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## SERMON OUTLINE

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### God's sovereign help

2 Samuel 16:15-18:18

- I. God sovereignly protected David through Hushai's advice (16:15- 17:14).
  - A. Hushai infiltrated Absalom's inner circle (16:15-19)
  - B. Absalom followed Ahithophel's advice about appropriating David's mistresses (16:20-23).
  - C. Absalom follows Hushai's "bad advice" to delay attacking David (17:1-14).
    - ❖ God divinely deceived Absalom to follow Hushai's "bad" advice (17:14).
  
- II. God sovereignly directed David to safety through spies and providence (17:15-23).
  - A. Hushai told the priests who told a servant girl who told their sons to warn David, but Absalom found out (15-18a).
  - B. The messengers hid from Absalom's men, so the message got through to David (18b-22).
  - C. Ahithophel committed suicide (23).
  
- III. God sovereignly provided for David through friends (17:24-29).
  - A. Amasa led Absalom's forces (24-26).
  - B. David's allies Shobi, Makir and Barzillai providentially brought him supplies (27-29).
  
- IV. God sovereignly delivered David by bringing Absalom to justice (18:1-17).
  - A. David's forces defeated Absalom's (18:1-8).
  - B. Absalom "happened" to meet David's men, his head "got caught" in a tree, and Joab killed him (18:9-15).
  - C. Absalom was buried under rocks though he had built a monument to honor himself (18:16-18).