

**Walk in It**  
Part 3  
“Your Calling”

**1 Samuel 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.

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

Samuel answered, “Here I am.” **5** 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.

**6** 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.”

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

**8** 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. **9** 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.

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

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

**11** 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.

**Vs. 4**

Then the Lord called Samuel.

**Called:** hebrew; qara - to call out, to call unto. to summon, invite, commission.

## 1. The Lord Called Samuel

Eli had known what it was like to be called by Eli

Vs. 1 “The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli.”

Eli had given Samuel tasks...

Eli was like a father to Samuel...

During this time, God was watching young Samuel as he served Eli...

No doubt God was putting together plans for this young boy...

Samuel had been faithful under Eli and at this particular moment God Himself calls out to Samuel...

It is one thing to hear the voice of a person calling you...

It is another when you hear the voice of God calling you...

I can't say I've ever heard God speak to me with an audible voice.

I can say that when I became a follower of Jesus, I became very familiar with hearing his voice in my spirit.

Other times I sense his nudge.

### **Vs. 7**

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

**word:** speech, word, utterance

## 2. Samuel was called to Know the Lord

Notice it says vs. 7 “Samuel did not yet know the Lord”

Samuel would become someone in the Bible who became so familiar with God that it says in **Vs. 19** “The Lord was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of Samuel’s words fall to the ground.”

Samuel became a Prophet over Israel and came to know God’s voice in a unique and awesome way...

**John 10:27** NKJV

**27** My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

**1 Corinthians 1**

**2** To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and **called to be his holy people**, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours:

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**9** God is faithful, who has **called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Fellowship:** association, communion, joint participation, sharing.

This is the good stuff. You know what I love about Men’s Dinners and other special dinners at the church?

The Fellowship...

The sitting around the table and talking about the stuff we love and enjoy talking about...

Samuel didn’t know the Lord until then

Samuel didn’t know God’s voice until then

Samuel didn’t have relationship with God until then

Story: When I met Jason Elam

You have a gifting, but you are not your gifting and your gifting is not you...

How many people talk to Jesus for what they can get from him...

How many people talk to Jesus to know him...

The sick pursued Jesus for their healing, but the Disciples got to sit around the camp fire with him...

### **Vs. 9,10**

**9** 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.

**10** The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

### **3. Samuel was called to Serve the Lord**

### **Colossians 3**

**23** Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, **24** since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

A true servant cares first about the one they serve.

A true servant is willing to put aside their own desires to meet the desire of the one they serve.

A true servant understands obedience is better than sacrifice.

### **1 Samuel 15**

**17** Samuel said, "Although you were once small in your own eyes, did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? The Lord anointed you king over Israel. **18** And he sent you on a mission, saying, 'Go and

completely destroy those wicked people, the Amalekites; wage war against them until you have wiped them out.'

**20** "But I did obey the Lord," Saul said. "I went on the mission the Lord assigned me. I completely destroyed the Amalekites and brought back Agag their king. **21** The soldiers took sheep and cattle from the plunder, the best of what was devoted to God, in order to sacrifice them to the Lord your God at Gilgal."

**22** But Samuel replied:

"Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord?"

To obey is better than sacrifice,

### **Closing:**

This is one of the most powerful passages of Scripture:

- Obedience is better than sacrifice
- Samuel knew, in order to be a true Servant of the Lord, it meant obeying the Lord.
- It didn't do Saul much good to try and impress God with offerings if he couldn't first honor him with an obedient heart...

Samuel was Called by God

Called to Know God

Called to Serve God

Called to Walk in Obedience to God

Today our prayer is Lord help us to:

Walk in the Call of God

In that, We are called to:

Know Him

Serve Him

Obey Him

Question:

Is there any Greater Honor than to:

Know Him

Serve Him

Obey Him

Prayer:

- Lord Help us today to hear you Calling our names
- Lord help us today to understand you first call us to know you.
- Out of know you, you call us to take up our cross and serve you with our lives.
- Lord help us to serve you and to be obey in every area of our lives.  
Because Obedience is better than Sacrifice
- Lord today we Surrender our lives to you
- Speak Lord, Your Servant is Listening