



Series: DIVING DEEPER
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God's GPS

Primary Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:7-10 New Living Translation (NLT)

Samuel did not yet know the LORD because he had never had a message from the LORD before. So the LORD called a third time, and once more Samuel got up and went to Eli. "Here I am. Did you call me?" Then Eli realized it was the LORD who was calling the boy. So he said to Samuel, "Go and lie down again, and if someone calls again, say, 'Speak, LORD, your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went back to bed. And the LORD came and called as before, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Additional Scripture: Deuteronomy 28:1-2, 1 Samuel 3:1-10, Proverbs 2:1-5, Ezekiel 3:10, John 8:47, 10:1-5, 27-28, Romans 10:27, James 1:22, Revelation 3:20

Like Samuel we each have to maintain a close relationship with God to hear what He is doing and how He wants to involve us in His work. Samuel was dedicated by his parents to be a servant of God in the temple under the tutelage of the Eli the Priest. Samuel had to know when God is speaking. Samuel was being mentored by Eli to recognize the voice of God. The major part of preparing Samuel was discerning the voice of God to prepare him for his future service as a judge over Israel. God was seeking a relationship with Samuel to guide him as His servant. Eli guided Samuel as he was developing spiritually to listen to God. God's voice had to become familiar shutting out all other voices that could create confusion.

Discussion: On our spiritual journey God is doing character building for God-sized assignments when he invites us to be a part of His Kingdom work. We must respond to God's love and desire for a relationship that is sensitive to the voice of God. We have to be close to God to hear His voice. Developing our listening skills is a must if we are to grow and respond to the plans He has for our lives. Are you a good listener?

1. What spiritual disciplines help to develop good listening skills?
2. What means does God use to speak to us?
3. When God speaks to us, does it always call for action? Explain.
4. Do you have a well-developed habit of listening to God? How did you develop good habit of listening?
5. What are some things that can hinder us from developing a good God listening habit?
6. Share your most recent experience of God speaking to you. What response do you believe God was seeking from you?

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