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I Samuel 27:1-28:25

When we follow God in faith and obedience, it is only natural to believe God will respond to our faithfulness with peace and abundance in this life. The stories of David, Daniel, and Paul present a different story. Those who follow God can experience some of Satan's harshest attacks. The inevitability of opposition against those who obey is no reason to refrain from obedience, because there is always a worse option...disobedience.

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# **Getting Started**

- 1. What fictional character were you most afraid of as a kid?
- 2. What is the worst you have ever been lost?

## **Digging Deeper**

- 3. Read I Samuel 27:1. Why is it important to talk to one's self and reflect on your current trials?
- 4. Read I Sam 28:10. What does Saul's vow to the LORD tell us about the conflict brewing in Saul's own heart?
- 5. Read I Sam 28:20-25. How might Saul's physical condition have affected his spiritual/emotional state?
- 6. Read II Peter 2:20-22. How can it be worse for a Christian to fall into the depths of sin than an unbeliever?

#### **Living It Out**

- 7. How can we encourage one another to not be envious at the temporary comforts enjoyed by the ungodly?
- 8. Name someone walking through a period of discouragement or isolation that your Growth Group can reach out and encourage this week.
- 9. In what ways does God discipline His children when they fall into disobedience or hardness today...