

# 1 Samuel 30:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

## Analysis

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The personal detail that David's own two wives were among the captives connects the leader to his followers' suffering. Ahinoam and Abigail, named specifically, represent David's own stake in the disaster. He does not stand above his men's loss but shares it personally. This shared experience positions David to lead from common suffering rather than detached command. The repetition of names emphasizes that this is not abstract loss but intensely personal grief.

## Historical Context

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Naming both wives emphasizes that David's complete household was affected. Neither woman's prior status (Ahinoam from common background, Abigail from wealthy household) protected her from the common fate of all the women.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does sharing in others' suffering affect your ability to lead them?

2. What difference does it make when leaders experience the same hardships as their followers?

## Interlinear Text

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וְשֵׁתִי י	אִשְׁתִּי	וְדָוִד	נִשְׁבּוּ ו	אֲחִינוֹם	הַיִּזְרְעֵלִית
two	the wife	And David's	were taken captives	Ahinoam	the Jezreelitess
H8147	H802	H1732	H7617	H293	H3159
וְאַבִּיגַיִל	אִשְׁתִּי	נָבָל	הַכַּרְמֶלִית:		
and Abigail	the wife	of Nabal	the Carmelite		
H26	H802	H5037	H3761		

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Samuel 2:2** (References David): So David went up thither, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail Nabal's wife the Carmelite.