

BECOMING THE

VILLAIN

A man's face is shown from the chest up, split vertically down the middle. The left side of his face is in deep shadow, while the right side is illuminated by a warm, golden light. He is looking slightly to the right. The background is a dark, stormy sky with heavy, dark clouds. The overall mood is dramatic and intense.

The problem with Saul isn't that he gets rejected, but how he handles rejection in his life.



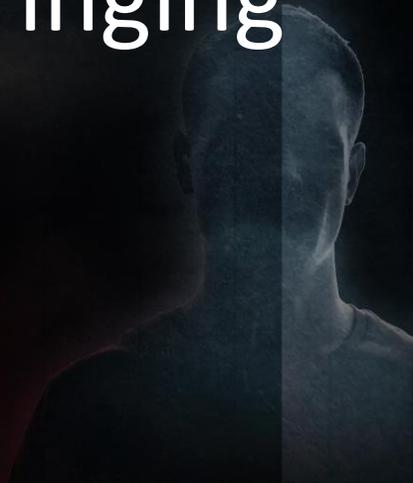
## 1 Samuel 28:3-4; 6-7

Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in his own town of Ramah. Saul had expelled the mediums and spiritists from the land...When Saul saw the Philistine army, he was afraid; terror filled his heart. He inquired of the Lord, but the Lord did not answer him by dreams or Urim or prophets. Saul then said to his attendants, "Find me a woman who is a medium, so I may go and inquire of her."



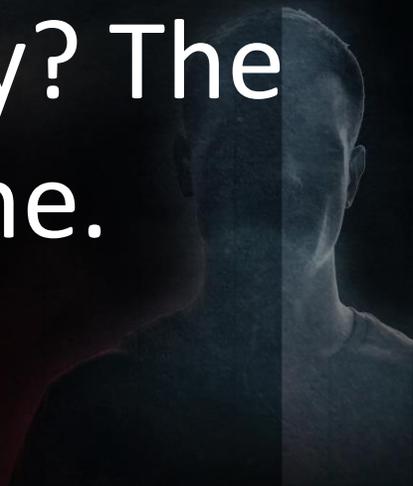
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The woman said, "I see a ghostly figure coming up out of the earth." "What does he look like?" he asked. "An old man wearing a robe is coming up," she said. Then Saul knew it was Samuel, and he bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground. Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" "I am in great distress," Saul said.



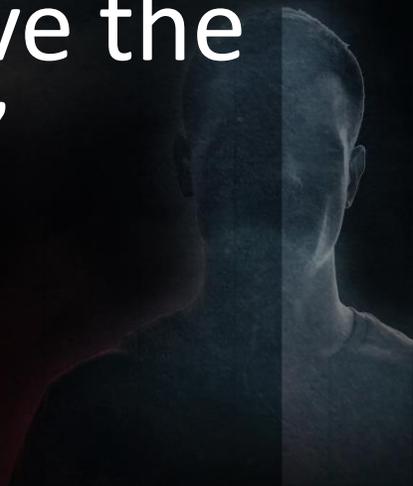
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“The Philistines are fighting against me, and God has departed from me. He no longer answers me, either by prophets or by dreams. So I have called on you to tell me what to do.” Samuel said, “Why do you consult me, now that the Lord has departed from you and become your enemy? The Lord has done what he predicted through me.



## 1 Samuel 28:3-20

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Immediately Saul fell full length on the ground, filled with fear because of Samuel's words. His strength was gone, for he had eaten nothing all that day and all that night.



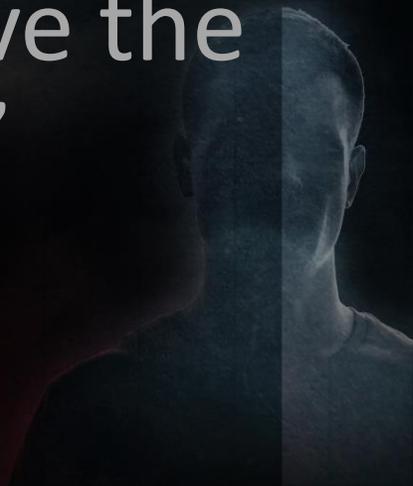
“I will set my face against anyone who turns to mediums and spiritists to prostitute themselves by following them, and I will cut them off from their people.”

- Leviticus 20:6



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*Darash* – to seek, search

*Sha'al* – to ask, borrow

“<sup>13</sup>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, <sup>14</sup>and **did not inquire** of the Lord. So the Lord put him to death and turned the kingdom over to David son of Jesse.” – 1 Chronicles 10:13-14





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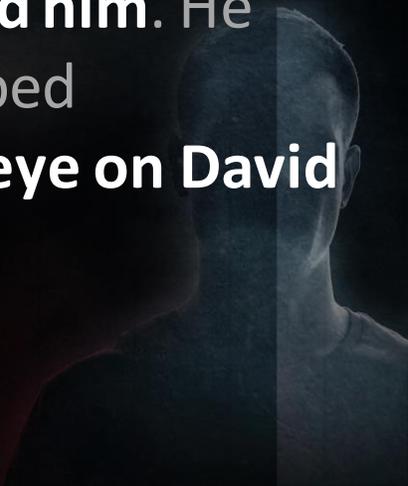


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1 Samuel 18:1-4; 7-9

<sup>1</sup>When David had finished speaking to Saul, **the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David**, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. <sup>2</sup>Saul took [David] that day and would not let him return to his father's house. **<sup>3</sup>Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul.** <sup>4</sup>Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing, and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt.

<sup>7</sup>And the women sang to one another as they made merry, "Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands." **<sup>8</sup>Saul was very angry, for this saying displeased him.** He said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands; what more can he have but the kingdom?" **<sup>9</sup>So Saul kept a close eye on David from that day on.**



When someone gets what we think we deserve, it's not a rejection of our personal self, but a rejection of the self we hide behind.

