#### Sermon Notes for Sunday, August 20, 2023

- 23 When Abigail saw David, she quickly got off her donkey and bowed low before him.
- 24 She fell at his feet and said, "I accept all blame in this matter, my lord. Please listen to what I have to say.

  1 Samuel 25:23-24

# "7 Biblical Steps to Resolving Conflict" (Part 2)

- 1) David's conflict with a man named Nabal (1 Samuel 25 NLT)
  - A) The Hebrew Meaning of Nabal's name is "Fool"
  - B) David asked for compensation for his valuable service to Nabal. (1 Samuel 25:4-9)
  - C) Nabal's reply to David (1 Samuel 25:10-13)
  - D) David reacts to Nabal's reply (1 Samuel 25:12-13)
- 2) Abigail hears about Nabal's response to David. (1 Samuel 25:14-17)
  - A) Abigail prepares to face David (1 Samuel 25:18-19)
  - B) The Hebrew Meaning of Abigail's name is "My Father's joy or My Father is joyful"
  - C) Abigail's method of resolving the conflict between David and Babal (1 Samuel 25:20-28)
  - D) David replies to Abigail (1 Samuel 25:32-35)
  - E) God's Response to Nabal's Attitude (1 Samuel 25:36-38)

There are **7 biblical steps** to resolving conflict

### **Step #1 Take the initiative**

"If you're standing before the altar in the Temple, giving an offering to God, and you suddenly remember someone has something against you leave your offering there beside the altar. Go at once and first be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your gift to God." Matthew 5:23-24 (NLT)

- A) Deal with your fear of the conflict
  - Courage to face fear comes from the Holy Spirit—(2 Timothy 1:7 NLT)
- B) The Timing
  - Timing is everything in conflict resolution
- C) <u>Plan a Sit-down</u>Right \_\_\_\_\_Right \_\_\_\_\_
  - Pray \_\_\_\_\_
  - Right

### **Step #2 Confess your part of the conflict**

- A) Remember, it takes two to have a conflict
- B) Apologize for your part
- C) Jesus said in (Matthew 7:3, 5 NCV)

## Step 3 "Listen for the Hurt"

"Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry." **James 1:19 (NLT)** 

- A) Hurt people hurt people
- B) Out of that hurt comes conflict
- C) If we're going to resolve the conflict; we start with good listen
  - Good Listening \_\_\_\_\_\_
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