

Family Life Takeover Service

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Main Text: 1 Samuel 3:1-21

Why We Have the Potential to be Eli

Main Idea: Eli represents comfort without conviction. He knew about God but didn't live fully surrendered.

- Eli chose *comfort over conviction*.
- Eli knew of God but didn't have deep relationship.

Questions:

1. What are some ways we choose comfort over conviction in our daily lives?
2. How can knowing *about* God be different from really *knowing* Him?
3. Where do you see yourself sometimes acting more like Eli than Samuel?

Choosing to be Samuel

Main Idea: Samuel represents a life that listens and obeys God.

- Serving the Lord isn't a checklist; it's part of our identity (v.1).
- Samuel was ready to listen when God spoke (vv. 4–10).
- Samuel was bold enough to speak God's message, even when afraid (v.15).

Questions:

1. What does it look like to serve God as part of your everyday life, not just at church?
2. How do we train ourselves to recognize when God is speaking?
3. Why is it scary sometimes to speak truth—or share our faith? How can we be brave like Samuel?

What It Looks Like to be Like Elkanah & Hannah

Main Idea: Samuel's parents modeled faith that shaped the next generation.

- They were devoted worshippers who made faith a family moment.
- They kept their word, even when it was costly.
- Their faith was forged through pain and trust in God.

Questions:

1. How can your family (or chosen family/friends) make faith a part of everyday life together?
2. Why is keeping your word such an important part of faith?
3. How has God used challenges or pain to strengthen your trust in Him?