

Discussion Questions for the Sermon, December 6, 2009,
“God Prevents Us from Doing Stupid Things”
1 Samuel 25:1-44

1. Why do smart people do stupid things? What is the difference between reacting and responding when you are under great pressure ?
2. What two recent events in David’s life might have put him in an angry frame of mind?
1 Samuel 25:1; 25:44
What are circumstances in your life that might weaken your resolve to do the right thing? See biblical examples for insight: Job 2; 1Kings 19:4-10; Ruth 1:1-6
3. What do you learn about Nabal and Abigail in 1 Samuel 25:1-11?
In verse 13, how does David react to Nabal’s words?
4. How did Abigail respond when she heard about her husband’s poor decision?
From 1 Samuel 25:14-31, describe her spoken and unspoken communication.
Identify the various elements of Abigail’s multifaceted speech? v.24-31
What lessons about communication do you learn from Abigail’s example?
5. How did David respond to Abigail’s words? What do you learn from David’s example?
6. How do you see the verses below woven into the context of 1 Samuel 25:1-44?

Jeremiah 17:9

Mark 7:20-23

Proverbs 15:1

1 Corinthians 10:13
7. What surprising turn of events happen in 1 Samuel 25:36-42? What lessons do you learn about God from these last few verses? Based on David’s and Abigail’s example what is the pathway to blessing from God?
8. Is there some area in your life where you are heading down a bad path right now? In what way might the Lord be trying to get your attention before you go too far?