

# Philadelphia Church

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THE PROVISION

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# 1 Samuel 18:1-12

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After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. 2 From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return home to his family. 3 And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. 4 Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt. 5 Whatever mission Saul sent him on, David was so successful that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. This pleased all the troops, and Saul's officers as well.

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When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with timbrels and lyres.<sup>7</sup> As they danced, they sang: “Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands.”<sup>8</sup> Saul was very angry; this refrain displeased him greatly. “They have credited David with tens of thousands,” he thought, “but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?”

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And from that time on Saul kept a close eye on David. 10 The next day an evil spirit from God came forcefully on Saul. He was prophesying in his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he usually did. Saul had a spear in his hand 11 and he hurled it, saying to himself, "I'll pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice. 12 Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with David but had departed from Saul.

# John 15:13

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Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

## 2 Samuel 9:1-13

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David asked, “Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan’s sake?” 2 Now there was a servant of Saul’s household named Ziba. They summoned him to appear before David, and the king said to him, “Are you Ziba?” “At your service,” he replied. 3 The king asked, “Is there no one still alive from the house of Saul to whom I can show God’s kindness?” Ziba answered the king, “There is still a son of Jonathan; he is lame in both feet.” 4 “Where is he?” the king asked. Ziba answered, “He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar.”

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So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel. 6 When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor. David said, “Mephibosheth!” “At your service,” he replied. 7 “Don’t be afraid,” David said to him, “for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table.”

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Mephibosheth bowed down and said, “What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?” 9 Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul’s steward, and said to him, “I have given your master’s grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. 10 You and your sons and your servants are to farm the land for him and bring in the crops, so that your master’s grandson may be provided for. And Mephibosheth, grandson of your master, will always eat at my table.”



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Then Ziba said to the king, “Your servant will do whatever my lord the king commands his servant to do.” So Mephibosheth ate at David’s table like one of the king’s sons. 12 Mephibosheth had a young son named Mika, and all the members of Ziba’s household were servants of Mephibosheth. 13 And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king’s table; he was lame in both feet.

# Truth 1

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Sometimes God's provision doesn't come the way we want it.

## Truth 2

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Sometimes God's provision doesn't come when we want it.

## 2 Samuel 4:4

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Jonathan son of Saul had a son who was lame in both feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel. His nurse picked him up and fled, but as she hurried to leave, he fell and became disabled. His name was Mephibosheth.

# Truth 3

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God's provision is not always for our comfort. Often His provision puts His glory and our faith on display.

# Romans 5:8

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But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

# Ephesians 2:4-5

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But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

# 1 John 4:10

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This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.



# Deliver Me From:

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- The love of my own comfort
- The fear of being lonely
- The fear of having nothing
- The fear of serving others
- The life of worldly passions
- The fear of death or trial
- They need to be understood
- The fear of humility
- They need to be accepted

## Truth 4

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God's provision is not earned, it is not deserved  
and it cannot be repaid.

# 1 John 3:1

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See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

## Truth 5

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God's provision is that He wants us to receive the extravagant, unconditional love that He has for us.

# Quote

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"Though we are incomplete, God loves us completely. Though we are imperfect, He Loves Us perfectly... He loves everyone of us even though we may be flawed, rejected, awkward, sorrowful or broken."- Dieter Uchtdorf