

The Women Who Knew . . .

Huldah, Miriam, Deborah, Abigail, Esther, Hannah and Sarah

Session 4 - Abigail: Words Win the Day

Talkback with Pastor Joong

I Samuel 25:18-35

- 1) Where is foolishness demonstrated in this scene? What do you suppose motivates Abigail to arbitrate within this conflict? Who has helped you to demonstrate mercy in a situation where you might otherwise have shown vitriol?

They Knew Something

- 2) Unlike her first husband, Abigail is no fool! List her most commendable attributes and behaviors in this scene. Why do you suppose she is remembered in the elite company of Jewish prophetesses? In the case of Abigail, what did she know?

Jesus and the Women

- 3) Review the miracle of healing in Mark 5:24b-34. What does this woman's words (v. 28) say about her? What is their role in her healing? Considering the law of Leviticus 15:25-31, describe the level of "risk" in this woman's behavior...and perhaps also in Jesus' response.

Go Deeper

- 4) Our study focuses on the contribution of the women, but for a moment, consider this scene from the male perspective. Abigail pleads with David: "*When the Lord has dealt well with my lord, then remember your servant.*" (v. 31). At the time, what does she mean? Over time, how and why does David remember Abigail? Which qualities about Abigail cause him to woo her (v. 39)? Would this episode in Hebrew history be so revered, if it did not end in a marriage for David?