



GroveGROUPS Sermon Guide

“The Tale of Two Men” ~ Bill Clark ~ June 19th, 2022

OVERVIEW

This week we are celebrating Father’s Day. This day can mean different things to different people based on our individual experiences or lack of experiences with our earthly fathers. To explore what “biblical manhood” looks like, we’ll dive into an Old Testament story about two men- David and Nabal.

Through their choices, and the voice of a wise women, we’ll discover not just what it means to be the men God desires but the women, teenagers and children He desires too.

ICEBREAKER

What is a lesson your dad taught you? This can be a good life lesson or something you learned about life from choices your dad made. What would be a lesson you hope others learn from you?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Leaders- *the text today is a long one. Take time before your group meets to read the entire passage of 1 Samuel 25. Below are some key verses you can focus on but knowing the story before hand could enhance your ability to facilitate deeper discussion.*

READ *David’s side of the story- 1 Samuel 25: 4-9*

READ *Nabal’s side of the story- 1 Samuel 25: 10-11*

READ *David’s reaction to Nabal- 1 Samuel 25: 12-13*

READ *Abigail’s wisdom- 1 Samuel 25: 18-24, 32-34*

1. Describe the response Nabal had for David. What was David’s response to Nabal? What was the turning point in the story? (Hint- Abigail!)
2. Would you consider yourself someone who: “Acts before thinking” or “Thinks before acting.” How could both of these responses lead to positive outcomes? How could both of these responses lead to negative outcomes?
3. What kinds of situations or circumstances provoke a negative response from you? Do you get mad at the call in the big game? Do you feel anger when the driver in front of you cuts you off? Do social or political injustices make you react negatively? Share with your group something that prompts you to “act before you think.”
4. In this Old Testament story, one man turned toward God, the other didn’t. Who do you have in your life that can speak truth to you and help encourage you to continually turn back toward your heavenly Father?

SERMON QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“A man that God can use is one who admits he’s going the wrong way and does something about it.”

EXTRA CREDIT

MONDAY/TUESDAY

READ 1 John 4:7

Your heavenly Father wants to pour His love out on you so that you in turn pour it out on others that’s how we show we are HIS child. Who around you needs to know HIS love through you today?

WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY-

READ 2 Corinthians 13:11

This verse gives us wise words to live by. Do you have joy? Are you growing? Is there someone you could encourage today? Are you living in harmony with others? Take these words and apply them to your life, let the God of love and peace be with you today.

FRIDAY/SATURDAY

READ Galatians 4:7

If you have said yes to Jesus, you are a child of God. Earthly parents fail, but our heavenly Father knows and loves us more than any human ever will. Let that truth go with you this weekend.

NEXT STEPS

Ask yourself these three questions.

1. Where are you headed right now?
2. Is it the way God wants you to go?
3. If not, what are you going to do about it today? Your staff would love to help or encourage you to take whatever next step you feel you are ready to take. Text “next step” to 859-356-3162.