Walk by Faith and Not by Sight ...

Exploring Faith by Exploring the Lives of the OT Saints!

"Let no one say when he is tempted,
"I am being tempted by God," for God cannot
be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.
But each person is tempted when
he is lured and enticed by his own desire.
Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin,
and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death."
James 1:13-15(ESV)

"Saul: *The Spiral of Sin*"

1 Samuel 28 & 31

Homiletical Idea: Allowing one's heart to grow indifferent to a humble walk of faith leads to a spiritual spiral away from intimacy with God and into overwhelming silence and "spiritual" compromise.

I. Where is God When I Need Him?

A. God's silence when He's "needed"

B. The path of fake "spirituality"

II. The Error of "Alternative Paths"

A. Seeking "light" from darkness

B. What's wrong with different forms of "enlightenment"

III. Exposing the Hardened Heart

A. The exchange that reveals the consequences

B. The covenant ritual that reveals the heart's condition

What is God Saying to Me? (Personal Application)