

QUIET TIMES TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE

Our Mission (Love God 2) – Part 2 of 6

1 Samuel 3:1-21

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Our Mission: Love God, Love People, Serve the World

1. Samuel connected with God when he got (**quiet**) and (**alone**).

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. Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." – 1 Samuel 3:3-4 NIV

2. Samuel needed a (**spiritual advisor**) to help him recognize God's voice. – 1 Samuel 3:1, 7-9 NIRV

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. – Proverbs 27:17 NIV

Some Sample Accountability Questions:

- How many days this week have you spent devotional time in prayer and Bible reading? What are you currently reading?
- How have you spent quality time with your family this week? What have you done to court your spouse?
- Have you exposed yourself this week to any sexually explicit materials or engaged in any type of flirtatious behavior?
- How many days have you exercised this week?
- Have you lied, cheated, or bent the truth this week?
- Have been a good steward financially this week, and have you tithed?
- What was your greatest joy this week? What was your greatest challenge or disappointment this week?
- What do you think God is teaching you right now?

3. Samuel asked God to speak and (**listened**) for what God would say.

And the LORD came and called as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel replied, "Speak, your servant is listening." Then the LORD said to Samuel, "I am about to do a shocking thing...." – 1 Samuel 3:10-11 NLT

The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of his words fall to the ground. – 1 Samuel 3:19 NIV

4. God used (**His Word**) to speak to Samuel over a lifetime.

The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh, and there he revealed himself to Samuel through his word. – 1 Samuel 3:21 NIV

Tips for Spending Time in God's Word:

- 1. Select an understandable, modern translation such as: NIV, NLT, or HCSB. (Use the NASB if you want a literal translation.)**
- 2. Utilize helpful websites such as BibleGateway.com and apps such as YouVersion (free from the App Store).**
- 3. Use a study Bible with notes such as the NIV SB, Life Application SB, Ryrie SB, or the HCSB Study Bible.**
- 4. Choose a consistent time of day for Bible reading.**
- 5. Start reading each day where you left off the day before, until you have finished that book of the Bible. (Beginners should NOT start in Genesis and seek to read the Bible cover to cover. Start in the New Testament in Mark, John, and James.)**
- 6. Use a daily journal to record your questions, insights, and what you sense God is telling you.**
- 7. Before you read, ask God to speak to you. When you finish reading, take time to reflect, think and listen.**