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Living with a Fool 1 Samuel 25

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1. Living for your own kingdom is superficial, self-centered, and stingy. (1 Samuel 25:1-11)

2. Instead of self-pity, paralysis, and complaining, take action. (1 Samuel 25:12-19)

3. Maturity is the ability to see evil in people close to you and still act with grace, tact, and sacrifice. (1 Samuel 25:20-35)

 Servanthood and kingdom building are mutually exclusive. (1 Samuel 25:36-44)

Table Talk

- 1) Why is this chapter in the Bible?
- 2) How does Nabal reveal his foolishness? How is Nabal a harsh example of kingdom building for himself?
- 3) How is David an example of kingdom building for himself? (vv. 9-13)
- 4) What actions does Abigail take that are like Christ's intercession for us? (vv. 23-31)
- 5) How do verses 43-44 reveal that David is not the ultimate king?
- 6) What does this text say about harsh husbands and abused wives? What lessons can today's men and women take away from a text like this about such matters?