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David's Heart for God

A Malleable Heart

1 Samuel 25

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I. An Inflexible Person is a Fool

Proverbs 1:20-27

Wisdom shouts in the street, she lifts her voice in the square; at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the gates in the city she utters her sayings: "How long, O naive ones, will you love being simple-minded? And scoffers delight themselves in scoffing and fools hate knowledge?"

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Proverbs 1:20-27

... Turn to my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you. Because I called and you refused, I stretched out my hand and no one paid attention; and you neglected all my counsel and did not want my reproof;

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... I will also laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your dread comes, when your dread comes like a storm and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.

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- They are arrogant

“Who is David?”

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“My bread...my water...my meat...my shearers.”

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 - “My people might leave me”

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- *Are people willing to approach you?*

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- **Listening requires humility**
- **Listening believes that God speaks to us**

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Proverbs 19:20

“Listen to counsel and accept discipline, that you may be wise the rest of your days.”

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- Listening requires humility
- Listening believes that God speaks to us
- *How do you handle constructive criticism?*

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- *When was the last time you changed?*

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Thoughts for Reflection

- Am I a Nabal? Is God calling me to change my character? Is Jesus my Lord and Savior? Do I need prayer and counseling?
- Am I a David? Is there an area in my life in which I need to release control and listen to God? Am I patiently waiting on God?
- Am I in Abigail's situation? Is there a David or Nabal in my life to whom I need to go? How might I approach that situation?

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