

# GOD AND ORDINARY PEOPLE, LIKE US

“Samuel... Living Out God’s  
Calling and Purpose For Him!”  
Pt. 2



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<sup>10</sup> And the LORD came and called as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel replied, “Speak, your servant is listening.” <sup>11</sup> Then the LORD said to Samuel, “I am about to do a shocking thing in Israel. <sup>12</sup> I am going to carry out all my threats against Eli and his family, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup> I have warned him that judgment is coming upon his family forever, because his sons are blaspheming God and he hasn’t disciplined them. <sup>14</sup> So I have vowed that the sins of Eli and his sons will never be forgiven by sacrifices or offerings.” <sup>15</sup> Samuel stayed in bed until morning, then got up and opened the doors of the Tabernacle as usual. He was afraid to tell Eli what the LORD had said to him. <sup>16</sup> But Eli called out to him, “Samuel, my son.” “Here I am,” Samuel replied. <sup>17</sup> “What did the LORD say to you? Tell me everything. And may God strike you and even kill you if you hide anything from me!” <sup>18</sup> So Samuel told Eli everything; he didn’t hold anything back. “It is the LORD’s will,” Eli replied. “Let him do what he thinks best.” <sup>19</sup> As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him, and everything Samuel said proved to be reliable. <sup>20</sup> And all Israel, from Dan in the north to Beersheba in the south, knew that Samuel was confirmed as a prophet of the LORD. <sup>21</sup> The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh and gave messages to Samuel there at the Tabernacle. 1 Samuel 3:10–21 (NLT)

## God’s Calling And Warning!

- God CALLED and USED Samuel, an ordinary guy, to **speak, lead, discipline** and help **shape the spiritual direction** of Israel!

## Questions:

- What **awareness or warning** has God been **SHOWING or SPEAKING** to you about, and are you making the **necessary changes**?
- How are you **taking/living** out your relationship with God?  
...with **seriousness** or with **disregard**?
- What will it take to get **YOU/US** back to the place where we once were?  
Do you want to have a **better, healthier** and **closer relationship** with God?

<sup>22</sup> Now Eli was very old, but he was aware of what his sons were doing to the people of Israel. He knew, for instance, that his sons were seducing the young women who assisted at the entrance of the Tabernacle. <sup>23</sup> Eli said to them, “I have been hearing reports from all the people about the wicked things you are doing. Why do you keep sinning?” <sup>24</sup> You must stop, my sons! The reports I hear among the LORD’s people are not good. <sup>25</sup> If someone sins against another person, God can mediate for the guilty party. But if someone sins against the LORD, who can intercede?” But Eli’s sons wouldn’t listen to their father, for the LORD was already planning to put them to death. <sup>26</sup> Meanwhile, the boy Samuel grew taller and grew in favor with the LORD and with the people... <sup>35</sup> “Then I will raise up a faithful priest who will serve me and do what I desire. I will establish his family, and they will be priests to my anointed kings forever. <sup>36</sup> Then all of your surviving family will bow before him, begging for money and food. ‘Please,’ they will say, ‘give us jobs among the priests so we will have enough to eat.’” 1 Samuel 2:22–36 (NLT)

✓ Action step ...**REPENT (making a change)**!

- Commit and make space to... **seeking, knowing, waiting** and **listening** for His voice!  
...it’s about **His plan and purpose** for YOU!

<sup>11</sup> For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. <sup>12</sup> Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup> And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. <sup>14</sup> I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive. Jeremiah 29:11–14 (NKJV)

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