

Order of Service | January 23, 2022



Worship Team..... Great Things

Welcome

Worship Team..... Make Room
You Cannot Be Stopped

Message..... Senior Pastor Jay Bruner
Age Of Rage - Week 2

Offering/Dismissal

AGE OF RAGE

Stopping the damage that's damaging me!

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Galatians 6:7-8 (NIV)

HOW TO STOP THE DAMAGE BEFORE IT HAPPENS

(Lessons from "Dear Abigail" - 1 Samuel 25)

1. Understand where the anger is coming from. (Recognize the source.)

...Nabal, a descendant of Caleb, was crude and mean in all his dealings. 1 Samuel 25:3 (NLT)

2. Seek out and listen to God's help on how to handle it. (Request God's help.)

...Abigail, was a sensible and beautiful woman... 1 Samuel 25:3 (NLT)

She fell at his feet and said, "I accept all blame in this matter, my lord. Please listen to what I have to say. I know Nabal is a wicked and ill-tempered man; please don't pay any attention to him. He is a fool, just as his name suggests... 1 Samuel 25:24-25 (NLT)

David replied to Abigail, "Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, who has sent you to meet me today! Thank God for your good sense!"...

1 Samuel 25:32-33 (NLT)

3. Bless those who persecute you and leave the rest to God. (Release it to God.)

"Peace and prosperity to you, your family, and everything you own!"

1 Samuel 25:6 (NLT)

*Then David accepted her present and told her, "Return home **in peace**. I have heard what you said. We will not kill your husband."*

1 Samuel 25:35 (NLT)

*Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. **Romans 12:14 (NLT)***

*Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the LORD. Instead, "If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads." **Romans 12:18-20 (NLT)***

4. Bless those who God uses to bless you. (Reinvest God's peace.)

*...Then David sent messengers to Abigail to ask her to become his wife. **1 Samuel 25:39 (NLT)***

Going deeper on your own: Read 1 Samuel 25:1-42 out loud. Take notes about who the main players were and what they did. Now look carefully at Abigail and notice how she was used as God's instrument of peace between David and Nabal, even though their conflict had nothing to do with her. Pastor Jay said, "We should never be surprised when lost people *act lost*." He also said, "To bless those who are angry with you and persecute you is to be directly used by God!" Have you ever thought about the truth of these statements? Pastor Jay also said, "What we allow to be sown into our hearts, and thus sow into the hearts of others, will be in direct correlation to what grows in our life!" Pray and ask God to use you this week to sow peace.