

HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD

1 Samuel 3:1–10 (NLT)

Meanwhile, the boy Samuel served the Lord by assisting Eli. Now in those days messages from the Lord were very rare, and visions were quite uncommon. 2 One night Eli, who was almost blind by now, had gone to bed. 3 The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was sleeping in the Tabernacle near the Ark of God. 4 Suddenly the Lord called out, “Samuel!” “Yes?” Samuel replied. “What is it?” 5 He got up and ran to Eli. “Here I am. Did you call me?” “I didn’t call you,” Eli replied. “Go back to bed.” So he did. 6 Then the Lord called out again, “Samuel!” Again Samuel got up and went to Eli. “Here I am. Did you call me?” “I didn’t call you, my son,” Eli said. “Go back to bed.” 7 Samuel did not yet know the Lord because he had never had a message from the Lord before. 8 So the Lord called a third time, and once more Samuel got up and went to Eli. “Here I am. Did you call me?” Then Eli realized it was the Lord who was calling the boy. 9 So he said to Samuel, “Go and lie down again, and if someone calls again, say, ‘Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.’ ” So Samuel went back to bed. 10 And the Lord came and called as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel replied, **“Speak, your servant is listening.”**

FIRST: BE EXPECTANT

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)

6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a **rewarder** of those who **diligently seek Him**.

Jeremiah 33:2–3 (NKJV)

2 “Thus says the Lord who made it, the Lord who formed it to establish it (the Lord *is* His name):
3 ‘Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.’

SECOND: BE QUIET

Psalms 46:10 (NLT)

“Be still, and **know** that I am God!”

Psalms 62:5 (NKJV)

My soul, wait silently for God alone, For my expectation *is* from Him.

THIRD: BE PATIENT

Psalms 40:1 (NLT) I waited patiently for the Lord to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry.

