

## Beyond Easy

1 Samuel 25

Mean People and What to Do with Them

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Mean people don't just hurt us, change us, or manipulate us—they pull us into their story. Don't let them write your next chapter.

1 Samuel 25:14-17

Point 1: God Often \_\_\_\_\_ an  
Interruption (vv. 18-19)

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Point 2: Wise Words Can \_\_\_\_\_  
Angry Hearts (vv. 23-31)

1 Samuel 25:23-24, 1 Samuel 25:28-29 (NLT)  
Proverbs 15:1

Point 3: Choosing Restraint \_\_\_\_\_ Your  
Future (vv. 32-33)

1 Samuel 25:32-33  
Romans 5:8



### Weekly Application Step:

When someone pushes your buttons or provokes you, pause before reacting. Ask yourself: “Do I want to be even—or do I want to be ahead?” Then, take one small step toward good instead of getting even. That could mean sending an encouraging text, offering a sincere compliment, praying for their good, or choosing silence when sarcasm would be easier.

## Questions for Further Study

1. **When have you been tempted to “get even” with someone who wronged you?** What helped—or could have helped—you pause before reacting?
2. **How has God used an “Abigail moment” in your life?** In other words, can you recall a time when God interrupted your anger or stopped you from making a decision you would have regretted?
3. **Why is choosing restraint so difficult when you feel disrespected or mistreated?** What spiritual disciplines (like prayer, Scripture, or community) help you respond with wisdom instead of revenge?
4. **Abigail’s words disarmed David’s anger.** How can you use wise, gentle words to calm tension and bring peace in your own relationships?
5. **Jesus calls us to respond to evil with good.** What’s one practical way you can live that out this week—with a coworker, family member, or friend who’s been difficult to love?