

WHEN GOD CALLS

1 Samuel 3:4-5, The Lord called out, Samuel, Samuel! (6) Then the Lord called again, Samuel. (10) And the Lord came and called as before, Samuel, Samuel.

There is a wonderfully strange thing that happens when God speaks- our lives are never the same as they were before. In this one passage of Scripture, God takes the initiative to come to a little boy and speak to him. God had created a sensitivity in the life of Samuel, and Samuel was marked for greatness, yet one of the paramount lessons that he had to learn was how to listen. It is interesting that God didn't call his name and then give off a list of commands. First and foremost, God wanted Samuel to know who was speaking to him. On three separate occasions, God came to Samuel, called Samuel by name, but it wasn't until he was ready to listen did God proceed with any direction, or directives. It is sobering to think that God will not give us directions until we are will and ready to listen. This well counts for such tragedy, problems, and distress in our lives. The God that created us, created us to listen to Him, yet there is no listening without time, energy and effort. When God called Samuel some interesting facts are important; 1) God called him by name. 2) Samuel knew his name was being called to the point that he ran to Eli. 3) The type of voice that Samuel heard was a masculine voice. For Samuel wouldn't have gone to Eli if the voice was feminine in nature. 4) He heard his name in his language. Samuel didn't speak English but the voice of God spoke to him in his specific language and culture. 5) When Samuel asked God to speak, God did exactly that. God relayed the vital information that was necessary to fulfill His plan, will and agenda. The God of Samuel hasn't changed. He is still calling people, but He waits for people to respond by saying, Speak Lord your servant is listening