

## Can You Hear Me Now

### Application of Prayer Part 3

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#### Key Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (ESV)

##### #1 – Samuel Didn’t Expect God to Speak

- Samuel was surrounded by spiritual activity but didn’t recognize God's voice.
- He assumed the voice belonged to someone else—because he didn’t expect God to speak to him.
- **Reflection Question:**  
Are you expecting God to speak to you—or only to the preacher, prophet, or leader?

##### #2 – Samuel Was in the Presence of God Before He Heard the Voice of God

- Samuel was lying in the temple “where the ark of God was” (v.3)—a symbol of God's presence.
- Presence comes before revelation. Sometimes God prepares us in His presence before He speaks clearly.
- **Reflection Question:**  
Are you making time to dwell in God’s presence—or just asking for His voice?

##### #3 – Samuel Was Serving the Lord, But He Did Not Yet Know the Lord

- Verse 1 says Samuel was “ministering to the Lord.”
- But verse 7 says he “did not yet know the Lord.”
- It’s possible to serve without intimacy. Activity does not equal relationship.
- **Reflection Question:**  
Are you serving God out of habit—or seeking Him out of hunger?