

# 1 Samuel 25:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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Abigail's response demonstrates wisdom in action. The Hebrew 'vatemaher' (made haste) indicates immediate response to urgent crisis. The provisions she gathers are substantial: two hundred loaves, two skin-bottles of wine, five prepared sheep, five seahs of grain, one hundred raisin clusters, two hundred fig cakes. This represents generous provision for David's band—far exceeding his modest request for 'whatever comes to hand.' Loading these on donkeys enabled rapid transport. Abigail's quick decision-making and resource mobilization display the 'good understanding' the narrator attributed to her (v. 3). She acted decisively while Nabal remained oblivious.

## Historical Context

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The quantities Abigail gathered would provide a substantial meal for David's entire band. The variety—bread, wine, meat, grain, dried fruit—represented

comprehensive hospitality. Her ability to mobilize these resources quickly indicates household management skills.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does Abigail's immediate action contrast with Nabal's obstinate refusal?
2. What does her generous provision teach about responding to urgent situations?

## Interlinear Text

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וַתַּמְהָר	אֲבוֹגַת	וַתִּקַּח	וּמֵאֵת יָם	לֶחֶם	וּשְׁנֵי יָם	נִבְלֵי
made haste	Then Abigail	and took	and two hundred	loaves	and two	bottles
H4116	H26	H3947	H3967	H3899	H8147	H5035

יַיִן	וְחֵמֵשׁ	צֹאן	עֲשׂוּיֹת	וְחֵמֵשׁ	סְאִים	קֶלַי
of wine	and five	sheep	ready dressed	and five	measures	of parched
H3196	H2568	H6629	H6213	H2568	H5429	H7039

וּמֵאֵת יָם	צִמְקֵי יָם	וּמֵאֵת יָם	דָּבָל יָם	וּתְּשֵׁם
and two hundred	clusters of raisins	and two hundred	cakes	of figs and laid
H3967	H6778	H3967	H1690	H7760

עַל	הַחֲמֹרִים:
H5921	them on asses
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## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Samuel 16:1** (Sin): And when David was a little past the top of the hill, behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred loaves of bread, and an hundred bunches of raisins, and an hundred of summer fruits, and a bottle of wine.

**Proverbs 18:16** (Parallel theme): A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

**Matthew 5:25** (Parallel theme): Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

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