1 Samuel Lesson 20 (2021)

**FINAL DAYS OF KING SAUL**

1 Samuel 28:1-25 & 31:1-13

Key Verse: 28:11-13

**Open it:**

1. What is the most challenging thing about knowing someone who is terminally ill?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verses 3-5. What was the status of mediums and spiritists in Israel in the days of Samuel and Saul? (3) What new danger struck terror in the heart of Saul? (5)

1. Read verses 6-8. What did God have to say to Saul in light of his predicament? (6) Where did Saul turn for guidance when he got no word from God? (7-8) What did Saul reveal about himself when he chose to consult a medium?
2. Read verses 9-14. How did Saul persuade the woman to consult Samuel? Read verses 15-19. What judgment did Samuel pronounce? Read verses 20-25. In what condition was Saul after his encounter with Samuel? (20) What did the spiritist and Saul’s assistants do for Saul after Samuel left them? (21-25)
3. Read 31:1-7. What happened to Saul and his sons in the fierce battle with the Philistines? (1-3) How did the armor-bearer respond to Saul’s death? (5) What became of the Israelites in the towns Saul’s army had been defending?
4. Read verses 8-13. What did the brave men of Jabesh Gilead do in response to the Philistine’s treatment of their leaders’ bodies? What rituals were performed on the bodies of Saul and his sons? (13)

**Apply it:**

1. What could small action on your part make life more worth living for someone whose prospects are bleak?