

Samuel needed help to recognize God’s voice. God still reveals himself all around our world; sometimes we too need help knowing how to listen.

differences between the world of Samuel and our world today

we know Jesus through _____

scripture is applied in our hearts through _____

who are the _____ that help me _____?

who can I _____ to help _____?

Faith That Listens

1 Samuel 3:1–10 (NIV)



3 The boy Samuel ministered before

the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

²One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³The 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. ⁴Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, “Here I am.” ⁵And he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

But Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.” So he went and lay down.

⁶Again the LORD called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

“My son,” Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.”

⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸A third time the LORD called, “Samuel!” 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. ⁹So 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.

¹⁰The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!”

Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

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1 Samuel 3:1-10



Understanding the Bible:
What is the problem being
expressed in this Bible passage?

How does God show up in this Bible Passage?

How many times did God call out to Samuel before
Samuel answered God?

My favorite song today:

Things I will pray for this week:

Today's Bible Passage: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

(Can you find the highlighted words?)

T W E N T L O R D M N
I E S U D H O N G I I
M A L I S T E N I N G
E K A M D U I R V I H
O S B S A M A T E S T
V I S I O N S L H T B
R P P C S Y Y B N E G
L R E B A C K A B R N
A B A D M L V R H E W
M M K R U R L E E D O
P L A C E E U L R B R
E Y E S L H Y Y E U D

The boy **Samuel**
ministered
before the **LORD**
under Eli. In those
days the **word** of
the **LORD** was
rare; **there** were
not **many visions**.
One **night** Eli,
whose **eyes** were
becoming so
weak that he
could **barely** see,
was lying down in
his **usual place**.
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." And he ran to Eli and **said**, "**Here** I am;
you called me." But Eli **said**, "I did not **call**; go **back** and lie down." So
he **went** and lay down. Again the **LORD** called, "**Samuel!**" And **Samuel**
got up and **went** to Eli and **said**, "**Here** I am; you called me." "My son,"
Eli **said**, "I did not **call**; go **back** and lie down." Now **Samuel** did not yet
know the **LORD**: The **word** of the **LORD** had not yet been revealed to him.
A third **time** the **LORD** called, "**Samuel!**" 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.**"