

Women of wisdom and courage are noted often in the Old Testament - see the stories of Deborah and Jael (Judges 4), and the woman of Abel Beth Maachah. (2 Samuel 20:14-22) Abigail belongs on that list for the way she prevented David from committing a massacre.

Before King Saul died and David became king, David and his army were a paramilitary force in the land. After David protected the servants of a wealthy man named Nabal ("fool"), David asked Nabal for provisions for his men. (1 Samuel 25) When Nabal refused, David gathered his army and went to attack Nabal. When Nabal's wife, Abigail, heard of David's plan, she gathered provisions and intercepted David and his army - without telling Nabal. She apologized for Nabal's behavior, and begged David to avoid needless bloodshed. David accepted her gifts and her courageous counsel, and called off the attack. David was so impressed with Abigail's wisdom and courage, that after Nabal's death he took Abigail as his wife.

Sometimes life calls for bold moves like Abigail's. Wisdom plus courage will often bring Godly results.

1 Samuel 25:23 "Now when Abigail saw David, she dismounted quickly from the donkey, fell on her face before David, and bowed down to the ground."