

Dangerous Prayers

Part 5-Speak to Me

1 Samuel 3:1-14

Another Dangerous Prayer...

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

Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” 1 Samuel 3:10 NIV

Opening Question: How many times in scripture did God give an assignment that was easy to do?

- **God gave Samuel a DIFFICULT assignment.**

And the LORD said to Samuel: “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle. At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his family—from beginning to end. For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons blasphemed God, and he failed to restrain them. Therefore I swore to the house of Eli, ‘The guilt of Eli’s house will never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.’” 1 Samuel 3:11-14 NIV

Key Point: Prayer in its essence is COMMUNICATING with God.

How can I be postured to hear the voice of God?

- 1. be STILL before God.**

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.” 1 Samuel 3:3-4 NIV

He says, “Be still, and know that I am God...” Psalm 46:10 NIV

“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.” Matthew 6:5-7 NIV

How might you hear from God?

- God speaks to you through His WORD.
- God speaks to you through PEOPLE.
- God speaks to you through CIRCUMSTANCES.
- God speaks through His HOLY SPIRIT.

Key Point: The MORE you listen for God's voice, you MORE you will be able to discern it.

2. Be WILLING.

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3. Be READY.

"What was it he said to you?" Eli asked. "Do not hide it from me. May God deal with you, be it ever so severely, if you hide from me anything he told you." So Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing from him. 1 Samuel 3:17-18 NIV

Are you ready to hear from God in this new year?

What commitments do you need to make to make sure you are listening?