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## SERMON OUTLINE

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### Desperation without Repentance

1 Samuel 27-29

- I. David lives among the Philistines (1 Samuel 27)
  - David fled from Saul, pretending to serve King Achish (1 Samuel 27:1-28:2).
- II. Saul turns to the occult (1 Samuel 28).
  - A. Fearing the Philistines, Saul sought out a medium when God didn't respond to him (28:3-7)
    - Unaddressed fear leads to desperate mistakes.
    - Without repentance, God isn't listening.
  - B. Saul asks the medium to bring up Samuel from the dead (28:8-11).
    - Without repentance, our desperation leads us to dangerous choices.
  - C. When Samuel actually appears, the shocked medium shrieks and recognizes Saul (12-14).
    - Sometimes God uses unusual means to confront us.
    - Sometimes God must punish instead of showing grace.
  - D. Samuel tells Saul what God will do (28:15-19).
    - Turning from God has consequences.
  - E. Shocked Saul is finally coaxed to eat (28:20-24).
- III. David is not allowed to fight against Israel (1 Samuel 29).
  - Fearing David would change sides, Achish's advisors don't allow him to take David to battle.