



“Listening to Hear God’s Voice”

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The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. 4 Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, “Here I am.” 5 And he ran to Eli and said,

“Here I am; you called me.”

But Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.”

So he went and lay down.

6 Again the Lord called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

“My son,” Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.”

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

8 A third time the Lord called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. 9 So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!”

Then Samuel said, “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”

11 And the Lord said to Samuel: “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle.

- 1 Samuel 3:3-11

A dangerous _____ - *“Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”*

WE STRUGGLE TO HEAR GOD’S VOICE BECAUSE...

1. God Speaks in a _____

The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. 12 After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. - 1 Kings 19:11-12

2. We Struggle with _____

“Be still, and know that I am God!” - Psalm 46:10a

If you want to hear the _____ of God, _____ is the key.
If you want the Spirit of God to _____ you, be _____

3. We avoid a _____ Spot

“You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.” - Psalm 32:7

Quit hiding _____ God, and hide yourself _____ Him

(Prayer, Whisper, Stillness, Heart, Silence, Fill, Still, Whispering, From, In,)

Memory verse: *“Be still, and know that I am God!” - Psalm 46:10a*

My Next Step Today is...

- Memorize Psalm 46:10a
- What distracts you from hearing God’s voice? What can you do to change it?
- How can you develop more stillness in your life?
- Where can you find your whispering spot?
- I want to talk to someone about receiving Christ as my Savior.

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