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Rooted – Week 2  
*Challenging Men*  
**“Lessons from a Boy Named Fool”**

**1 Samuel 25:1-5... 25:10-11 (NIV)**

Now Samuel died, and all Israel assembled and mourned for him; and they buried him at his home in Ramah. Then David moved down into the Desert of Paran.

<sup>2</sup> A certain man in Maon, who had property there at Carmel, was very wealthy. He had a thousand goats and three thousand sheep, which he was shearing in Carmel.

<sup>3</sup> His name was Nabal and his wife’s name was Abigail. She was an intelligent and beautiful woman, but her husband was surly and mean in his dealings—he was a Calebite.

<sup>4</sup> While David was in the wilderness, he heard that Nabal was shearing sheep.

<sup>5</sup> So he sent ten young men and said to them, “Go up to Nabal at Carmel and greet him in my name.

<sup>10</sup> Nabal answered David’s servants, “Who is this David? Who is this son of Jesse? Many servants are breaking away from their masters these days.

<sup>11</sup> Why should I take my bread and water, and the meat I have slaughtered for my shearers, and give it to men coming from who knows where?”

**1 Samuel 25:36-38 (NIV)**

When Abigail went to Nabal, he was in the house holding a banquet like that of a king. He was in high spirits and very drunk. So she told him nothing at all until daybreak.

<sup>37</sup> Then in the morning, when Nabal was sober, his wife told him all these things, and his heart failed him and he became like a stone.

<sup>38</sup> About ten days later, the Lord struck Nabal and he died.

1. It's foolish to confuse wealth with wisdom.

- Fools may have wealth but lack generosity.

### **1 Samuel 25:11 (NIV)**

<sup>11</sup>Why should I take my bread and water, and the meat I have slaughtered for my shearers, and give it to men coming from who knows where?"

- A fool often forgets the source of his wealth.

### Lesson from a boy named Fool:

It is foolish to withhold from your King.

2. It's foolish to misapply your strength.

### **1 Samuel 25:3 (NIV)**

His name was Nabal and his wife's name was Abigail. She was an intelligent and beautiful woman, but her husband was surly and mean in his dealings—he was a Calebite.

- Fools use strength for personal leverage instead of spiritual leadership.
- Fools use strength to hurt instead of heal.
- Fools use strength to threaten instead of protect.

### Lesson from a boy named Fool:

It is foolish to use your strength to control people instead of care for people.

3. It's foolish to be a lousy listener.

### **1 Samuel 25:17 (NIV)**

Now think it over and see what you can do, because disaster is hanging over our master and his whole household. He is such a wicked man that no one can talk to him."

- Fools are too in love with their ideas to learn from others.
- Fools fail to realize that God often speaks to us through the voices of others in our lives.
- A fool rarely listens but often speaks reckless words.

**James 1:19 (NIV)**

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,

- A fool vents while a wise man weighs his words.

Lesson from a boy named Fool:

It is foolish to reject correction from another.

4. It's foolish to live shortsighted.
- A fool prioritizes the temporal over the eternal.
  - A fool isn't ignorant, just indifferent to what matters most.

**Psalm 14:1a (NIV)**

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

**Mark 8:36 (NIV)**

What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

Lesson from a boy named Fool:

No one can afford the cost of "shortsighted" living.