

Life Applications

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1 Sam 25/Rom 12:18-21

When Righteousness Meets Grace

The story at 1 Sam 25 is not entirely clear about the arrangement David had with Nabal. Why might David have been so hot with anger that he felt comfortable making a vow to God (vv.10-17, 22)?

How is David's vow different from Saul's in 1 Sam 14:24-29, 43-45? Neither one fulfilled his vow; what did that imply?

Abigail was thinking about David's future. Have you ever been talked out of doing something foolish that would still be affecting you today had you gone ahead and done it (Proverbs 12:14-15)?

Who are the obvious best counselors in your life (Psalm 1:1; Prov 13:1)? Who have been the least expected counselors God sent?

Why was Jesus justified in acting on His anger when He cleared temple (Mark 11:15-19)? Have you ever expressed righteous or prophetic anger that had no tint of selfishness? What were the results? Why might this be a difficult/dangerous example of Jesus to follow? (Were there some things He did that we can't pull off very well or at all?)

What are some of the best examples you have seen of Christians making difficult, but right choices (1 Cor 11:1)?