

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

GOD'S PREVENTATIVE GRACE

I SAMUEL 25:1-44

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- I. The Situation: vs. 1-8
- II. The Tension: vs. 9-13
- III. The Intervention: vs. 14-35
- IV. The Resolution: vs. 36-44

## Questions:

1. As you reflect on God's providence, which continues to be a major theme throughout 1 Samuel, do you tend to include God's preventative/restraining grace as a part of it? Why or why not?
2. Take the next few minutes as a group to look further into God's preventative grace in other places of the Bible. Use these verses to discuss how they grow your understanding. Also, be sure to discuss why it's important to understand this aspect in living with an awareness and dependency on God's providence.
  - Romans 1:18-32
  - Titus 2:11-13
  - Jude 1:24-25
3. Open it up to the group for anyone to share an example where they experienced God's providence through His restraining grace.
4. How does embracing the notion of God's restraining grace help humble us and avoid sinfully judging others?
5. God was able to use Abigail to restrain David from foolish bloodshed. Why is it so difficult to restrain ourselves from seeking revenge or getting back at someone?