re a child of God, you are a [kingdom of priests unto God.] (Revelation 5:10a) And the Bible tells us in Revelation chapter 5 that [you are going to rule and reign with Him on the Earth.] (Revelation 5:10) So what you’re going through now is like a preparatory school. You’re in a private school, in a prep school that is preparing you for eternity, don’t blow it. I’m not saying you’re going to miss eternity I’m just going to say that you’re gonna be ashamed. You don’t blow it when you don’t have to, and you and I, if we have the Spirit of God living inside of us, if we are true children of God we don’t have to blow it, we only blow it when we choose to ignore the Spirit and walk by the flesh. And then she goes on to say, **“This will not cause grief or a troubled heart to my lord, both by...[shedding] blood without cause and by my lord...,”** now watch, this is so important, **“...having avenged himself....” (25:31a)** You know God tells us in the Old Testament. God tells us in the New Testament that “[vengeance is of the Lord],” says God. He reminds us in Romans chapter 13 as Paul writes to the church at Rome, he is reminding them, from chapter 12 through chapter 16, how they are to walk in the light of what the gospel has done in their lives. And he tells them that they are not to take vengeance, and he quotes the Old Testament. So we’re not to avenge ourselves. We’re to let God do the avenging, and what David is on, he is not on a military mission, he is not getting rid of the enemy as God told him to do and told the children of Israel to do, no this is another Jew. And David is acting in his anger, he is acting in his fury, and he is blowing it. And so God, because He loves David comes along and sends Abiygayil or how ever you want to say it. Abigail is what we say, they say Abiygayil. And so God sends her, a

woman of good understanding, and she's not hard to look at either, alright. And she says, **"this will not cause grief or troubled heart to my lord..."** (25:31a) If you blow it, I guarantee you, if you blow it you're going to feel bad about it, you're going to feel bad it's going to bring grief it's going to bring a troubled heart, and there's so many people that I know that are living with a troubled heart because they did blow it, because they moved out of God's timing. Now remember this, David is in the wilderness. This is another kind of wilderness experience. And when you and I are in a wilderness, when we are going through this time when life is difficult, and where they're all sorts of tests and trials, and when we haven't really come to our full potential or have not achieved what we believe God has for our life, but we're in this waiting period and we're in this holding path, or we're in this place of testing and trial and temptation it is so easy to blow it. I know so many men and women that have walked out of a marriage and then deeply regret it because they didn't go according to the Scriptures. I know many many people that have just made decisions and they have spent money when they shouldn't have and now they're living with the consequences, other decisions that they did not seek God on, and so this puts them in a difficult situation. Do you understand what I'm talking about? Are you able to say, "Been there, done that, I understand. I've been there and I've done that," not on divorce (laughing), fortunately, but I've been there and I've done that and I can remember when I, who am a wise woman because I know the Word, played the fool and acted in my folly. Well she goes on to say, **"...[shedding] blood without cause and by my lord having avenged himself. When the Lord deals well with my lord, then remember your maidservant."** (25:31b) Now what's the next thing that she does? She says, ["I know that you're gonna rise to the occasion. I know that you're gonna be the man that you ought to be."] (25:31) Isn't that wonderful? Don't we all need that encouragement? Don't we need that help, don't we need that hope?

I know you're gonna be the man, the woman you ought to be. We'll talk about it more when I come back.

PART TWO

Welcome back, Beloved, I've got good news for you, listen to what David does. He acts as a wise man. He doesn't play the fool with a fool. In verse 32, **"Then David said to [Abigail], 'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me, and blessed be your discernment, and blessed be you, who have kept me this day from bloodshed and from avenging myself by my own hand.'" (1 Samuel 25:32-33)** ["I am so thankful that God sent you and I am so thankful for you and I am so thankful that you have brought me to my senses."] You say, "I wish I had a good looking Abigail." Well you may not have a good looking Abigail but I want to tell you, you have the wisdom of God and you have the wisdom of God in the Word, and, I mean, he didn't have all that you and I have. You and I have the whole counsel of God. You and I have everything that is necessary, everything that pertains to life, and Godliness, is in this Book, everything so that you and I might walk uprightly. So that you and I might take the path of righteousness, it's all here. You have more than a good looking Abigail (laughing), you have the wisdom of God. And so I wrote in my Bible "The Wisdom of God is your Abigail." Listen, the wisdom of God is your Abigail, listen, and it is beautiful, just like Abigail, alright, so God uses her to stop him. Now watch in verse 34, he says, **"Nevertheless, as the Lord [your] God of Israel lives, who has restrained me from harming you, unless you had come quickly to meet me, surely there would not have been left to Nabal until the morning light as much as one male." (25:34)** [I would've killed every man if you hadn't gotten here in time.] Now what does that tell you? Well what that tells you is, it's a verse in Isaiah and right now I can't remember where it is, but it's a verse in Isaiah and it says, **"...He awakens [my ear] morning by morning...to**

listen as a disciple....” (Isaiah 50:4b) And that’s why, Beloved, it is so important for you to begin your day with God. I think not just end your day with God, but to begin your day with God and I will tell you why. Because you’re getting ready to go up and out into the world, and so you’ve got to know the Word that is going to sustain you in the world. Now, how do you do that? Well, this program’s part of that plan. I mean, God has laid it on our heart to have *Precepts For Life* because we are looking for people who are looking for truth and who want to discover it for themselves. Who are willing to discipline themselves to do Bible study, Who are willing to go through the Bible book by book, chapter by chapter, verse by verse. And so we have all sorts of tools even beyond this program to help you. You can do Online Bible studies with us, you can go deeper in all sorts of ways for children, for teens, for adults. You want to know more? I hope you want to know more. I’ve prayed you want to know more. So just go Online to preceptsforlife.com, that’s preceptsforlife.com and while you’re there, you can download the study guide so that you can learn how to study the Bible inductively. By inductively, I mean that you go straight to the Word of God yourself to get God’s understanding of His word, and anyone can do it. It’s not matter of education, it’s a matter of relationship to God and if you are a born again child of God, if you have been saved, if you have believed in the Lord Jesus Christ and you’re life has changed, you have a resident tutor. You have God the Spirit inside of you to lead you and guide you into all truth and the purpose of this program is to help you do that, to give you means and skills for doing that. Well, this is what I wrote, it says, “**...unless you had come quickly to meet me...**” (1Samuel 25:34b) Now one of the things that we tell you is mark the time references, and this what I mean by having to be in the Word of God regularly so that the Word of God can come quickly to your remembrance, and you’ll find that what you read every single day, God will use in one way or another. It’s awesome, it’s supernatural, it’s divine. You don’t want to miss it, it’s exciting. Alright

now, verse 35, **“So David received from her hand what she had brought...,”** the food, **“...[to] him and said to her, ‘Go...to your house in peace. See, I have listened to you and granted your request.’” (25:35)** Now, he’s listened. I want you to go to Proverbs chapter 12, verse 15. Proverbs chapter 12, verse 15. And, by the way, if you can read a chapter of Proverbs every day, there’s one for every day of the month, then you are going to learn so much. Proverbs chapter 12 and it is verse 15. **“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes....” (Proverbs 12:15a)** So if you say you know, “I blew it, I couldn’t help it, they had it coming,” you’re playing the fool. And you’re saying it’s right in your eyes and God is saying it’s never right for you to blow it because then you’re not walking by the Spirit. But watch, **“...But a wise man is he who listens to counsel.” (Proverbs 12:15b)** David was a wise man. He listened to the counsel of this woman of good understanding. Verse 36, **“Then [Abiygayil] came to Nabal, and behold, he was holding a feast in his house, like the feast of a king....” (1 Samuel 25:36a)** I mean he was a wealthy man. **“...And Nabal’s heart was merry within him, for he was very drunk; she did not tell him anything at all until the morning light.” (25:36b)** I mean why tell a drunk what’s going on? He won’t remember it. **“But in the morning, when the wine had gone out of Nabal, his wife told him these things, and his heart died within him so that he became as a stone.” (25:37)** He probably went into cardiac arrest and he’s just lying there slowly dying. **“About ten days later, the Lord struck Nabal and he died.” (25:38)** Now isn’t that what she said? God is going to avenge and God did avenge. God says, **“...Vengeance is Mine, I will repay....” (Romans 12:19b)** Listen, the unjust and wicked will not get away with their wickedness. Sometimes it looks like it, but it ain’t gonna happen honey, because there’s a righteous God in Heaven. **“When David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, ‘Blessed be the Lord, who has pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal and has kept back his servant from evil....’” (1 Samuel 25:39a)** [God you are so

good. You took him out. You kept me from taking him out. You kept me from having all this grief and this blood shed on his hand.] **“...The Lord has also returned the evildoing of Nabal on his own head....” (25:39b)** And, Beloved, if you’re married to a fool, if you’re living with a fool, you need to read Proverbs. Mark every reference to a fool, but listen, don’t take your own vengeance, God will deal with the fool. **“...Then David sent a proposal to [Abiygail], to take her as his wife. [And] when the servants of David came to [Abiygail] at Carmel, they spoke to her saying, ‘David has sent us...to take you as his wife’...[So] she arose and bowed with her face to the ground and said, ‘Behold, your maidservant is a maid to wash the feet of my lord’s servants.’ Then [Abiygail] quickly arose, and rode on a donkey, with her [fine] five maidens who attended her; and she followed the messengers of David and became his wife.” (25:39c-42)** Oh what do you see? You see David married to a woman of good understanding. Here’s a picture, Beloved, here’s a picture. You need to be married to wisdom. You need to have good understanding. You’re getting knowledge now, we’re getting knowledge, we’re learning these things, but wisdom is applying that knowledge. Wisdom is to depart from evil. Wisdom is to know God and act accordingly. Don’t blow it, act the wise person.