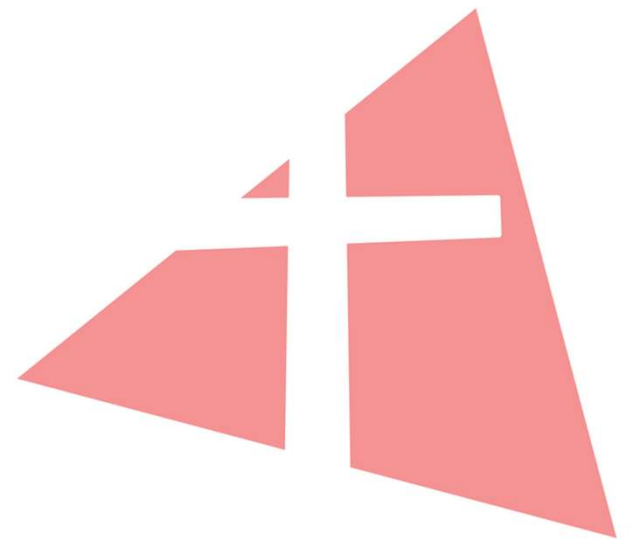


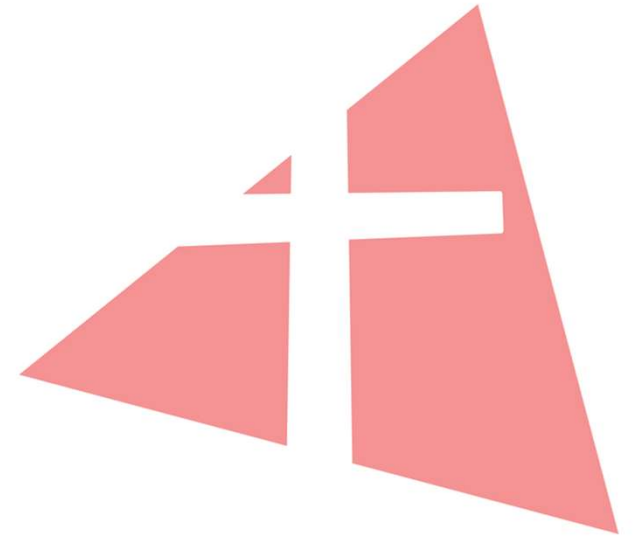
# **ADDICTIONS**

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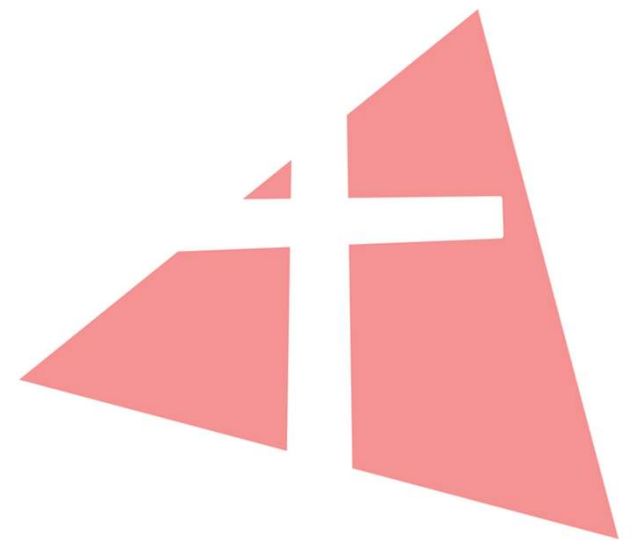
# OUR SERIES: INNER HEALING

- Who or what is our god?



# OUR FOCUS TODAY

- Addictions

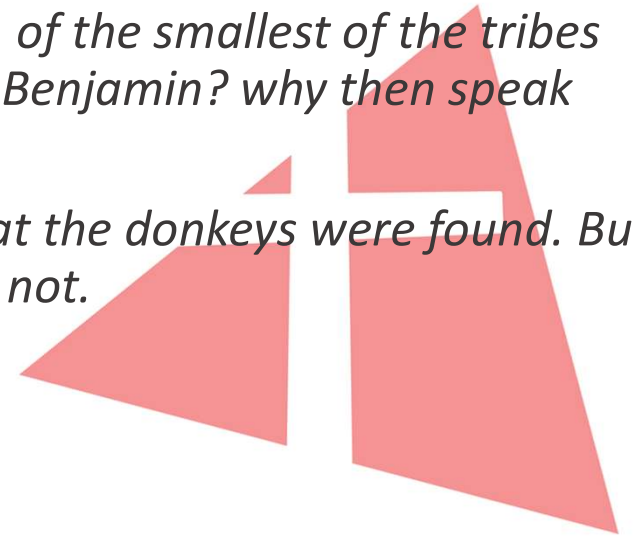


# KING SAUL

**1 Samuel 10:1** *Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not because the LORD has anointed you to be ruler over his inheritance?*

**1 Samuel 9:21** *And Saul answered and said, Am not I a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? why then speak you so to me?*

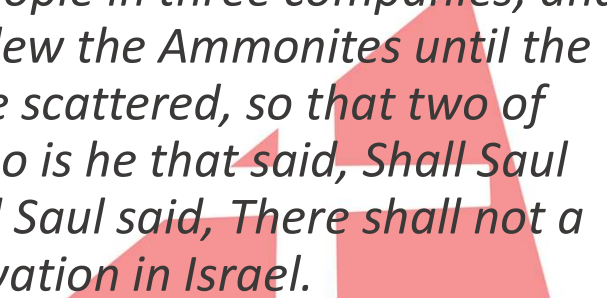
**1 Samuel 10:16** *And Saul said unto his uncle, He told us plainly that the donkeys were found. But of the matter of the kingdom, of which Samuel spoke, he told him not.*



# KING SAUL

***1 Samuel 11:6** And the spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly.*

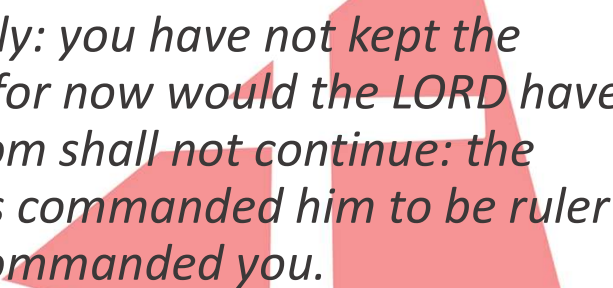
***1 Samuel 11:11-13** And it was so the next day, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the camp in the morning watch, and slew the Ammonites until the heat of the day: and it came to pass, that they who remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left together. And the people said unto Samuel, Who is he that said, Shall Saul reign over us? bring the men, that we may put them to death. And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day: for today the LORD has wrought salvation in Israel.*



# SAUL'S FIRST BIG MISTAKE

***1 Samuel 13:11-12** And Samuel said, What have you done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that you came not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash; Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the LORD: I felt compelled therefore, and offered a burnt offering.*

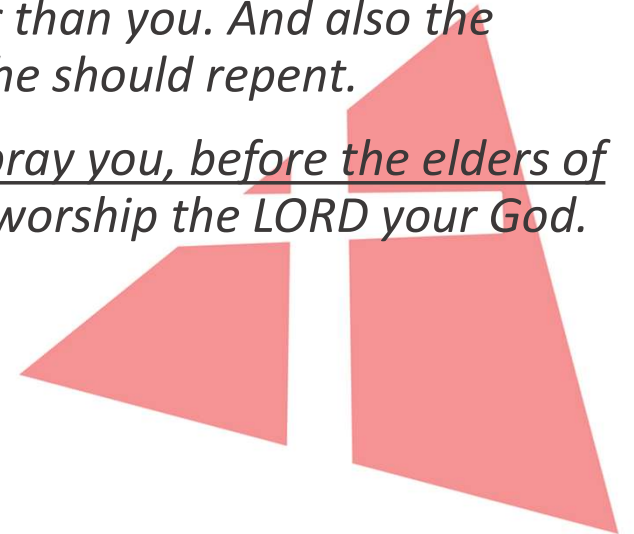
***1 Samuel 13:13-14** And Samuel said to Saul, You have done foolishly: you have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which he commanded you: for now would the LORD have established your kingdom upon Israel forever. But now your kingdom shall not continue: the LORD has sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be ruler over his people, because you have not kept that which the LORD commanded you.*



# SAUL'S SECOND BIG MISTAKE

***1 Samuel 15:28-29** And Samuel said unto him, The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day, and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you. And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent.*

***1 Samuel 15:30** Then he said, I have sinned: yet honor me now, I pray you, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD your God.*



# SAUL'S HATRED FOR DAVID

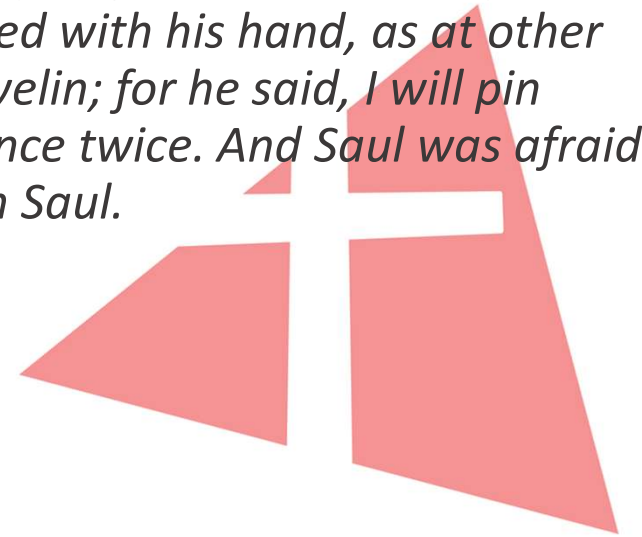
**1 Samuel 18:7-8** *And the women sang to one another as they played, and said, Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands. And Saul was very angry, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom?*





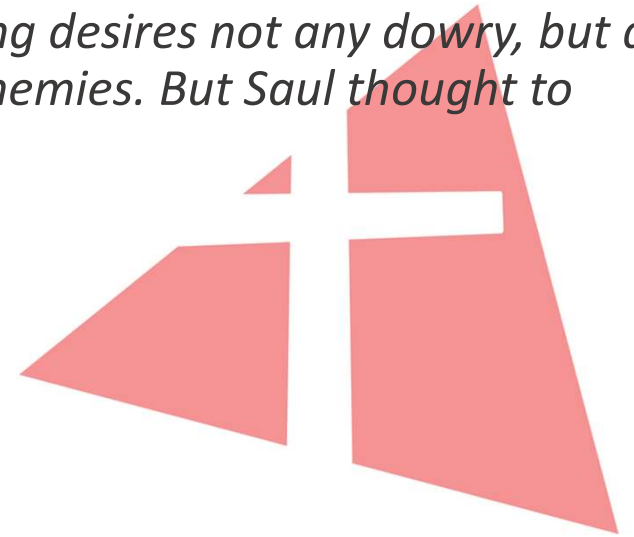
# SAUL'S HATRED FOR DAVID

***1 Samuel 18:10-12** And it came to pass the next day, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand. And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will pin David even to the wall with it. And David escaped out of his presence twice. And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul.*



# SAUL'S HATRED FOR DAVID

*1 Samuel 18:25 And Saul said, Thus shall you say to David, The king desires not any dowry, but a hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.*



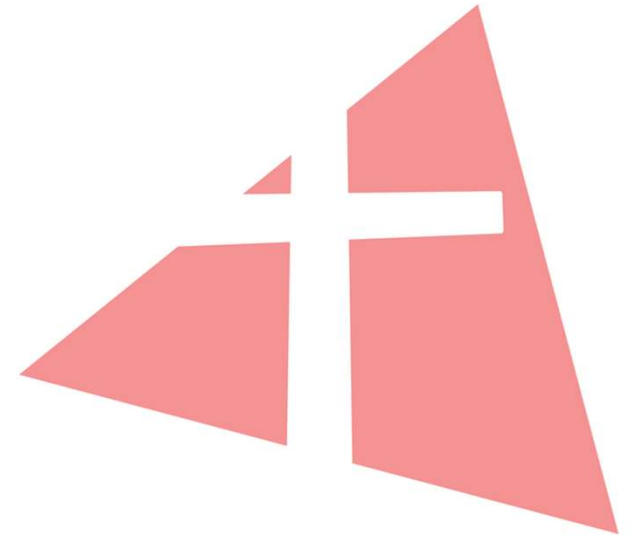
# SAUL'S HATRED FOR DAVID

*1 Samuel 19:10* And Saul sought to pin David even to the wall with the javelin; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he drove the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night.



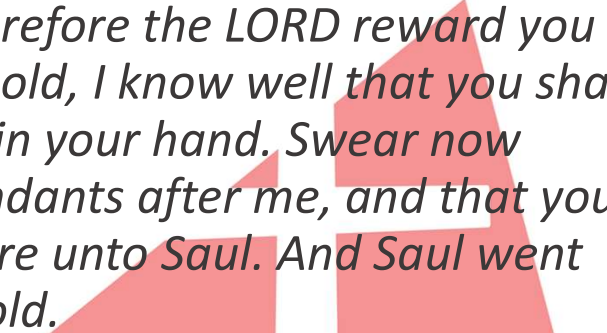
# SAUL'S HATRED FOR DAVID

- Saul chasing David



# SAUL'S HATRED FOR DAVID

**1 Samuel 24:17-22** *And he said to David, you are more righteous than I: for you have rewarded me with good, whereas I have rewarded you with evil. And you have shown this day how that you have dealt well with me: for when the LORD had delivered me into your hand, you killed me not. For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him go away safe? therefore the LORD reward you with good for what you have done unto me this day. And now, behold, I know well that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand. Swear now therefore unto me by the LORD, that you will not cut off my descendants after me, and that you will not destroy my name out of my father's house. And David swore unto Saul. And Saul went home; but David and his men got themselves up unto the stronghold.*



# SAUL'S HATRED FOR DAVID

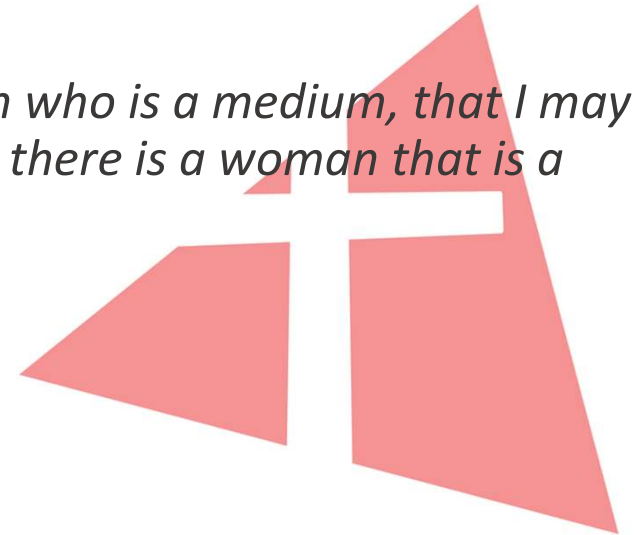
*1 Samuel 26:21* Then said Saul, I have sinned: return, my son David: for I will no more do you harm, because my soul was precious in your eyes this day: behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly.



# SAUL SEEKING A MEDIUM

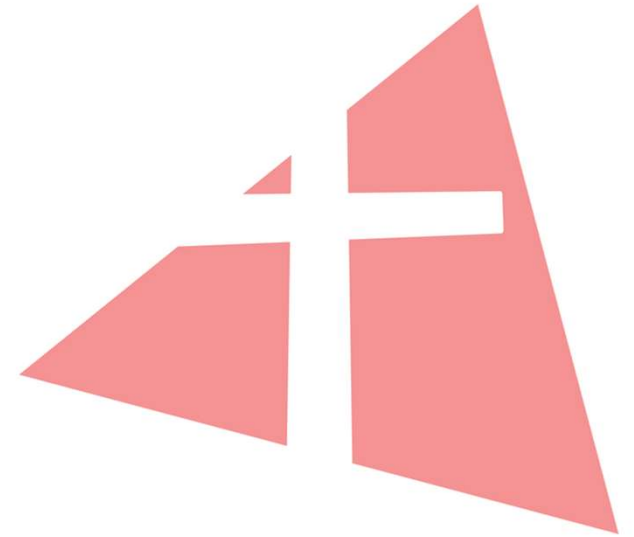
***1 Samuel 28:6** And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.*

***1 Samuel 28:7** Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that is a medium at Endor.*



# WHAT CAN WE LEARN?

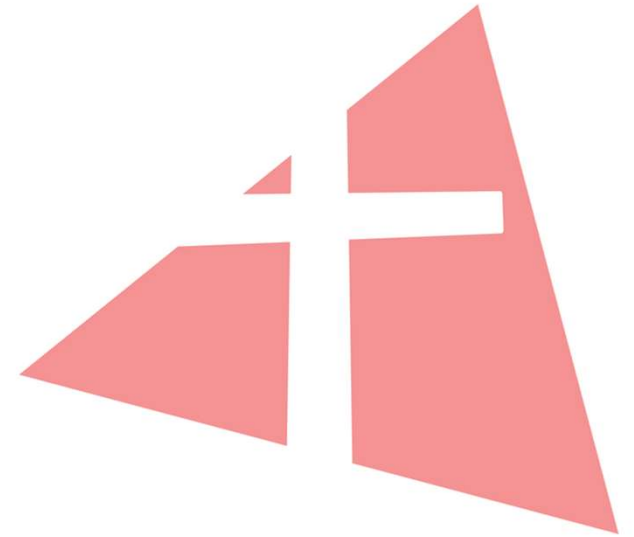
- **Saul started out the right way**
- **Saul then allowed idols in his heart**
- **This idol made Saul completely irrational**





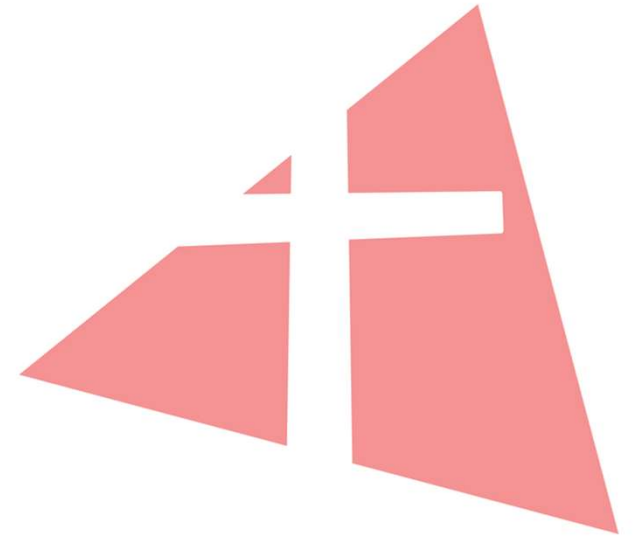
# WHAT CAN WE LEARN?

- Sometimes we think people do crazy stuff
- It's not crazy when we understand the god in their hearts



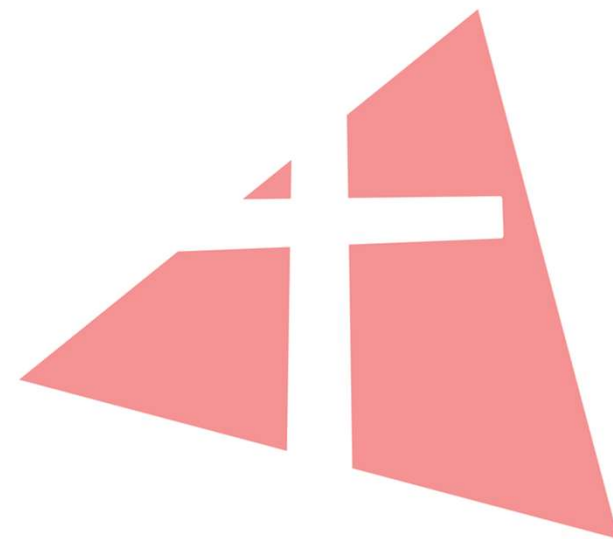
# WHAT CAN WE LEARN?

- Over time, idols turn into addictions



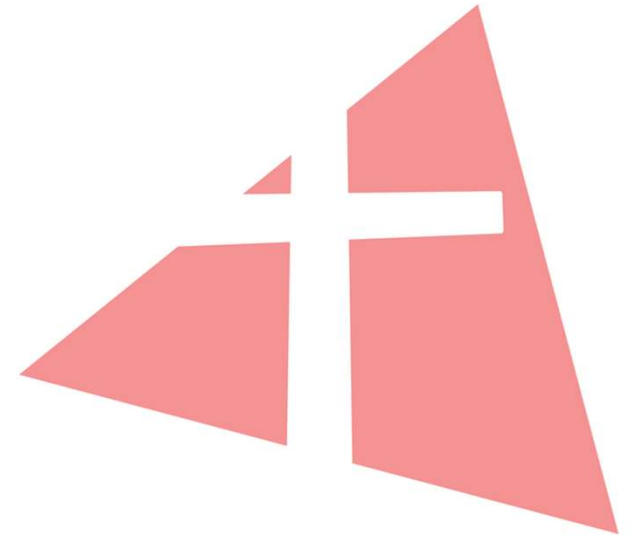
# MY STORY

- I was controlled by my god



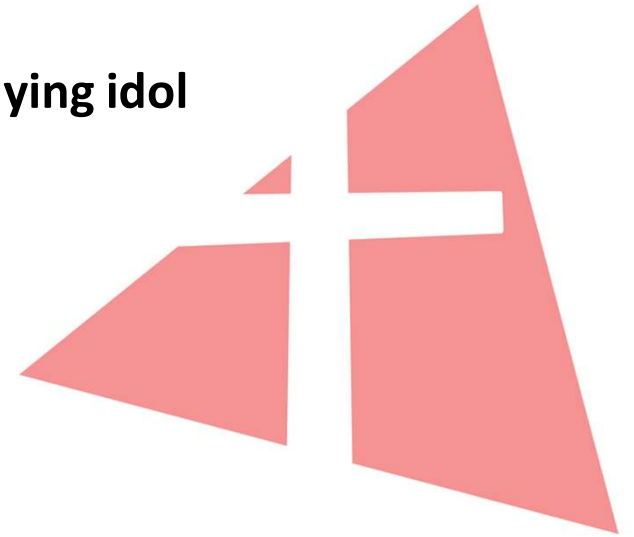
# OVERCOMING ADDICTIONS

- Addictions are symptoms, not the root problem
- Most people try to “stop the addiction”
- Instead, we need to
  - Identify and let go of our idol
  - Allow Jesus to fill our need instead



# THE MAIN POINT

- Addictions can only be overcome by letting go over the underlying idol



# FREEDOM

*John 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.*

