

Intercessory Prayer

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Open in prayer.

From **1 Samuel 25**, Pastor Brady recounts the story of King David running for his life in the wilderness with his men. David continued serving his people despite his circumstances and asked only for food and water from the people.

What was Nabal's response to David's request? How did David take that response? Put yourself in David's shoes; how would you respond? Why do you think Nabal refused?

Read 1 Samuel 25:20-25.

- What did Abigail do as soon as she heard of the conflict between Nabal and David? How did she go into action?
- Is there a time in your life when you have had to immediately jump into action after hearing of a conflict? What did you do? Did it feel risky?

Read 1 Samuel 25:34b-35.

- What was the result of Abigail's actions?
- She intervened and showed us the power of intercessory prayer.

Read 1 Timothy 2:1.

- **Requests:** I'm not sure what God wants.
- **Prayers:** I know what God wants.
- **Intercession:** I know what God wants and I'll intervene.
- **Thanksgiving:** I remember the faithfulness of God.

Intercession is the act of bringing two sides together.

- When have you experienced two sides coming together? Who or what brought them together?
- Have you ever had to bring two sides together? Maybe it was two of your friends fighting at school, two co-workers who disagreed on a project, your parents. What was that experience like? What were the steps you took in trying to mediate between both sides?
- In the context of a multiethnic church, we often have people from many different opinions/ethnicities/cultures coming together. What is an example you have seen of people from different ethnicities coming together as the Body of Christ? Has this encouraged or changed you in some way?

- Jesus is our mediator, our advocate, our intercessor. How has Jesus been your intercessor? When have you seen Him at work in this way in your life?

Read Romans 8:34-39.

- Jesus intercedes for us so we can intercede for others.
- How can you intercede for others?
- Intercession means we care enough to get involved. Has anyone ever interceded on your behalf? Did you feel loved and cared for?
- Intercession means we're willing to step into a divided space. What is needed to step into a divided space? Courage? Prayer? Advice from others? What step will you take as a result of hearing this message?

Soul-tattoo: Invite and bring your family and friends to Good Friday and Easter Services.

Good Friday: April 19 - 6 & 7:30pm

Easter: April 21 – 8, 9:15, 10:30, 11:45am