

**Series: MEAN PEOPLE:** And What to Do About Them

**Title:** Beyond Even

**Memory Verse:** *“But I say unto you which hear, love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,”*

*Luke 6:27*

**Have you ever been wronged by someone, and the first thing that came to mind was to get even?**



Live a \_\_\_\_\_ Story Than an \_\_\_\_\_ Story

*“But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he railed on them. But the men were very good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields. They were a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep. Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he is such a son of Belial, that a man cannot speak to him. Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she told not her husband Nabal.”*

*1 Samuel 25:14-17, 19*

*“And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground. And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, upon me let this iniquity be: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid. Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, even Nabal: for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him...but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send. Now therefore, my lord, as the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, seeing the Lord hath withholden thee from coming to shed blood, and from avenging thyself with thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal. And now this blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that follow my lord. I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid: for the Lord will certainly make my lord a sure house; because my lord fighteth the battles of the Lord and evil hath not been found in thee all thy days. Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the Lord thy God, and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, as out of the middle of a sling. And it shall come to pass, when the Lord shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler over Israel; That this shall be no grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me: And blessed be thy advice, and blessed be thou, which hast kept*

me this day from coming to shed blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand...I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy person.” 1 Samuel 25:23-33,35

**BIG IDEA:** \_\_\_\_\_ a Good Story So You Can Tell a \_\_\_\_\_ Story

**What kind of Story Do You Want to \_\_\_\_\_ when  
There is Nothing but a Story to \_\_\_\_\_?**

**Next Steps:**

- Memorize Luke 6:27
- Become a Follower of Jesus
- Take the Next 7 Days to Identify Someone You Need to Forgive
- Make a Conscious Effort this Week to Model Grace & Forgiveness in Your Home.

**Application Guide:**

1. How did you respond that last time someone hurt you and what story did your response create?
2. Why do we think getting even feels so natural? How does that mindset affect our relationships?
3. How would your home, workplace, or community change if everyone practiced grace instead of retaliation?

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Sunday, March 02, 2025**

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