

Hearing God :: The Promise

1 SAMUEL 3

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PRAY AND GET RIGHT TO THE PASSAGE

I REMEMBER HEARING THAT STORY AS A KID / HYBELS / BUT I WAS JEALOUS AND IRRITATED =>
SKEPTICAL / 18 MONTH JOURNEY => NOVEL

Observations from Samuel's Story

1 Samuel 3 (p. 189)

- (v. 1) the word of the Lord was **rare**, not many **visions**.
- (v. 10) The **voice** of God came with his **presence**
- (v. 15) The voice of God is called a **vision**
- (v. 18) Samuel **told** Eli **everything**
- (v. 19-21) God was **with** Samuel, **appeared** to him, and revealed himself through his **word**.
- (4:1) Samuel **obeyed**.

A little deeper

1. The **method** is **secondary** in importance.
2. What's important is the **relationship** God is building with Samuel through his **presence** and his **word**.

IF IT IS GOD'S WORD, IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW IT COMES :: CAMPFIRE => SKYPE :: JEN'S LOGON
SCRIPT MEANT "SHE WAS HERE" :: WE WANT PRESENCE AND WORD.

Translate to today

1. The word of the Lord was rare and there weren't many visions, but today...
Today, there aren't many visions,
*but the **Word** is **everywhere**!*
2. The presence of God came and went, but today...
*God's own **Spirit** resides in human **hearts**!*

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Acts 2:38-39

3. God revealed himself to Samuel through his presence and his word, but today...
God will do exactly the same thing for you!

By His **Word** and His **Spirit**,
God promises to **speak** to you.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

2 Timothy 3:16

"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

John 16:12-13

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

John 10:27

"This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Jeremiah 31:33-34

Take it Home...

1. BELIEVE GOD WILL SPEAK TO ME BY HIS WORD AND BY HIS SPIRIT.
2. BE SO FAMILIAR WITH THE WORDS THAT YOU CAN DISCERN THE SPIRIT.
3. BUY A NOTEBOOK.

GP: DO YOU KNOW THE WORD? DO YOU HAVE THE SPIRIT?
IT'S NOT HIS VOICE UNLESS YOU HAVE BOTH.