

## QUESTIONS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1. What are some methods (good and not so good) that Christians use to determine God's will?
2. Why did God no longer respond to Saul?
3. How important is it to be sensitive to God's Word, a sensitivity expressed in repentance, faith, and obedience?
4. Why was Saul so desperate to speak with Samuel?
5. Why did God enable Samuel to speak while deceased?
6. Saul believed in the Lord's existence, but his faith lacked humility and obedience. Why are these essential qualities of real faith?

*"Has the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from being king."*  
1 Samuel 15:22-23

"We can't help but feel sorry for Saul, and yet at the same time, we must admit that he brought his plight on himself. Had he obeyed the Lord he wouldn't have lost the kingdom, and had he stopped pursuing David and invested his time developing his army, he would have been better equipped to meet the Philistines at Jezreel. In spite of all the blessings God gave to Saul, and all the opportunities to grow spiritually, Saul was unprepared to lead, unprepared to fight, and unprepared to die."  
Warren Wiersbe

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- I. A refusal to obey God's \_\_\_\_\_ results in God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- II. Burdens appear \_\_\_\_\_ when seen in their proper \_\_\_\_\_.

III. Spiritual desperation can be \_\_\_\_\_.

IV. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ in the darkness.

Memory Verse: Faith

*“When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You. In God, whose word I praise. In God I have put my trust; I shall not be afraid. What can mere man do to me?”* Psalm 56:3-4