



# Daily Reflections

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## Scripture

### **1 Samuel 3: 1-10, 19-20**

During the time young Samuel was minister to the LORD under Eli, a revelation of the LORD was uncommon and vision infrequent.

One day Eli was asleep in his usual place.

His eyes had lately grown so weak that he could not see.

The lamp of God was not yet extinguished, and Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was.

The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am."

Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me."

"I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep."

So he went back to sleep.

Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli.

"Here I am," he said. "You called me."

But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep."

At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD,

because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet.

The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time.

Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am.

You called me."

Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth.

So Eli said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'"

When Samuel went to sleep in his place,

the LORD came and revealed his presence,  
calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!"  
Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."  
Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him,  
not permitting any word of his to be without effect.  
Thus all Israel from Dan to Beersheba  
came to know that Samuel was an accredited prophet of the LORD.

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

God was faithful to Hannah. In answer to her humble prayer, God gave her the gift of a son whom she named, Samuel. Like his Mother, Samuel is humble. When called for service by the Lord, he responds by offering his life to the Lord, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." Samuel manifests the attitude of a faithful, humble and grateful servant. May we learn to imitate him.

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## **Food for your Journey**

Every call from God is a personal call. God's call comes to us person-to-person. It is not a conference call. Some of us respond by putting God on hold. Others of us use call-waiting and take other calls first. Then there are those of us who try to return the call collect - making God pay for calling us. (A whole sermon could revolve around just these familiar images.)

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Precious Lord, You have given everything to me, especially the promise of everlasting life with You. Help me, Lord, to show my gratitude by giving my life completely for Your glory. Amen