

# The Peacekeepers: Ananias & Abigail

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## SERIES INTRODUCTION: The Unsung Heroes of Scripture

### Theme:

We're exploring biblical figures who walked with God but are often overlooked.

### Why do these stories matter?

1. They show how God values people the world often calls insignificant.
2. They remind us that even if our walk with God feels small, it matters deeply.

## JESUS ON PEACEMAKING

### Matthew 5:9 (MSG)

"You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family."

### Key Thought:

Peace is not passive. It's often created in tension, fear, and conflict.

## ABIGAIL: The Wise Intercessor (1 Samuel 25)

### Who Was Abigail?

- Sensible and beautiful woman married to Nabal (whose name means *fool*).
- Lived during David's time as a warrior, before he became king.

### The Situation:

- David requests hospitality from Nabal after protecting his workers.
- Nabal insults David → David prepares for violent revenge.
- A servant warns Abigail.

### Abigail's Response (1 Samuel 25:18–35)

- Acts quickly: prepares food & rides to meet David.
- Humbly intercedes on Nabal's behalf.
- Reminds David of his destiny and God's promises.
- David listens, praises God, and spares Nabal.

### Why Is Abigail a Peacemaker?

- She uses **wisdom, humility, and courage**.
- She **intercedes for a fool**, takes the blame, and turns away violence.
- A woman speaking into a powerful man's life—and he listens!

## How Does She Point to Jesus?

- Abigail places herself between judgment and a guilty person.
- She takes blame to stop destruction—like Jesus did for us.
- Her story mirrors Christ's sacrificial love.

## ANANIAS: The Brave Disciple (Acts 9:10–18)

### Who Was Ananias?

- A faithful believer living in Damascus.
- Sent by God to heal Saul (a.k.a. Paul), a known persecutor of Christians.

### The Situation:

- Jesus appears to Saul → Saul is blinded.
- God sends Ananias to pray for and baptize Saul.

### Ananias' Hesitation:

- “Lord, this man has harmed believers!”
- God says: *Go—Saul is My chosen instrument.*

### Ananias' Obedience:

- He goes and calls Saul “**Brother Saul.**”
- Lays hands on him → Saul regains sight, is baptised, and becomes Paul.

### Why Is Ananias a Peacemaker?

- He **faced fear** and chose obedience.
- He **bridged the gap** between the church and its enemy.
- Through him, Saul was welcomed, healed, and empowered for ministry.

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

Lesson	Abigail	Ananias
<b>Obedience</b>	Ran toward danger	Went despite fear
<b>Peacemaking</b>	Prevented bloodshed	Healed and welcomed the enemy
<b>Courage</b>	Spoke truth to power	Trusted God's plan over reputation
<b>God's Use of “Ordinary”</b>	Woman, not a priest or prophet	A disciple, not an apostle

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever felt “insignificant” in your walk with God? What might He be calling you to do anyway?
2. Are there any “Sauls” in your life—people you fear, avoid, or judge—that God may be calling you to reach?
3. Who is your David—someone heading toward harm or anger—who needs your courage and wisdom?
4. What does it look like for you to be a peacemaker in your family, school, or community?

## FINAL CHALLENGE

**“Peacemaking is hard, but it is holy.”**

- Peacemakers **step into conflict** with courage and **obey God** even when it's uncomfortable.
- God doesn't need status—He uses *willing* hearts.

Will you be a peacekeeper like Abigail or Ananias?

**Let us be courageous. Let us be wise. Let us be peacemakers.**