

# Rescued By God's Providential Hand

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2 Samuel 17:1-14

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## Hope Amidst the Yuck

- God's Kingdom is forever!
- We often need reminding of that truth in this messed up world
- David had God's promises<sup>15:28-17;25:3-18; 5:2; 7:12-16</sup> about his kingdom
- Though things at this time didn't look so good for David...
- This chapter is a continuation of Ahithophel's counsel<sup>16:20-22</sup>

## Ahithophel's Counsel

- Absalom followed Ahithophel's early counsel - showed the world
- Now Ahithophel suggests a quick and decisive plan to eliminate David<sup>1-3</sup>
- All seemed to like the plan<sup>4</sup>

## Absalom's Surprising Response

- Absalom surprisingly asks for Hushai's opinion!
- Remember David's earlier prayer<sup>25:15-31</sup>?

## Hushai's Calculated Words

- Hushai hears Ahithophel's counsel and responds<sup>Prov18:17</sup>
- Hushai opens by saying Ahithophel is wrong this time
- Appeal of logic<sup>8b-9a</sup>: You know your father is man of war, not going to be w/ people - you won't catch him
- Appeal of caution<sup>9b-10</sup>: Hushai plants fear of rumors if things don't go perfectly<sup>9</sup>, better to properly prepare, don't leave it to chance
- Appeal of vanity<sup>11-13</sup>: Ahithophel knew how to be successful against David; Hushai knew how to be successful with Absalom. Ahithophel's plan didn't include Absalom... Hushai puts Absalom in the spotlight
- Appeal to vengeance<sup>12-13</sup>: Hushai surprisingly suggests total eradication of David and his loyalists. We'll eliminate them all

## God's Sovereignty at Work

- how quickly the tide turns<sup>14</sup> *...for the Lord had ordained...*
- God used free decisions of men to accomplish His good plan
- This is recorded for us to give us comfort<sup>Rom15:4</sup>
- God works for His Redeemed people
- Luther's *A Mighty Fortress*
- Psalm 18<sup>2,6,17,19,30,35</sup>
- Rest in God's provision and be comforted even when this world seems to only bring trouble and difficulty