

1 Samuel 30:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

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

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

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

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

פִּזְרְעָלָל יְהֻת	אֲחִינָם עַם	נִשְׁבְּא	אֲשָׁת וְשָׁתִּים	נִשְׁבְּא	אֲשָׁת וְשָׁתִּים	נִשְׁבְּא	אֲשָׁת וְשָׁתִּים
two	the wife	And David's	were taken captives	Ahinoam	the Jezreeliteess		
H8147	H802	H1732	H7617	H293	H3159		
and Abigail	the wife	of Nabal	the Carmelite				
H26	H802	H5037	H3761				
פְּכַרְמָלִים:	נָבָל	אֲשָׁת	תָּאָבִיגִיל				

Additional Cross-References

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

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