



# You Gotta Hear This!

God is *speaking*. Celebrating God with *Listening*  
1 Samuel 3:1-21

**Question:** How often have you missed a call because it was too noisy to hear the ring?

- Ambient noise is a major spiritual problem—an ongoing spiritual issue.

**Samuel *recognized* God as a Communicator—with help from Eli.** vv 4-10

- God has spoken in many ways—He is clear, skillful, and continual in speaking:
- **Key Issue:** Wise people are diligent to hear the voice of God.

**Samuel *related* to God as a servant—with active listening, willing receptivity.** vv 10-14

- Servants do active listening:
- Servants are willingly receptive:
- **Key Issue:** Wise people take the stance of a servant in hearing God—being silent and receptive to the voice of God.

**Samuel *responded* to God by hearing and sharing the message.** vv 15-18

- **None of God's Words fail**—none of them!!!!
- **Key Issue:** Wise people listen receptively and share faithfully.

**Core Truth:** We worship God well by listening well...with absolute receptivity.

# Walking Papers”

*Practical helps for walking the Christian walk each day this week.*

**Core Truth:** We worship God well by listening well...with absolute receptivity.

**Please read:** 1 Samuel 3:1-21 each day this week.

- **Today.** God is a communicator. What does the Word say about His communication ability, goals, and skill?
- **Monday.** How are you being intentional and systematic and faithful to hear from God in your personal life? What might need to be different in this? What will you do?
- **Tuesday.** What is the evidence in this passage of Samuel’s active, absolute, utter receptivity to God’s Words? To Eli’s words? Is there a relationship between utter receptivity to the words of a person in authority over me and to the living God Who is in authority over me?
- **Wednesday.** What is the essence of absolute receptivity—what does it mean and look like at the core?
- **Thursday.** What is the relationship between silence and receptivity when a child is being spoken to by a parent? What is the relationship between silence and receptivity when a Christian is being spoken to by God?
- **Friday.** What is the relationship between listening to God with utter receptivity and sharing His message with others? What are the biblical examples—Old Testament and New Testament—of this relationship?
- **Saturday.** Please read Isaiah 6 and take some time to reflect on the passage and pray about God’s message in the passage and God’s expectation for you based on the passage. This is our study for tomorrow as we look at Isaiah’s very frightening encounter with the living God.

*Note for Connection Groups:* The full study guide for small group and personal study is available at: [www.cypressbible.org](http://www.cypressbible.org) and then click on “Get Connected” and the link is on that page.

