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Trends deceive. Traditions enslave. God's Truth transforms.

"Love Kids. Tell Kids. Help Kids."

From the Series,

"Love, Tell, Help People"

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Preached Sunday AM 5/18/14

Meadow Baptist Church

1. God Initiates Contact (1 Samuel 3:1-10)

- a. The child's environment (1-3) - "Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. 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."
- b. The child's confusion (4-7) - "Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. And the Lord called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him."
- c. The child's guide (8-9) - "And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the young man. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place."
- d. The child's beginning (10) - "And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

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2. Adults Invest the Gospel (2 Timothy 3:14-15)

“But as for you (Timothy), continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” - 2 Timothy 3:14-15

- a. Adults in the physical family (2 Tim. 1:5) - “I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.”
- b. Others in the spiritual family (2 Tim. 3:14) - “But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it.”
- c. Any with confidence in God’s power & truth (2 Tim. 3:15) - “And how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

3. Christ Affirms Their Simplicity (Mark 10:13-16)

“And they were bringing children to Him that He might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, He was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” And He took them in His arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.” - Mark 10:13-16

- a. A precious desire (13a) - “And they were bringing children to Him that He might touch them...”
- b. A pitiful deterrent (13b) - “...and the disciples rebuked them.” It is possible that the actions of adults may impede children from knowing Christ
- c. A powerful declaration (14-15) - “But when Jesus saw it, He was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”
- d. A potent determination (16) - “And He took them in His arms and blessed them, laying His hands on them.”