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Ready To Listen?

Are you ready to listen? What do you mean by asking me that? **Do you want to hear from me?** Yes, of course I want to hear from you. Who would not want to hear from you? **Do you think that I will shout to you over the noise of the world so that I will be able to grab your attention? Do you think that I will remove you from the busyness of the world by making your life come to a complete stop, so you will be able to hear from me?** You might, your doing either one or both of those things is a real possibility. **Do you think shouting at you, forcing you come to a complete stop, so you can hear from me, are the primary ways I want to communicate with you?** No, they are not the normal ways of your acting in my life. Only in an extreme case might you shout at me or force me to come to a complete stop, so that I can hear from you. **That's true. Why is that?** You want me to live in a close and intimate relationship with you. You want me to draw near to you as you draw near to me. **That's right.**

So, are you ready to listen? Yes, I am ready to listen. I will bring myself to a complete stop so that I can hear from you. I will draw near to you. I will sit at your feet. I will rest in your presence. I will quiet myself before you. I will make myself attentive to you. I will listen carefully to every word that you want to say to me.

What do you know about listening to me? I know that you will speak to me in a still quiet voice. I know that you will not barge into my life. I know that learning to listen to you will require my full attention. I know that learning to hear your voice will take time and patience and practice. I know that how well I listen to you will determine how well I serve you. **Will you give yourself fully to listening to me?** Yes Lord, I will give myself fully to listening to you. **That will be very good.**

Lord, it is the utmost desire of my heart to live in an intimate relationship with you. I want to hear your voice speaking to me. I want to listen to every word you have to say. I will sit down. I will quiet myself before you. I will listen carefully and serve you well. Amen

Your Servant Is Listening

Day _____ Date _____

Prayer – 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, it is the utmost desire of my heart to live in an intimate relationship with you. I want to hear your voice speaking to me. I want to listen to every word you have to say. I will sit down. I will quiet myself before you. I will listen carefully and serve you well. Amen

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

Why must you become a listener if you want to become the Lord's servant?

How are you making yourself available to listen to the Lord?

What has helped and hindered your ability to hear the Lord speaking to you?

Why will you be unlikely to hear the Lord unless you sit down to listen to Him?

Why will you be unable to hear the Lord speaking to you over the noise and in the busyness of life?

When are you setting aside a time and place to sit and listen to the Lord?

When have you known without a doubt that the Lord has been speaking to you?

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

Set aside a time and a place to meet with the Lord so that you can listen to Him?

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

Have faith that the Lord will speak to you when you sit down and listen to Him.

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

Share with another person or your small group when you have known that the Lord was speaking to you.

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... _____

Prayer*Your Servant Is Listening*

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NIV

1 Samuel 3:7-10

Prayer*Your Servant Hears*

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

Prayer*Your Servant Is Listening*

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, 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

Prayer*Your Servant Hears*

(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

Prayer*Your Servant Is Listening*

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

Prayer*Your Servant, Ready To Listen*

(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

Prayer*Your Servant Is Listening*

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

Prayer*Yes, I'm Listening*

(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

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Prayer*Your Servant Is Listening*

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

Prayer*I am Your Servant And I Am Listening*

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

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

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

May you sit down and be quiet before the Lord so you can listen to Him.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, I will sit down and be quiet before you So I can listen to you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what do you want to say to me today as I sit down and listen to you?
