

1 Samuel 19:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So Michal let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped.

Analysis

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Michal's assistance in David's escape 'through a window' recalls Rahab's help for Israel's spies (Joshua 2:15). She became an instrument of divine preservation, fulfilling God's purposes despite her father's murderous intent. The window escape represents narrow deliverance through unexpected means. God frequently uses unlikely helpers to preserve His servants.

Historical Context

Houses built into city walls had windows that could serve as escape routes. This architectural feature had served Rahab's purposes with Israel's spies. Night escape through windows was a known fugitive tactic.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. Who has God used unexpectedly to provide escape routes in your difficulties?
2. How does Michal's help illustrate God using even Saul's household against Saul's purposes?

Interlinear Text

וַיַּעֲלֵה מִיכָּל לִתְתַּת־כָּד
down So Michal H853 David H1157 through a window H2474
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וַיַּעֲלֵה:

and escaped

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Additional Cross-References

Joshua 2:15 (Parallel theme): Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house was upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall.

Psalms 34:19 (Parallel theme): Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

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