THE BEST-LAID PLANS OF KINGS AND MEN

2 Samuel 15:1–17:29

David's kingdom is unravelling. His son Absalom has turned against him, the hearts of Israel have been stolen, and even his trusted counsellor has joined the rebellion. Forced to flee Jerusalem, David faces an uncertain future, with little indication of how the promises God made to him can possibly be fulfilled. Yet the rebellion's apparent success conceals a very different reality. While Absalom confidently pursues his plans, the Lord is at work, frustrating the counsel of the rebellious and sustaining David through the loyalty and kindness of others. God's judgment upon David has not meant the abandonment of his promises, nor does his sovereign care mean the immediate removal of David's troubles. The best-laid plans of kings and men may fail, but the purposes of the Lord never will.

Apparent Defeat 15:1–16:23

Divine Intervention 17:1–14

Faithful Provision 17:15–29

Trust God's purposes …

… even when they seem to be failing!