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## **I'm Listening**

**Are you listening attentively to me? Are you making yourself available to me? Do you really want to hear from me?** Yes Lord, I desperately want to hear from you. I want to listen to all that you have to say to me. I want you to speak into my life. I want your word to guard and guide my life. I want to know you. I want to know the plans you have for my life. I want to know where you would like to send me. I want to know how you would like to use me. Without hearing from you I would only be guessing at what you might like me to do for you. I don't want to be guessing about your will. I don't want to be guessing about your plans for my life. I don't want to know about you. I actually want to know you intimately. How would that ever be possible if I never heard from you? Yes Lord, I really do want to hear from you. **That's very good.**

**Do what Samuel did.** What did Samuel do? **You tell me.** Samuel waited quietly for you to speak to Him. **Yes, he did. How can you make yourself quiet before me?** I could set aside a daily time and a special place to meet with you. **That sounds like a good plan. Do you know why it is so important to have a daily time and special place to meet with me?** The world is a noisy and distracting place. If I don't set aside a quiet place I will never hear your voice over the noise that is in the world. **That's right. What else?** If I don't set aside a special time I will always be too busy to find time to meet with you. **That is also right.** I don't need to find time to meet with you. I need to make time to meet with you. **Will you set aside a time and a place to meet with me?** Yes Lord, I will set aside a time and a place to meet with you. **That will be very good.**

*Lord, here I am. I have set aside this time and this place to meet with you. I have left behind the noise and distractions of daily life.*

*I am making myself quiet before you. I am your servant and I am listening. What do you want to say to me? Amen*

**If** *He Calls You*

Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel a third time, 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. 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. The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

NIV 1 Samuel 3:7-10

**If** *Someone Calls You*

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, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went back to bed. And the LORD came and called as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel replied, "Speak, your servant is listening."

NLT 1 Samuel 3:7-10

**If** *He Calls You*

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."

NRSV 1 Samuel 3:7-10

**If** *He Calls You*

Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord was not yet revealed to him. And the Lord called Samuel the third time. And he went to Eli and said, Here I am, for you did call me. Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. So 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. And the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, Samuel! Samuel! Then Samuel answered, Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening.

AMP 1 Samuel 3:7-10

**If** *He Calls You*

Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor had the word of the LORD yet been revealed to him. So the LORD called Samuel again for the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli discerned that the LORD was calling the boy. And Eli said to Samuel, "Go lie down, and it shall be if He calls you, that you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for Your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Then the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for Your servant is listening."

NASB 1 Samuel 3:7-10

**If** *He Calls You*

Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose 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 hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

ESV 1 Samuel 3:7-10

**If** *He Calls You*

(Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor was the word of the LORD yet revealed to him.) And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. Then he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD had called the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, 'Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears."

NKJV 1 Samuel 3:7-10

**If** *The Voice Calls*

(This all happened before Samuel knew GOD for himself. It was before the revelation of GOD had been given to him personally.) GOD called again, "Samuel!"—the third time! Yet again Samuel got up and went to Eli, "Yes? I heard you call me. Here I am." That's when it dawned on Eli that GOD was calling the boy. So Eli directed Samuel, "Go back and lie down. If the voice calls again, say, 'Speak, GOD. I'm your servant, ready to listen.'" Samuel returned to his bed. Then GOD came and stood before him exactly as before, calling out, "Samuel! Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak. I'm your servant, ready to listen."

MSG 1 Samuel 3:7-10

**If** *He Calls*

(Samuel had never had a message from Jehovah before.) So now the Lord called the third time, and once more Samuel jumped up and ran to Eli. "Yes?" he asked. "What do you need?" Then Eli realized it was the Lord who had spoken to the child. So he said to Samuel, "Go and lie down again, and if he calls again, say, 'Yes, Lord, I'm listening.'" So Samuel went back to bed. And the Lord came and called as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel replied, "Yes, I'm listening."

TLB 1 Samuel 3:7-10

**If** *He Calls You*

Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the LORD had not spoken directly to him yet. The LORD called Samuel for the third time. Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "I am here. You called me." Then Eli realized the LORD was calling the boy. So he told Samuel, "Go to bed. If he calls you again, say, 'Speak, LORD. I am your servant and I am listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in bed. The LORD came and stood there and called as he had before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel said, "Speak, LORD. I am your servant and I am listening."

NCV 1 Samuel 3:7-10

# He Calls You

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If – 1 Samuel 3:7-10

**In Context:** Read 1 Samuel 3

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, here I am. I have set aside this time and this place to meet with you. I have left behind the noise and distractions of daily life. I am making myself quiet before you. I am your servant and I am listening. What do you want to say to me? Amen

**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How will the noise and distractions of life make it difficult for you to hear from the Lord?

**When are you setting aside a special time and a sacred place to meet with the Lord?**

How are you quieting yourself before the Lord so that you can hear from Him?

How are you listening attentively to all that the Lord wants to say to you?

**How has the Lord been able to guide your life as you have listened to Him?**

**How are you making reading, studying and meditating on God's word a daily practice in your life?**

When has the Lord spoken to you through His word?

**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Make yourself available to listen attentively to the Lord so that He can speak to you.

**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will speak to you as you set aside a time and a place to listen attentively to Him.

**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has spoken to you through His word.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you listen attentively to the Lord so that you will hear Him when He calls you.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will listen attentively to you so that I can hear all that you have to say to me.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, what do you want to say to me as I listen attentively to you?*

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