

STOPPING THE PEACE THIEVES

THE THINGS THAT STEAL OUR PEACE

- When we've been...
 1. Insulted
 2. Criticized
 3. Taken advantage of
- We have to flip the script
 1. By seeing the situation differently
 2. By seeing ourselves differently (**1 John 5:4 NKJV**)

WHEN A WISE WOMAN ADVERTED A CALAMITY

- David was taken advantage of, criticized, and insulted
 1. Nabal would not help David
 2. Criticized David for leaving Saul
- B. Abigail's wise counsel (**1 Samuel 25:28-33 NKJV**)
 1. She reminded David of his connection to the Lord
 2. She reminded David of his future with God
 3. She warned David about not doing something he would regret
- C. David's wisdom
 1. He listened to Abigail and adjusted
 2. He recognized her counsel as being from the Lord

STOPPING THE THIEVES THAT ROB OUR PEACE

- A. We have to remind ourselves of who we are
 1. We are connected to the King
 2. We are the Lord's representatives on the earth (**2 Corinthians 5:20 NKJV**)
- B. We must do the things that protect our heart, not hurt our heart (**Proverbs 4:23 NKJV**)
 1. Keep – to guard, to preserve
 2. God's peace is in our heart to protect from...
- C. We must believe we have a future in God – and it's good (**Psalms 27:13 NKJV**)
 1. Believe His goodness can override the hurts
 2. This hope keeps us stronger than the thieves