

Discussion Questions:

Life of David: Part 7 – The Battle of Egos

1. What is one area where you find you have better-than-average patience?
What is one area where you have little-to-no patience?
2. 1 Samuel 25 reveals a sharp contrast between David’s remarkable patience toward Saul, who’s literally trying to kill him, and his near-murderous outrage at Nabal, who simply wounded his ego. In the sermon, Pastor Kent made four observations about anger:

a. **Anger is Serious, and Must not Be Ignored:**

* How was anger managed in your family growing up? Was this a helpful or unhelpful paradigm for you?

b. **We Need to Identify Anger’s Source:**

* What was the “emotion behind the emotion” for David? Why do you think he reacted so strongly to Nabal?

* Can you identify source causes behind things that make you angry (maybe the things from question #1 above?)

c. **We Must Acknowledge our Anger and Accept Responsibility:**

* Read Ephesians 4:26-27. What is the danger of not dealing with anger?

* What kinds of “opportunities for the devil” might we provide in refusing to deal with our anger?

d. **Remember that Anger Leads to Overreacting and Being Irrational:**

* What was David planning to do out of anger? (1 Sam. 25:12-13, 21-22, 33-34)

* How have you seen this truth play out:

On the road?

Online?

Elsewhere?

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3. Pastor Kent also drew our attention to Abigail, **a woman of character.**
 - a. Pastor Kent specifically noted Abigail's **humility, respect, and objectivity.**
 - * How do you see each of these characteristics at work in Abigail in 1 Sam. 25?
 - * Why are each of those characteristics important as we (male and female alike) deal with others?
 - b. Who are some other women of influence in the Bible? (Perhaps start by thinking of women after whom entire books of the Bible are named). How would you describe their character?

4. The concluding point from the sermon was that **God Takes Care of Your Needs.**
 - a. Take a moment to review some of the ways God has taken care of David's needs up to this point in the story.
 - b. What did God protect David from in 1 Sam. 25? (Think deeper than "committing murder".)
 - c. A beloved passage of Scripture is Romans 8:28-39. Take a moment to enjoy that passage.

Notice the hinge verse; Romans 8:32. – How has God met our greatest need, and why should we trust him to meet our future needs?