



Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

1 Samuel 3:7-10
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“Listening”

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“Why is it that when we speak to God we are said to be praying but when God speaks to us we are said to be schizophrenic?”

-Lily Tomlin

The ___ Syndrome is keeping quiet after you’ve had a _____ experience for fear of being misunderstood or seen as eccentric.

God is still _____ today!

Samuel’s prayer: “Speak, Lord, for your servant is _____.”

God’s voice is _____.

When we aren’t hearing God, the problem isn’t with God _____.

It’s with us _____.

Step number ___ for Samuel, in his journey of learning to hear God, began with listening.

Jesus, repeatedly in the Gospels: “If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear.”

Jesus, repeatedly in Revelation: “Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”

God is speaking, not because He _____ to, because He _____ us.

A _____ heart is the opposite of a _____ spirit, which is what we’re called to have.

“Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, ‘Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts...’”

Hebrews 3:7-16

God often speaks to us through other _____.

Without _____, Samuel would still not know God’s voice!

- Who is an _____ in my own life?

Action Steps

1) Include _____ in a time of prayer this week.

2) Pray Samuel’s prayer _____: “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”

Isaiah 55:10-11