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## **Speak To Me**

Here I am. I am your servant. I am listening. It gives me great joy to know that you will speak to me. It fills my heart with hope and peace and joy knowing that you will take the time to talk to me. **That's good. Do you have any concerns? Do you have any desires?** In the past, I know that I have failed to hear your voice. I have been distracted and preoccupied and busy. I raced right on by you. I did not pause to hear what you wanted to say to me. I don't want any more of that. It is my desire to grow in my ability to clearly hear your voice. I want to recognize your voice. I want to respond to your speaking to me. **That's good.**

**What will be required of you if you want to clearly hear me speaking to you?** I know that it will require time from me to learn to hear your voice. **How so?** I think the strength of my desire to hear from you can be measured by the time I am willing to spend quietly listening to you. If I only spend a few minutes here and there, then I am not very serious about my desire to hear from you. On the other hand, if I am spending significant amounts of time with you, in your presence, then we can both be sure that I really do seriously want to hear from you. **That's true.**

**Why is time necessary for you to learn to hear my voice?** Hearing your voice does not come naturally and easily to me. **Why is that?** The thoughts of my mind and the feelings of my heart race within me. So often, I can barely hear myself think. In order to hear from you I need to slow my heart and mind down. I need to be still before you. Your voice is like a quiet whisper. Your voice will never shout for my attention. I need to be quiet and receptive, if I want to hear from you. **That's true.**

**Why else is time necessary if you want to hear from me?** Hearing from you is like a muscle that needs to be strengthened. The more I hear and obey you, the more I will be able to hear your voice speaking to me. **What will happen as you spend more time with me?** Our relationship will grow. I will come to know your thoughts. I will come to speak your words. I will come to do your deeds. I will grow in my ability to know and do your will as I live in an intimate relationship with you. You will make me to be more like you. **Yes, I will do all these things in you and through you. I have a final question for you.** What's that? **Are you impatient?** Once, I was. Now, I am expectant. **That is very good. You can expect to hear me speaking to you.**

*Lord, thank you for speaking to me. You use your voice to both guard and guide my life. I will listen attentively to you. I will joyfully go where you voice guides me. I will thankfully do what your voice gives me to do for you. Help me to clearly hear your voice. Amen*

## **Becoming Like Christ** *Your Servant Is Listening*

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 3:8-10

## **Becoming Like Christ** *Your Servant Is Listening*

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 3:8-10

## **Becoming Like Christ** *Your Servant Is Listening*

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 3:8-10

## **Becoming Like Christ** *Your Servant Is Listening*

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 3:8-10

## **Becoming Like Christ** *Your Servant Is Listening*

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 3:8-10

## **Becoming Like Christ** *Your Servant Hears*

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 young man. 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 3:8-10

## **Becoming Like Christ** *Your Servant Hears*

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 3:8-10

## **Becoming Like Christ** *Your Servant, Ready To Listen*

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 3:8-10

## **Becoming Like Christ** *Yes, I'm Listening*

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 3:8-10

## **Becoming Like Christ** *I Am Listening*

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 3:8-10

# Your Servant Is Listening

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**Becoming Like Christ** – 1 Samuel 3:8-10

**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, thank you for speaking to me. You use your voice to both guard and guide my life. I will listen attentively to you. I will joyfully go where your voice guides me. I will thankfully do what your voice gives me to do for you. Help me to clearly hear your voice. Amen

**What It Means:**

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

**When have you been slow to realize that the Lord was speaking to you?**

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

What could you have avoided if you had listened to the Lord speaking to you?

When have you told the Lord that you will listen attentively to Him?

**How are you allowing the Lord to speak into your life on a daily basis?**

How has the Lord's voice speaking to you guarded and guided the course of your life?

**How has your ability to hear the Lord speaking to you grown as you have continued to listen to Him?**

**Living It Out:**

***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Listen attentively to the Lord so you can hear His voice guarding and guiding you through life.

**Seeing It Happen:**

***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will use His voice to guard and guide the course of your life.

**Get Ready To Share:**

***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are making your ears attentive to the Lord's voice.

**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 to the Lord's voice so He can guard and guide your life.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

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

*Lord, I will listen to your voice so you can guard and guide my life.*

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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, how will you guard and guide my life as I listen to you today?*

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