

Greatness: The Life of Israel's Greatest King and How Yours Can Be Better
2 Samuel 17
The Providence of God

There are four dramatic parts to the story in 2 Samuel 17 that demonstrate the providence of God.

- (1) Ahithophel presented Absalom with a wise plan to _____ David and fully set Absalom up as King. (17:1-4)
- (2) Hushai, David's covert operative in Absalom's inner circle, convinced Absalom to follow his _____ plan instead of Ahithophel's. (17:5-14)
- (3) Hushai _____ sent word to David about what was happening. (17:15-22)
- (4) Ahithophel committed suicide, while _____ and his army got fed and organized for battle! (17:23-18:2)

The word "**providence**" refers to God's ability to perfectly _____ His will in and through every person and thing in the universe, including every circumstance, so that everything perfectly points to His glory as it accomplishes eternal good for all who are in Him. (Genesis 50:15-21, Romans 8:28-30)

Challenge: Is your _____ a testimony of trusting the providence of God?