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[Psalm 111:10]

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[2 Samuel 7:16; 1 Kings 11:38b; Prov. 20:22 NIV]

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[Proverbs 15:1]

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[1 Samuel 24:7-8]

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What scripture is most helpful for you to trust God and His timing?

What practice helps you battle the temptation to *second-guess* your decisions?

TAKING IT HOME

7) Abigail showed the following traits in her speech. Which one(s) do you most need to work on?

She showed **respect**—v23

She was **loyal**, in her case, to her husband—v24

She was **honest** in her words—v25

She **mindful of God's plans** for David—v26

She was **generous**—v18 & 27

She **challenged David to godliness**—v31

She **wisely chose her time** to speak—v36

Can you think of a specific person or situation in which you need to be *wiser* in your words?

8) What do you most need to remember or put into practice from this week's message or homework?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of September 18, 2022

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) This week we read about Nabal (who was quick to start a fight) and Abigail (who was quick to make peace). Growing up, were you a fighter, peacemaker, or something else? Has this changed since you've grown spiritually?

REVIEW

- 2) In your own words, what happened in 1 Samuel 25-26?

- 3) How did God use this passage or message to teach, encourage, or challenge you? What questions did you have?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 4) Nabal spoke like a fool, while his wife, Abigail, spoke in wisdom. What stands out to you from the following passages?

Proverbs 10:19 - *"In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise."*

Proverbs 15:1-2 - *"[1] A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger. [2] The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness."*

Proverbs 15:4 NLT - "Gentle words are a tree of life; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit."

Proverbs 17:27-28 - "[27] He who has knowledge spares his words, And a man of understanding is of a calm spirit. [28] Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace; When he shuts his lips, he is considered perceptive."

Proverbs 26:18-21 NLT - "[18] Just as damaging as a madman shooting a deadly weapon [19] is someone who lies to a friend and then says, "I was only joking." [20] Fire goes out without wood, and quarrels disappear when gossip stops. [21] A quarrelsome person starts fights as easily as hot embers light charcoal or fire lights wood."

Which of these verses, if any, do you most need to grow in?

How can we change our hearts to be *less* foolish and *more* wise?

5) We can imagine how hard it was for David to run for his life for so many years, all while King Saul continued in his wickedness while living a comfortable life. What stands out to you from the following passage?

Psalm 73:2-3, 9-17 - "[2] But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; My steps had nearly slipped. [3] For I was envious of the boastful, When I saw the prosperity of the wicked. ... [9] They set their mouth against the heavens, And their tongue walks through the earth. [10] Therefore his people return here, And waters of a full cup are drained by them. [11] And they say, "How does God know? And is there knowledge in the Most High?" [12] Behold, these are the

ungodly, Who are always at ease; They increase in riches. [13] Surely I have cleansed my heart in vain, And washed my hands in innocence. [14] For all day long I have been plagued, And chastened every morning. [15] If I had said, "I will speak thus," Behold, I would have been untrue to the generation of Your children. [16] When I thought how to understand this, It was too painful for me-- [17] Until I went into the sanctuary of God; Then I understood their end."

How does this Psalm challenge you to trust God's timing?

Why do you think God's timing is so often much later than we expect?

What do you think is God's purpose in our waiting?

6) We can imagine how hard it must have been for David to *not* take matters into his own hands when he had *two* chances to kill Saul - Not to mention the *doubt* that followed, wondering if he made the right decisions. What would be most difficult for *you* to endure after sparing Saul twice, if you were in David's shoes? (Your 600 men and their opinion? Lack of "home"? Constant fear? Etc)