

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: C Ordinary 11x2016

Text: 1 Kings 21: 1-10, (11-14), 15-21a

Naboth's Vineyard

21 Later the following events took place: Naboth the Jezreelite had [a vineyard](#) in Jezreel, beside the palace of King Ahab of Samaria. 2 And Ahab said to Naboth, “Give me your vineyard, so that I may have it for a [vegetable garden](#), because it is near my house; I will give you a better vineyard for it; or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its value in money.” 3 But Naboth said to Ahab, “The Lord forbid that I should give you [my ancestral inheritance](#).” 4 Ahab went home resentful and sullen because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had said to him; for he had said, “I will not give you my ancestral inheritance.” He lay down on his bed, turned away his face, and would not eat.

5 His wife Jezebel came to him and said, “Why are you so depressed that you will not eat?” 6 He said to her, “Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, ‘Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if you prefer, I will give you another vineyard for it’; but he answered, ‘I will not give you my vineyard.’” 7 His wife Jezebel said to him, “[Do you now govern Israel?](#) Get up, eat some food, and be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.”

8 So she wrote letters in Ahab’s name and sealed them with his seal; she sent the letters to the elders and the nobles who lived with Naboth in his city. 9 She wrote in the letters, “Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth at the head of the assembly; 10 seat two scoundrels opposite him, and have them bring a charge against him, saying, ‘You have cursed God and the king.’ Then take him out, and stone him to death.”

11 *The men of his city, the elders and the nobles who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent word to them. Just as it was written in the letters that she had sent to them, 12 they proclaimed a fast and seated Naboth at the head of the assembly. 13 The two scoundrels came in and sat opposite him; and the scoundrels brought a charge against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, “Naboth cursed God and the king.” So they took him outside the city, and stoned him to death. 14 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, “Naboth has been stoned; he is dead.”*

15 As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, Jezebel said to Ahab, “Go, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead.” 16 As soon as Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab set out to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

Elijah Pronounces God’s Sentence

17 Then the [word of the Lord](#) came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying: 18 Go down to meet King Ahab of Israel, who rules in Samaria; he is now in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone to take possession. 19 You shall say to him, “Thus says the Lord: Have you killed, and also

taken possession?" You shall say to him, "Thus says the Lord: In the place where dogs licked up the blood of Naboth, dogs will also lick up your blood."

20 Ahab said to Elijah, "Have you found me, O my enemy?" He answered, "I have found you. Because you have sold yourself to do what is evil in the sight of the Lord, 21 I will bring disaster on you.

Word - I, Math - I/S, Nature - I/S, Self - I/S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	Writing letters in Ahab's name vs. The word of the Lord Naboth = fruit	Israel is often referred to as the Lord's vineyard, so this may be a metaphorical indictment of Ahab and Jezebel's stewardship of the nation, besides the direct indictment of murder for acquisition of property	
Eye - Visual/Spatial			Photo of the Jezreel Valley Map of the Jezreel Valley Vineyard in Galilee
Math - Logical/Mathematical	This is a story about equilibrium. Start = equilibrium Ahab's request = off balance Naboth = reminder restores balance, except for Ahab who remains out of balance Jezebel = re-balances on behalf of Ahab which unbalances the law and justice Elijah = brings God's justice and balance to Naboth's memory and ultimately to Jezebel		Break out the scales!! The old fashioned kind with balances and not the electronic kind. OR set up a fulcrum to your own size specifications! Tell the story of the vineyard using weights that continually counterbalance. (You could utilize Eye smart by fashioning the weights to look like Naboth Ahab, Jezebel, and Elijah.) The lever on the fulcrum should begin and end in balance.

Body - Kinesthetic			
Musical			Sweet Honey in the Rock “ Greed ”
Natural	Vineyard v. vegetable garden (Or, an herb garden whose produce would be used to worship Ba'al)	I am not a very good gardener but I have been told the amount of effort used to raise veggies vs. cultivating vines is significant. The idea of ripping up a very old vineyard to plant tomatoes - while convenient to the king's kitchen - is like tearing up a masterpiece of art to use as scraps. (see also Word)	Do you know any vinters? What does it take to get vines to produce fruit? And then fruit good enough to be made into wine? What threatens the health of vines? How are they best cared for?
People - Interpersonal	False witness - Jezebel was not a person of the covenant, but the elders were....		
Self - Intrapersonal	Ancestral inheritance Are you not king? Selling self to do evil	The offer to buy the vineyard might have been appropriate, or at least legal, and if so, Naboth would have the right to refuse the offer. That the refusal totally derails Ahab shows something of his character as man and king. That Jezebel would have Naboth killed so the office of king would not appear weak tells us more. Not unlike Nefertiri to Pharaoh in <i>The Ten Commandments</i> . Just before this . Are there points in your life where you are easily manipulated? Are there points where you are prone to manipulate others to get what you want? Are you ready to confess those things and turn them over to God in	

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