

WIDOWS OF THE BIBLE

ABIGAIL: INTRODUCTION

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When I completed my lessons on the Book of Ruth I was sad that I had run out of verses to study. I had been so encouraged by the lessons I gleaned from the lives of Naomi and Ruth. Thus, I decided to continue with the theme of how God cared for the widows of the Bible.

Abigail is one of my favorite Bible characters. She was a living example of the Proverbs 31 Virtuous Woman. She was a capable wife who worked tirelessly and managed her household well. She was an asset to her husband, who was, unfortunately, an arrogant, drunken fool. And, when his folly jeopardized his own life and the lives of his male servants it was Abigail who saved the day.

This beautiful, intelligent, courageous, and godly woman faced down David and 400 seasoned soldiers who were out for blood. God used Abigail to turn David from his murderous intent and bring him to the realization that he was about to commit a great sin.

I don't want to spoil the story if you are not familiar with it, but be assured that the churlish husband gets his comeuppance. While Abigail did not remain a widow for very long after her first husband died, her story provides life lessons for anyone dealing with difficult circumstances. The hand of God can be detected in every phase of her life. The same God Who worked in Abigail's life is working in my life, too. And, yours.