

“The Serious Consequences of Sin”  
1 Samuel 28:3-25

*“But Peter said to her, ‘How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord?’....Immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last....And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard these things” (Acts 5:9-11). “That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world” (1 Corinthians 11:30-32). “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by Him. For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives” (Hebrews 12:5-6).*

- When Saul gave glory to God....
  - “And Saul had put the mediums and the necromancers out of the land.” (1 Samuel 28:3; Deuteronomy 18:9-14; Leviticus 20:27)
  - “When he turned his back to leave Samuel, God gave him (Saul) another heart....and the Spirit of God rushed upon him, and he prophesied among them.” (1 Samuel 10:9-10)
  - “And the Spirit of God rushed upon Saul when he heard these words, and his anger was greatly kindled....But Saul said, ‘Not a man shall be put to death this day, for today the LORD has worked salvation in Israel.’” (1 Samuel 11:6,13)
  - “And Saul said....‘Let every man bring his ox or his sheep and slaughter them here and eat, and do not sin against the LORD by eating with the blood’....And Saul built an altar to the LORD; it was the first altar that he built to the LORD.” (1 Samuel 14:34-35)
  - “When Saul had taken the kingship over Israel, he fought against all his enemies on every side....And he did valiantly and struck the Amalekites and delivered Israel out of the hands of those who plundered them.” (1 Samuel 14:47-48; cf. 1 Samuel 10:1)
  
- Saul does not seek the LORD by faith....(1 Samuel 15:10-11)
  - “So Saul died for his breach of faith. He broke faith with the LORD in that he did not keep the command of the LORD, and also consulted a medium, seeking guidance. He did not seek guidance from the LORD. Therefore the LORD put him to death and turned the kingdom over to David the son of Jesse.” (1 Chronicles 10:13-14)
  - “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in FAITH, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.” (James 1:5-8)

**Announcements:**

★PAINTING VOLUNTEERS: On Friday, March 10th, and Saturday, March 11th, from 8am to 4pm we will be painting the church entryway! We are looking for people to volunteer for at least one of the two hour time slots on one or both of those days! There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to help us with this project. All of the supplies will be provided, we just need able bodied volunteers who are willing to give us a couple hours of their time to paint during that weekend. If you have any questions, please see Emily Decker.

★FELLOWSHIP DINNER: THIS Sunday, February 26th, we are having a Fellowship Dinner immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to bring something to the dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!