



REIMAGINING
WITH GOD



HEARING GOD'S VOICE

(part one)

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13th September - Hearing God's Voice (part one)

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1 Samuel 3:1-7 (NLT)

Meanwhile, the boy Samuel served the Lord by assisting Eli. Now in those days messages from the Lord were very rare, and visions were quite uncommon.² One night Eli, who was almost blind by now, had gone to bed. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was sleeping in the Tabernacle^{al} near the Ark of God. ⁴Suddenly the Lord called out, "Samuel!" "Yes?" Samuel replied. "What is it?" ⁵He got up and ran to Eli. "Here I am. Did you call me?" "I didn't call you," Eli replied. "Go back to bed." So he did. ⁶Then the Lord called out again, "Samuel!" Again Samuel got up and went to Eli. "Here I am. Did you call me?" "I didn't call you, my son," Eli said. "Go back to bed." ⁷Samuel did not yet know the Lord because he had never had a message from the Lord before.

re-imagining our lives with God begins with
hearing and obeying God's voice

1. BELIEVING

Then the Lord called out again, “Samuel!” Again Samuel got up and went to Eli. “Here I am. Did you call me?” “I didn’t call you, my son,” Eli said. “Go back to bed.” **Samuel did not yet know the Lord because he had never had a message from the Lord before.**

1 Samuel 3:6-7 (NLT)

1. BELIEVING

shift from religion to relationship

by believing God wants to speak to you personally

1 Corinthians 2:9-12 (NLT)

That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”⁹ But¹⁰ it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God’s deep secrets. “No one can know a person’s thoughts except that person’s own spirit, and **no one can know God’s thoughts except God’s own Spirit.**¹² **And we have received God’s Spirit** (not the world’s spirit), **so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.**

Matthew 7:24-25 (MSG)

²⁴⁻²⁵ “These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, **words to build a life on**. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock.

2. RECOGNISING

8 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. 9 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. 10 And the Lord came and called as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel replied, “Speak, your servant is listening.” 11 Then the Lord said to Samuel, “I am about to do a shocking thing in Israel. 12 I am going to carry out all my threats against Eli and his family, from beginning to end. 13 I have warned him that judgment is coming upon his family forever, because his sons are blaspheming God, and he hasn’t disciplined them. 14 So I have vowed that the sins of Eli and his sons will never be forgiven by sacrifices or offerings.”

1 Samuel 3:8-14 (NLT)

2. RECOGNISING

shift from technique to posture

by valuing, hungering and being attentive to
the Holy Spirit's leading in your life

Luke 1:37 (AMPC)

For with God nothing is ever impossible *and* no word from God shall be without power *or* impossible of fulfilment.

“No freshly spoken word of God will ever come to you that does not contain its own ability to perform itself.”

John 16:13

But when He, the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and disclose to you what is to come.

Mark 4:24 (AMPC)

“The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you.”

3. SURRENDERING

¹⁵Samuel stayed in bed until morning, then got up and opened the doors of the Tabernacle, as usual. He was afraid to tell Eli what the Lord had said to him. ¹⁶But Eli called out to him, “Samuel, my son.” “Here I am,” Samuel replied. ¹⁷“What did the Lord say to you? Tell me everything. And may God strike you and even kill you if you hide anything from me!” ¹⁸So Samuel told Eli everything; he didn’t hold anything back. “It is the Lord’s will,” Eli replied. “Let him do what he thinks best.”

1 Samuel 3:15-18 (NLT)

3. SURRENDERING

shift from understanding to trust

by letting go of your need to understand and control,
and trusting in God's character

4. EXPERIENCING

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him, and everything Samuel said proved to be **reliable**. ²⁰And all Israel, from Dan in the north to Beersheba in the south, knew that Samuel was confirmed as a prophet of the Lord. ²¹**The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh and gave messages to Samuel there at the Tabernacle.**

1 Samuel 3:19-21 (NLT)

4. EXPERIENCING

shift from facts to personal history with God
through a lifestyle of hearing and obeying God's voice

4. EXPERIENCING

4 Finally, all the elders of Israel met at Ramah to discuss the matter with Samuel. 5 “Look,” they told him, “you are now old, and your sons are not like you. Give us a king to judge us like all the other nations have.” 6 **Samuel was displeased with their request and went to the Lord for guidance.** 7 “Do everything they say to you,” the Lord replied, “for they are rejecting me, not you. They don’t want me to be their king any longer. 8 Ever since I brought them from Egypt they have continually abandoned me and followed other gods. And now they are giving you the same treatment. 9 Do as they ask, but solemnly warn them about the way a king will reign over them.” 10 **So Samuel passed on the Lord’s warning to the people** who were asking him for a king.

1 Samuel 8:4-10 (NLT)

The Journey of Discovering God's Voice

stage #1 - BELIEVING

stage #2 - RECOGNISING

stage #3 - SURRENDERING

stage #4 - EXPERIENCING

²⁰Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear ²¹so that I return safely to my father’s household, then the Lord^[a] will be my God ²²and^[b] this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God’s house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth.”