

"Here I Am!"

(1 Samuel 3)

1. God often speaks in the '_____'. (*John 1:5,23, 3:19-21, 8:12, 9:5-7, 10:27; Isaiah 9:2; Psalm 1:2; Hebrews 1:1-2; Genesis 1:3; Jeremiah 33:3*)
2. When God calls, may we be available, ready, and _____ to _____. (*Genesis 12:4, 21:4, 22:1-3; Matthew 4:19-20; James 1:19,22; John 14:23; Matthew 7:24; Deuteronomy 28:1; Isaiah 6:8; Exodus 3:4, 19:8*)
3. Sometimes God speaks words to us that are _____ and _____ to share. (*Jeremiah 15:10, 20:7; Ezekiel 2:1-7; Romans 8:31; Ephesians 5:11; Acts 18:9-10; Galatians 6:1; Matthew 18:15; James 5:19-20; Titus 3:10-11; 1 Timothy 4:4, 5:20*)
4. When relaying God's message, let's make sure we tell the _____ story! (*Romans 1:16; 1 Peter 3:15-16; 1 Corinthians 2:2; Acts 20:27; 2 Timothy 4:1-5;*)
5. We don't establish ourselves - _____, and He is _____ each step of the way. (*2 Corinthians 1:21, 3:4-6; Romans 14:4, 16:25; Psalm 75:7; Jeremiah 1:5; Daniel 2:21; Hebrews 13:5; Matthew 28:18-20; Isaiah 41:10; Joshua 1:9; Romans 8:38-39; Psalm 23:4; John 14:26*)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Samuel was quick to respond to what he thought was Eli's call (but it was God who was calling him.) What are some reasons why we are slow to respond at times when God tries to get our attention? What can we do to be consistently 'readier'?
3. 1 Samuel 2:12 says that "*the sons of Eli were corrupt; they did not know the Lord.*" In this week's study, we were told that Samuel "*did not yet know the Lord*" (1 Samuel 3:7). What is the difference between the two? Why is this difference important to note?
4. Why was Samuel's inaugural prophetic message a difficult one for him to share? When has God called on you to share a difficult word/message with someone? How did it go? Looking back, was there anything you could/should have done differently?
5. As difficult as it was for Samuel to talk to Eli, Samuel "*told him everything*" (1 Samuel 3:18) - he kept nothing from Eli. In the spirit of this verse, it is vitally important when we are representing God and relaying the gospel message that we 'tell the *whole* story', distorting and omitting nothing. Read Paul's exhortation to young Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:1-5. In what ways do we see verses 3 and 4 being played out today? What should we do in light of this?
6. "Make a name for yourself" is something we are told by the world to do. Did Samuel do this? Compare this statement with what we read in 1 Samuel 3:20. What is the application for us?

