

WALK THE TALK //////////////////////////////////////

This page is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures. Our goal is not just “to know” but to “act upon what we know.” (His Word, Our Walk!) We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends and your group.



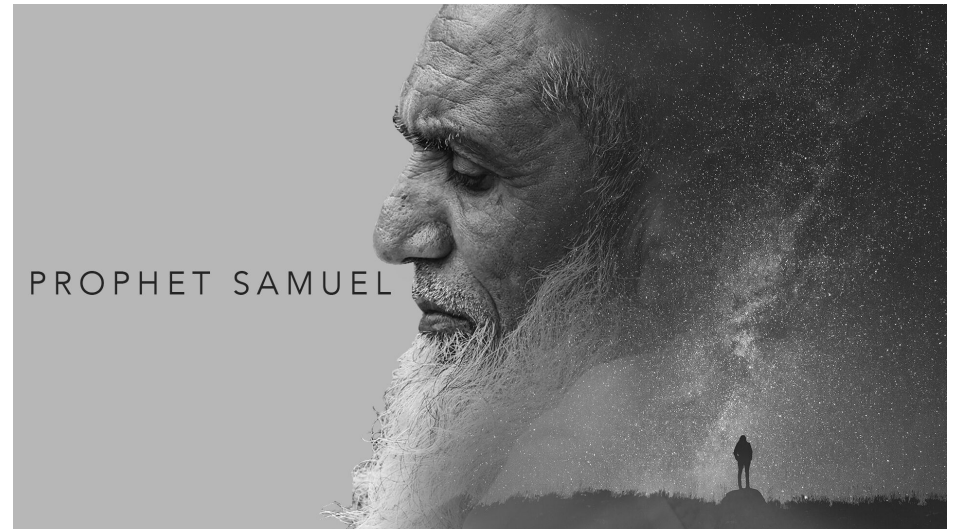
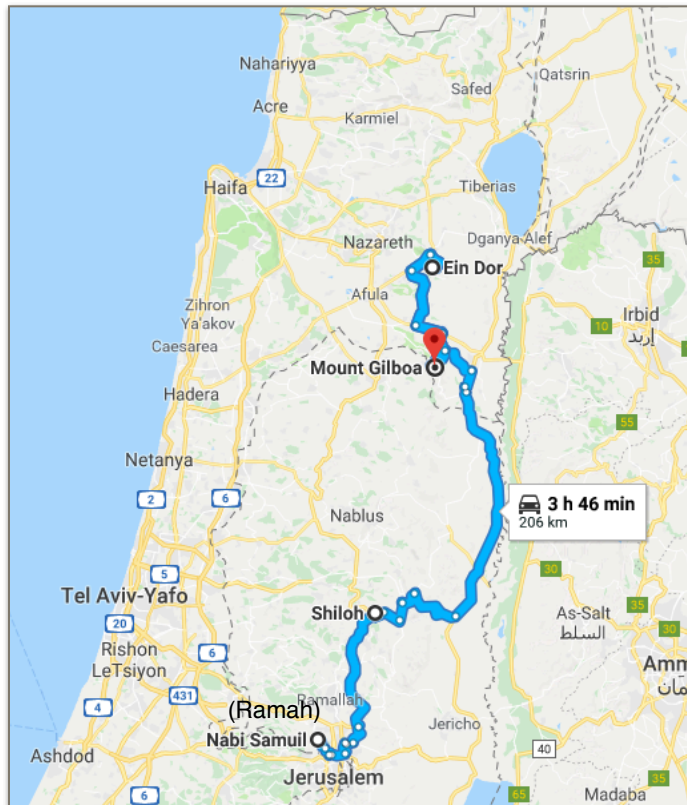
FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Have you had experience with “mystics”? If so, what did you learn?
2. Why did Saul go to a medium and why was it so wrong?
3. What do you see as God’s point in this appearance of Samuel?

MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS SERIES

Psa. 99:6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name; they called on the LORD and he answered them.

THE MAP



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SOME CONTEXT

1. Samuel had DIED and was BURIED in his hometown.

1Sam. 28:3 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in his own town of Ramah. . . .

2. Saul had REMOVED the “spiritists” from Israel, which was a GOOD move.

1Sam. 28:3 . . . Saul had expelled the mediums and spiritists from the land.

Deut. 18:9 When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. 10 Let no one be found among you who . . . 11 casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead.

3. The last time Samuel had SPOKEN to Saul, the king was arrogant and even TORE Samuel’s robe.

1Sam. 15:16 “Enough!” Samuel said to Saul. “Let me tell you what the LORD said to me last night.” “Tell me,” Saul replied.

1Sam. 15:27 As Samuel turned to leave, Saul caught hold of the hem of his robe, and it tore.

SAUL’S PROBLEMS

1Sam. 28:4 The Philistines assembled and came and set up camp at Shunem, while Saul gathered all Israel and set up camp at Gilboa. 5 When Saul saw the Philistine army, he was afraid; terror filled his heart. 6 He inquired of the LORD, but the LORD did not answer him by dreams or Urim or prophets.

1. A mighty ARMY of Philistines was attacking the armies of Israel. SAUL and his men were on Mt. Gilboa. (Ebenezer?)
2. Saul was TERRIFIED.

3. King Saul had no one to TURN to since Samuel was dead, and he couldn't find ANSWERS in . . .

— DREAMS — (Jacob, Joseph, Gideon, Samuel, etc.)

— URIM (& Thumim) — David had the ephod.

1Sam. 23:6 (Now Abiathar son of Ahimelek had brought the ephod down with him when he fled to David at Keilah.)

— Other PROPHETS — Saul had killed most of them.

1Sam. 22:20 But one son of Ahimelek son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped and fled to join David. 21 He told David that Saul had killed the priests of the LORD.

SAUL'S SOLUTION

1Sam. 28:7 Saul then said to his attendants, "Find me a woman who is a medium, so I may go and inquire of her." "There is one in Endor," they said. 8 So Saul disguised himself, putting on other clothes, and at night he and two men went to the woman. "Consult a spirit for me," he said, "and bring up for me the one I name." 9 But the woman said to him, "Surely you know what Saul has done. He has cut off the mediums and spiritists from the land. Why have you set a trap for my life to bring about my death?" 10 Saul swore to her by the LORD, "As surely as the LORD lives, you will not be punished for this." 11 Then the woman asked, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" "Bring up Samuel," he said.

1. Even in this CRISIS, Saul was unwilling to truly REPENT and seek the Lord. Otherwise the Lord WOULD have answered him.

1Chr. 10:13 Saul died because he was unfaithful to the LORD; he did not keep the word of the LORD and even consulted a medium for guidance, 14 and did not inquire of the LORD. So the LORD put him to death and turned the kingdom over to David son of Jesse.

2. Saul now turned to the people who had been REMOVED from the land — the spiritists (The witch of Endor). However, of all people he could have requested, he asked for SAMUEL.

3. Endor, a small town close to Mt. Gilboa, means "the SPRING of Dor (or generations)". To this day, the valley leading there is called "Kosemet," which means "magician WOMAN".

SAMUEL'S APPEARANCE

1Sam. 28:12 When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out at the top of her voice and said to Saul, "Why have you deceived me? You are Saul!" 13 The king said to her, "Don't be afraid. What do you see?" The woman said, "I see a ghostly figure coming up out of the earth." 14 "What does he look like?" he asked. "An old man wearing a robe is coming up," she said. Then Saul knew it was Samuel, and he bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground. 15 Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" "I am in great distress," Saul said. "The Philistines are fighting against me, and God has departed from me. He no longer answers me, either by prophets or by dreams. So I have called on you to tell me what to do." 16 Samuel said, "Why do you consult me, now that the LORD has departed from you and become your enemy? 17 The LORD has done what he predicted through me. The LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hands

and given it to one of your neighbors—to David. 18 Because you did not obey the LORD or carry out his fierce wrath against the Amalekites, the LORD has done this to you today. 19 The LORD will deliver both Israel and you into the hands of the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons will be with me. The LORD will also give the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines."

1. Did Samuel really come back from the DEAD to talk to Saul? There are two possible answers:

a. NO. God would not allow a PAGAN to call one of His saints from the dead. This was the work of SATAN and demons.

b. YES. God allowed one of His saints to appear and speak ONE time in Scripture to help Israel UNDERSTAND. Evidence?

(1) Samuel complained about being "DISTURBED".

(2) Samuel was recognized by his ROBE.

1Sam. 28:14 "What does he look like?" he asked. "An old man wearing a robe is coming up," she said.

(3) The medium was STARTLED and "cried out." (*This is the only time that her conjuring had WORKED!*)

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(4) The WORDS of Hannah many years before.

1Sam. 2:6 "The LORD brings death and makes alive; he brings down to the grave and raises up.

(5) Samuel spoke the harsh TRUTH to Saul and his prophecy was ACCURATE.

2. Samuel had ANOINTED Saul as king and now it was time to announce the END of his reign and life. David was now king.

TWO THOUGHTS FOR THIS SERIES:

1. In each generation there are a FEW people who live differently than those around them, who TRUST God, and who therefore make an enormous positive IMPACT.

Psa. 99:6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name; they called on the LORD and he answered them.

2. A Christian life is not measured by success or failure but by a Godly CHARACTER.

"A man with no skills can be taught. A man without honor has nothing"