

ALONGSIDERS

FIVE MOVEMENTS



IMAGINATION

THE SPIRIT OF GOD

way of creativity
path of listening



Hearing is something that happens to us. Sounds force our attention...Listening, on the other hand, is something that we choose. Listening is a practice of focused attention.







Parker J. Palmer

Author of The Courage to Teach

LET YOUR LIFE SPEAK

Listening
for the Voice
of Vocation

Vocation does not come from willfulness, it comes from listening. I must listen to my life and try to understand what it is truly about.

- Parker Palmer



1 SAMUEL

Elkanah - *father & husband*

Peninnah & Hannah (peni for short) - *wives of Elkanah*

Eli and two sons Hophni and Phinehas - *priests in Shiloh*

Samuel - *son of Elkanah & Hannah*



They rose early in the morning and worshipped before the Lord; then they went back to their house...

1 Samuel 1:19





~~the only person who can make you feel~~
~~guilty, don't you!" This time I said yes.~~

When leaders begin to be swayed by who is going to get upset, they are surrendering their guidance to the most emotionally unstable person in their group.

~~We often use avoiding unpleasant~~

The root word “discernment” is the Latin word “*discerno*”

Discerno means to sever or separate.

It’s essentially the ability to separate what’s important from what’s irrelevant or misleading

...test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

- 1 Thess. 5:21



the word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

- 1 Samuel 3:1



the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

- 1 Samuel 3:3



Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said,
"Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you
called me."

- 1 Samuel 3:4



Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

- 1 Samuel 3:7



Then Eli *perceived* that the Lord was calling the boy'

- 1 Samuel 3:8



Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord.

- 1 Samuel 3:15



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