1 Samuel 25:29 Even though someone is pursuing you to take your life, the life of my lord will be bound securely in the bundle of the living by the LORD your God, but the lives of your enemies he will hurl away as from the pocket of a sling.

1 Samuel 25:30 When the LORD has fulfilled for my lord every good thing he promised concerning him and has appointed him ruler over Israel, ...

I Samuel 25:31...my lord will not have on his conscience the staggering burden of needless bloodshed or of having avenged himself. And when the LORD your God has brought my lord success, remember your servant."

A wise relational effect and relational impact flows this way:

Our **approach**, (2) **actions** and non-verbals which reinforce (3) our prevailing **attitude**, and then, and only then, (4) our **appeal**.

When we reverse the order or when we just react with our words what may seem like an appeal to us is felt as argumentative and accusative by the other.

Abigail's Relational Effect

1 Samuel 25:32 David said to Abigail, "Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, who has sent you today to meet me. ³³May you be blessed for your good judgment and for keeping me from bloodshed this day and from avenging myself with my own hands. ³⁴ Otherwise, as surely as the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, who has kept me from harming you, if you had not come quickly to meet me, not one male belonging to Nabal would have been left alive by daybreak." ³⁵Then David accepted from her hand what she had brought him and said, "Go home in peace. I have heard your words and granted your request."

Key: pg. 1: immediate; long-term; Pg. 2: approach; actions; attitude; appeal.

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Relational Effect, Relational Impact Building a Relational Tool Box—part 5

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Tool #1: Air pump. Build life-giving relationships.

■ Tool #2: Stud finder. Creating understanding.

Tool #3: Glue. Redeeming conflict.

Tool #4: Battery charger. Adding value, creating meaning

Definitions of relational effect and relational impact

Relational effect is the	result of your
relational style.	
Relational impact is the	result of your
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Prov. 15:28 The heart of the righteous <u>weighs its answers</u>, but the mouth of the wicked gushes evil.

Ephesians 4:29 Let no rotting word come out of your mouth but only such as is **good for edifying**, **according to their needs** that it **may impart grace** to those who hear.

Prov. 10:13 Wisdom is found on the lips of <u>the discerning</u>, but a rod is for the back of one who <u>has no sense</u>.

Pro. 11:22 Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful woman who shows **no discretion**.

Pro. 13:3 He who guards his lips guards his soul, but he who **speaks rashly** will come to ruin.

Prov. 10:14 The wise store up knowledge, but <u>the mouth</u> of a fool invites ruin.

Abigail and David, the setting

1 Samuel 25:3 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.

Abigail's Relational Style

Abigail illustrates the components of our relational style.

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Abigail's approach and actions

I Samuel 25:14 One of the servants told Abigail, Nabal's wife, "David sent messengers from the wilderness to give our master his greetings, but he hurled insults at them. ¹⁵ Yet these men were very good to us. They did not mistreat us, and the whole time we were out in the fields near them nothing was missing. ¹⁶ Night and day they were a wall around us the whole time we were herding our sheep near them. ¹⁷ 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."

■ 1 Samuel 25:23 When Abigail saw David, she quickly got off her donkey and bowed down before David with her face to the ground. ²⁴ She fell at his feet...

1 Samuel 25:24... and said: "Pardon your servant, my lord, and let me speak to you; hear what your servant has to say.

Abigail's attitude.

I Samuel 25:25 Please pay no attention, my lord, to that wicked man Nabal. He is just like his name—his name means Fool, and folly goes with him. And as for me, your servant, I did not see the men my lord sent.

Abigail's appeal.

I Samuel 25:26 "And now, my lord, as surely as the LORD your God lives and as you live, since the LORD has kept you from bloodshed and from avenging yourself with your own hands, may your enemies and all who are intent on harming my lord be like Nabal.

Abigail's appeal is to the man David most deeply **desires** to be and to his highest **aspirations**.

1 Samuel 25:27 "And let this gift, which your servant has brought to my lord, be given to the men who follow you.

1 Samuel 25:28 "Please forgive your servant's presumption. The LORD your God will certainly make a lasting dynasty for my lord, because you fight the LORD's battles, and no wrongdoing will be found in you as long as you live."

■ What are David's deepest aspirations?

- a. He wants to be a man that follows and honors God well.
- b. He has a godly desire to triumph over real enemies of the nation, knowing God must help.
- c. He wants his life to count for God in the long run.
- d. He wants to be a man of integrity.