

## ABIGAIL



“Abigail” was first documented in the Old Testament in the book of Genesis. She was the wife of an ungrateful husband named Nabal; and was very instrumental as a counselor in both this marriage and her eventual marriage to King David.

Her purpose included a gift to “see the big picture” in matters of critical importance; but she possessed many other skills and gifts as David found very attractive. These included:

- Sensible and capable
- Persuasive – but able to see beyond herself
- Strengthened in tough circumstances
- Seemingly unknown, yet used by God
- Homemaker

These gifts allowed Abigail to play such an important part in David’s life and he praised the Lord: “Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, who has sent you {Abigail} to me today! Thank God for your good sense! Bless you for keeping me from murdering the man {Nabal} and carrying out vengeance with my own hands”.

The name also applies to my only daughter, Abigail Rainer; who is the most precious young lady I have ever known and whom has brought me much joy in her early years. From her birth, touting a head full of black hair, to her horsemanship, she has given me much to be thankful for in my days as her father. How I wonder how you, “Abby”, are doing at age 12; and how I hope and pray to still be a father that I always wanted to be from your birth.

Be of courage, as David’s Abigail was in her time, and possess all the gifts and purpose that the Lord has planned for you. Hope, as I do, that we can have a relationship that sets in place some semblance of what your husband may one day be – one who values your gifts and holds you in high esteem through affirmation.

And now, as I have prayed before and as I will continue to pray, watch over this young precious girl and provide for her needs, her protection and her care. Please bring healing to her heart and fill her with joy that she may know she is loved by you, by her father, and by her family. Let her be encouraged and strengthened, even as David’s Abigail was in her time, that her purpose in God may realized in due time and celebrated all the days of her life and beyond.

Amen

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