

Nabal 拿八

【撒 1Sam 25:1~43】

你怎麼定義一個男人？ / How do you define a man?

我們從 _____, _____
和 _____ 中定義了一個男人。

We define a man from _____,
_____, and _____.

我們將從這 3 個角度來定義 Nabal：

We are going to define Nabal from these 3 perspectives:

“拿八”的意思就是“愚頑”人。詩篇和箴言提到這樣子的人的特徵。
“Nabal” means “fool”. The Psalms and the Proverbs mention the characteristics of such people.

【詩 Ps 14:1】

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拿八之所以會有這麼好的一個收成，從故事裡面我們可以發現至少有三個原因：

We can find at least three reasons why Nabal had such a good harvest from this story:

1. 賢慧的妻子 / a wife of wisdom
2. 大衛和他的軍兵們，號令嚴明，從不擾民。
David's men had not harmed or robbed Nabal's shepherds.
3. 最重要的是上帝的祝福。
The most important factor was the blessing of God.

藉著這個故事，我要來勉勵，來警惕弟兄們，
With this story, I'd like to encourage and alert my dear brothers.

“是什麼定義了一個男人？” 或者更清楚的說。
“透過那些人我們可以來定義了一個男人？”

“What defines a man?” Or more clearly,
“Who defines a man?”

I. From his wife—He is not discerning.

從我們親近的人，讓我們看到我們辨別不出那最明顯的事情。

【撒 1Sam 25:10-11】

Illustration 1:

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II. From his neighbor—He does not respect his neighbor.

我們的鄰舍，讓我們看到我們能否尊重我們的鄰舍。

Illustration 3:

III. From his employee/coworker—He is not flexible to mend his own wrong. He does not take corrections. 神用我們的工作同仁來定義我們是甚麼樣的人。

我們能 否知錯能改？

Conclusion 結論:

上帝做出了最後的決定。
God made the final decision.

Reflection:

1. 我們常常可以收到從親近的人，鄰居或是同事給我們的評論。如何辨別哪些是惡意攻擊我們，哪些是忠告我們的。如何來面對，處理從這些人來的評論？ We receive the comments from our closed family member, the neighbors, and the coworkers. How can we tell what are the negative attack, and what are the faithful advices? How do we face the comments?

2. 甚麼是現在人的“愚頑人說沒有神。” 現代人說沒有神，神就沒有辦法管你？ What is the modern version of “The fool says there is no God.” Modern man says there is no God, God therefore cannot control him?

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