

Be still...

1 Samuel 3:1-11

What We Learn From Samuel's Interesting Night (How to Hear the Voice of God as He Speaks into Our Lives)

- 1. Find your place (v.3)**
Samuel's Place of Rest
- 2. Be Patient (v.7)**
Samuel's Challenge - Recognition
- 3. Listen (v. 4, 6, 8, 10)**
Samuel's Obedience - Eli's Insight

4 Ways God Speaks

- 1. Through His Word (Psalm 19:7-11)**
 - He Reveals His Character and Nature (7-9)
 - He Clarifies Our Calling - Pursuit of Him (10-11)
- 2. Through Prayer (Isaiah 55:6; Jeremiah 29:13)**
- 3. Through Circumstances (Jeremiah 29:11)**
Case Studies all over Scripture (Mark 4:36-41)
- 4. Through Other People (Nathan - 2 Samuel 12)**

Discussion Questions:

- In what ways do you expect to hear God's voice? Discuss.
- Are there any unexpected ways that God has spoken to you or given you guidance? Share.
- How do you allow time to wait and listen for God in your life?
- In your life who could you ask to hold you accountable in waiting on God's direction?

Questions are taken from the journal section of the Abide Bible for 1 Samuel 3:1-9

1 Samuel 3:1-11: Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

⁴ Then the Lord called Samuel, and He said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

⁶ And the Lord called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." ¹¹ Then the Lord said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle.

Psalm 19:7-11: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Isaiah 55:6: Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; . . .

Jeremiah 29:13: You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:11: For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.