



"The People In Our Lives"

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“The People Who Confront Us”

1 Samuel 25:2-42

Listen! “I don’t do other people’s trash!”

The Choice: Scream for the manager or walk away quietly.

The Difficulty: We know what we should do but we also feel what we want to do.

Major Issue: We are people with choices and our choices matter.

Three lives and four choices—a primer on personal choice: David, Nabal, Abigail.

Nabal’s Choice:

- Scorn:
- Continually harsh:
- Continually evil:
- Fool:

David’s First Choice:

- Enraged retaliation:
- Scorn hooked his maleness:
- Scorn hooked his childhood psyche as a step-child:

Abigail’s Choice:

- Intervene and confront:
- Intelligent:
- Beautiful:

David’s Second Choice:

- David humbles himself:
- Grateful abandonment of his destructive intentions:

What do we take away?

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The Ideas:

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Please take time this week to work on the life change applications from today's passage:

- **Today:** Have you had experiences of being scorned? Recently? Currently? How did it impact you? What did you do? Why?
- **Monday:** Have you had experiences of other people confronting you? How did it hit you? What did they do right? What did they do wrong? Did you feel cared for or belittled? What did you do in response to the confrontation?
- **Tuesday:** What is the emotional price of confronting another person? What is the relational risk of confronting another person?
- **Wednesday:** When does someone need confrontation?
- **Thursday:** What are the key aspects of a quality confrontation? What part does prayer play in the process? What part do other people play in the process?
- **Friday:** What is the hoped-for outcome of a confrontation?
- **Saturday:** Do you have someone in your network of friends and family members who needs to be confronted on something? Is God the Holy Spirit confronting you about something through the course of this discussion? Has someone confronted you about something that you never took care of?

"If someone pays the emotional price and takes the relationship risk to confront you—humble yourself and think it over."