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The Purpose

From here to heaven... Following God wherever He leads us.

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Commentary from a common Terry

I'm all ears

Israel needed a new leader. They had no king. Eli, the one sitting as "judge," was nowhere near what he should have been. He was the priest at Shiloh, but had handed off priestly duties to his two sons, Hophni and Phineas, who were greedy degenerates who abused their position, abused the people who came to them, and abused whatever women they could get their disgusting hands on.

So, in I Samuel 3:1, "...the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision." It was not that God had nothing to say, but it seems there was no one worthy to be entrusted with His words. God's words are powerful, but they can also be muted by the unbelief and the sins of the people who claim to belong to Him or speak for Him. Like Hophni and Phineas. Eli wasn't all bad, but he did not stop his sons. He did not rebuke them or strip them of their priestly authority and power. He did nothing to hinder their disgrace.

God would raise up another, one who was trained in the way of the priesthood, who would be a righteous judge for the people, and would be a powerful spokesman for God, the prophet the people needed to hear. The first three chapters tell of the birth and youth of this one—Samuel.

As Samuel slept in the house of God in Shiloh, God called to him. Three times Samuel thought it was Eli calling him. Finally, after the third time, Eli realized it was God calling the boy, who would probably have been no more than 12 years old. Following the instructions of Eli, Samuel then responded to the fourth call of God with these words,

"Speak, for your servant hears."

Before Samuel could become the man he became, he first had to hear the words of God. He had to *want to hear* the words of God. For all of Eli's failings, he got this one right! He told Samuel how to respond to God when God speaks. "I'm listening. I'm all ears and no mouth right now."

I have, for a long, long time, recommended that you pray before reading God's word. Through prayer, confirm that you are waiting for God to teach you and reveal whatever you need for that day in that study.

Let's add a layer, and it's right out of the Word of God.

As you begin your daily Bible reading, or any special moment of study (all moments in the word are special), speak the same words that young Samuel spoke more than three thousands years ago. Five words. "Speak, for your servant hears."

I'm sure God loves to hear His words on our lips as we speak to Him. This particular statement to God basically reveals that in our hearts that we are ready to hear God, no matter the message or the need He will address. It may be wonderful. It may be deeply disturbing. It may affirm our faith. It may challenge our faith. It may reward the righteous choices we make. It may convict us of sins that we continue to struggle with.

But through it all, we are His servants. We hear. "Speak, for your servant hears."

The first time God spoke to Samuel was not pleasant for the boy. God relayed through him a message to Eli that he and his sons were to be severely judged and punished for their sins as priests. It was such a heavy message that Samuel was afraid to tell the old priest what God had said.

The end of chapter three describes how God's word was renewed among the people through Samuel. He heard God and responded. All Israel learned that God has raised up Samuel as the prophet to the people.

And then? Nothing about Samuel for the next 3+ chapters and 57 verses. He's not even mentioned. But the spiritual conditions of Israel are described. When Samuel is reintroduced into the narrative, he's a man of God unafraid to speak to the people. He calls them away from idolatry and back to the One, True God.

This man, dedicated to God by his mother before he was born, and willing to follow the advice that told him to say, "Speak, for your servant hears," saw what the word can do.

So can we. "Speak, for your servants hear."

Love one another,

Terry

Men's Breakfast next Saturday

Our monthly *Men's Breakfast* is next Saturday, March 14th. We eat at around 8:30 a.m. We can use some help getting things ready at about 8:15 a.m. All the men, teen guys, and boys are invited to join us.

Grandparents At Prayer meets this coming Wednesday

The *Grandparents At Prayer* group will meet this coming Wednesday, March 11th, at 10 a.m. in room #14. This is an hour dedicated to praying for our grandchildren and the many challenges they face in today's dangerous world. We meet each second Wednesday of the month during the school year. If you have questions or need more information, check with LaNelle Newton.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are thankful you are with us today as we worship our God and Savior. Our prayer is that you will encounter Him today.

A nursery for small children is available in the east hall off the lobby.

What will you experience at Westview?

- **Praise through song.** It is the tradition of our heritage to sing a cappella (without instruments) as we encourage everyone to be involved in uplifting praise.
- We value the **Bible**. You will hear God's Word read and all sermons will give the utmost respect and priority to Scripture.
- We share the **Lord's Supper** every week remembering Christ's sacrifice that provides us forgiveness as we celebrate our salvation through Him.
- **We do not expect our guests to give financially** to our work. We depend on the generous and godly giving of all Westview members to provide the funds needed to implement God's plans for this church.

We invite you to stay for Bible classes following our worship time. We hope you have been blessed today!

Today's Order of Worship

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
Soldiers of Christ, Arise

Meet & Greet

Announcements & Reminders

The New Song

Prayer

A New Anointing

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 84:8-12

Sermon

The Invasion:

The joy of the doer

Shout To the Lord

Thomas' Song

We Remember Christ's Sacrifice

Contribution Collected

There Is Pow'r In the Blood

Elder blessing and prayer

When the Night Is Falling

Unison Reading:

Jude 24-25



Prayer reminders

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6

We do not include personal information, such as the prayer list in our online bulletin. If you would like that information, it is available in the hard copy bulletin at the building. Or, you can contact the church office to receive a copy.

The two adult classes are combined today in room #14

Calendar note: we will have a congregational meal on Sunday, March 29th, at 5:30 p.m. More details to come.

The kids' worship handout is on the table at the back of the auditorium.

The Kitchen will be open on a week-to-week basis.

Right now, the plan is for *The Kitchen* to be OPEN this coming Wednesday, preparing food and delivering it to the homeless. 11 a.m.

The March Daily Bible Reading plan is in the lobby.

The MSCH spring food drive is underway

Details for the spring food drive for the Mountain States Children's Home is on the counter in the lobby. There is a list of specific needs, both food items and non-food items. There is also a list of items that MSCH *does not* need. You can leave your donation in the lobby in the collection bin just inside the front doors. Or, if you want, you can donate a gift card from WalMart, King Sooper, Safeway, etc. You can leave that card with Terry. This drive goes through April 26th.

The Wednesday night Bible study group meets each week at 6:30 in the fellowship room. All are invited to join us. We are studying the Gospel of Mark.

Servers for Worship today

Scripture Reading Rand Morgan
Prayer Tom Odle

Roy Moore (communion prayers)
James Pascoe (contribution prayers)
Chad Goodwin
Kim Hegarty
Abner Morales
Doug Schwartz

Next Sunday, the 15th

Scripture Reading: Karl Tankersley
Prayer: Troy Wallace

Communion and contribution:

Todd Zwetzig (communion prayers)
Taylor Wikum (contribution prayers)
Ian Sebold
Tyler Wade
Tyler Wallace
Dean Weber

Registration for camp (NCCC) is now open.

Go to: www.meadowlarkchurch.org

Click on ministries.

Click on the camp link.

Click on the "register here!" link.

Check with Terry for more info.



The Westview Men's Coffee is every Tuesday morning from 6 to 8 a.m. in the fellowship room.

The Westview Women's Coffee is every Wednesday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. in the fellowship room.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

3/8 - Christy Hegarty
3/9 - Kristeen Bevel
3/12 - Tom Odle
3/14 - Troy Wallace
3/15 - Wand Giles



This is a QR code that will take you to an information page on our newly designed website. Just point your cell phone camera at the code and then click on the "subsplash" link. ("Subsplash" is our site host.)

If you would like to contribute to the Westview coat drive, you can leave your donation in the collection bin in the lobby. We will continue this through the end of the month.

Concerning discouragement: *When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer.* ~Corrie Ten Boom~