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PART 3: THE ABIGAIL WAY

INTRODUCTION

The way of God isn't appealing when we have been wronged by someone else. Our natural urge is to try to get even. We want to wrong the people who wrong us as a way of getting payback. That seems just. It seems fair. But does it solve anything? Maybe there's a better way.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How competitive are you? How does your level of competitiveness affect your relationships at work and with your friends and family?
2. Has anyone ever gotten even with you after you wronged him or her in some way? If so, what happened?
3. Read 1 Peter 3:9. Does the idea of blessing those who wrong you seem realistic? Why or why not?
4. Read 1 Samuel 25:14-42. To which character in this story do you most relate? Why?
5. Is there currently a relationship in your life in which you are tempted to repay evil with evil? In the future, what story do you want to tell about this period of your life when it's just a story to tell?
6. When you are wronged, what can you do to follow your heavenly Father's example of returning good for evil? How can this group support you?

MOVING FORWARD

Returning good for evil is your best opportunity to be like your Father in heaven. It's how your story intersects with the greatest story ever told. God returned good for evil when he gave his Son for our sin. Following the way of God will set you free. It will set you apart. So don't settle for even. Do for others what they don't deserve.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

1 Peter 3:9