

# DESPERATE FOR GOD TO MOVE

Today, as we continue in our "Desperate for God to Move" series, we turn to 1 Samuel 28. Have you ever had a moment in your life when you felt off track? Ever woke up and thought, "How did I get here?" Or maybe you've seen a close friend make bad choices and thought, "Why can't they seem to pull it together?" In many ways, this is what we see in the life of King Saul. He had been installed as the first king of Israel after Israel made it clear to God that they "needed" an earthly king. Initially, Saul started out well, but he eventually ended up off track as he made a series of bad decisions. One of those decisions is highlighted in our today's passage. Saul got desperate, and subsequently, he got off track. Similarly, when we get desperate, it's easy to start making bad decisions that get us off track.

**Key Passage:** 1 Samuel 28

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. What led King Saul to get off track in his life? How does this relate to our own choices and experiences?
2. How did the death of Samuel create a void in spiritual leadership, and why is spiritual leadership crucial? How does this relate to our own lives?
3. Why did Saul ban mediums and necromancers, and what does this teach us about dealing with evil influences in our lives? What practical implications does this have for our lives?
4. What does Saul's decision to consult a medium reveal about the dangers of desperation?
5. How did Saul's partial obedience to God in 1 Samuel 15 contribute to his ultimate downfall? Why does disobedience to God's will usually happen through a pattern of small compromises or unchecked sins?
6. In what ways can humility help prevent us from getting off track, as seen in Saul's life?
7. What are the dangers of letting pride rule our decisions, and how does Saul's story illustrate this?
8. How can desperation be both a positive and negative force in our lives?
9. What practical steps can we take to prevent small sins from growing into larger issues, as seen in Saul's life?
10. What about this lesson has challenged you most? What is your biggest takeaway?