



RAISING SAMUEL

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**WE NEED
HIS VOICE**







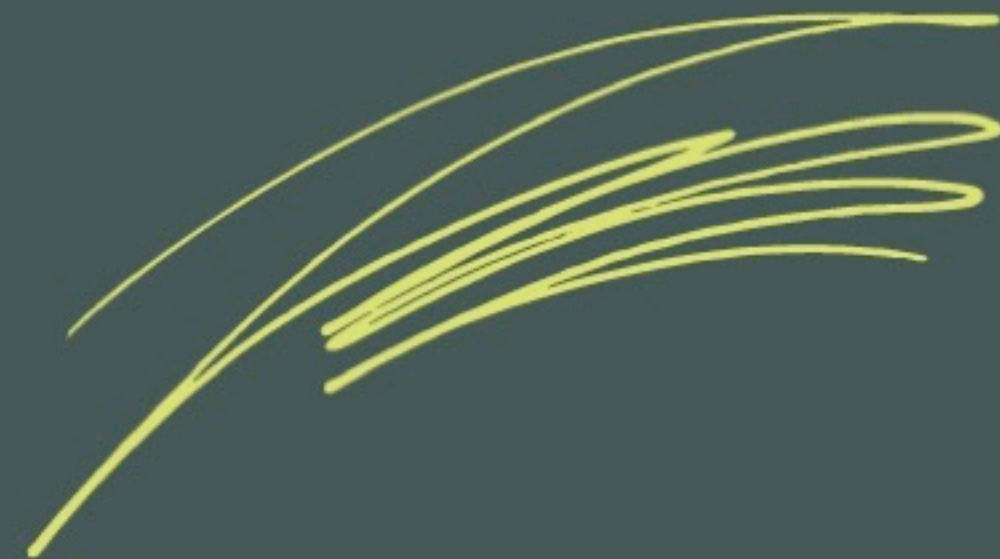
³⁵I will raise up for myself a faithful priest,
who will do according to what is in my
heart and mind. I will firmly establish his
priestly house, and they will minister
before my anointed one always.

1 Samuel 2:35 (NIV)



¹The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. ***In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.*** ²One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place.

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (NIV)

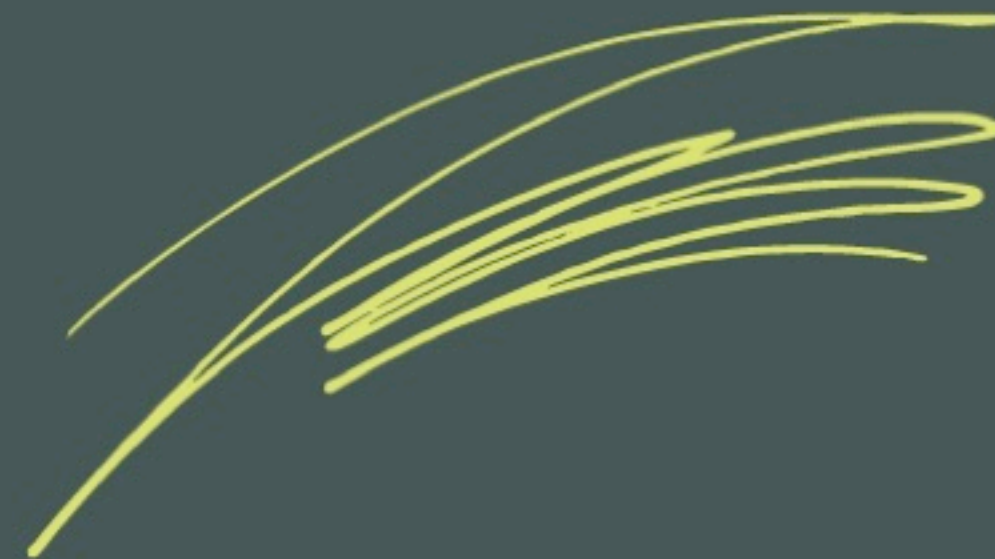


³The lamp of God had not yet gone out,
and Samuel was lying down in the house
of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

⁴***Then the LORD called Samuel.***

Samuel answered, “Here I am.” ⁵And he
ran to Eli and said, “Here I am; you
called me.” But Eli said, “I did not call;
go back and lie down.”

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (NIV)



So he went and lay down. ⁶Again the LORD called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.” “My son,” Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.”

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (NIV)



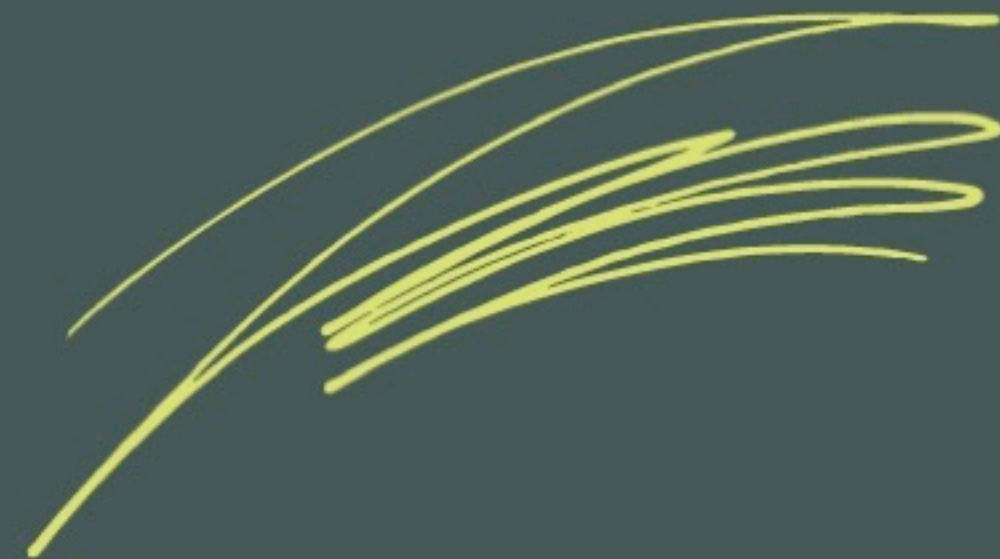
⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸A third time the LORD called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.” Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy.

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (NIV)



⁹So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (NIV)



**His Voice is the Word
and the Word is Christ**



¹In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. ³The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

Hebrews 1:1-3a (NIV)



Martin Luther

1483-1546



“The Just Shall Live by Faith”

Wittenberg: while in his studies, becomes a theological revelation

Bologna: while sick, becomes a personal revelation

Rome: while performing superstition, hoping for an indulgence from the Pope, sparks the Reformation

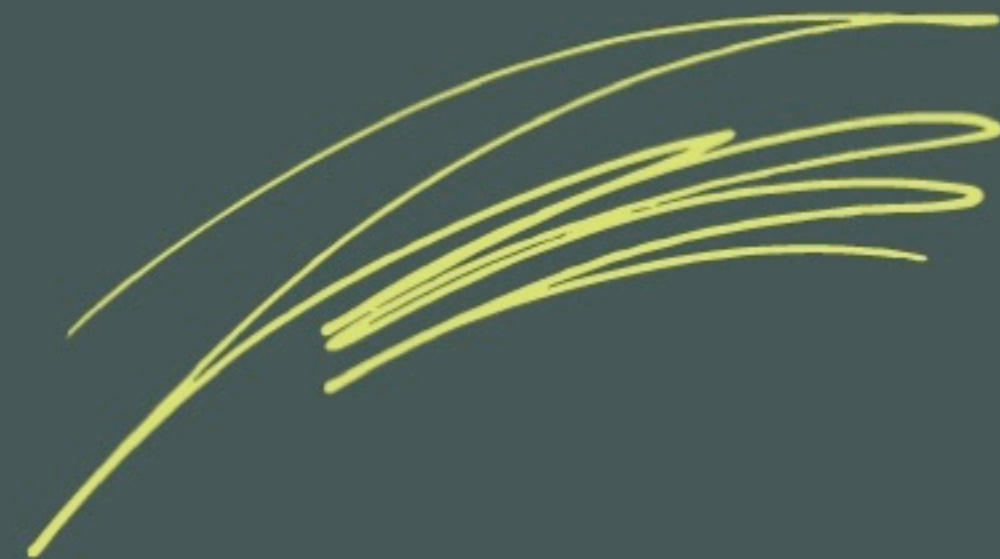
**Hearing
God's Voice
Takes Time**



**There's Nothing Routine
About a Godly Routine!**



“The fact that we do not hear does not mean that God is not speaking to us . . . messages from radio and television programs are passing through our bodies and brains at all hours of the day: messages that an appropriately tuned receiver could pluck from the very air we breathe. We are not attuned to God’s voice . . .



“At first we must be told that God is speaking to us and possibly even be helped to detect his voice. Only later do we distinguish and recognize his voice as his voice. That ability comes only with experience.”

Dallas Willard





While in Las Vegas in Summer 2013 working out with the U.S. Olympic Team, Kobe Bryant called one of the trainers at 4:15am and asked to meet him at the gym.

After working out with Kobe, the trainer left and came back for the team's scrimmage at 11am to find Kobe still finishing his workout.

In effect, Kobe showed up seven hours early for an offseason scrimmage.



Hearing
God's Voice
Happens in a
Place



¹⁶Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?

1 Corinthians 3:16 (NIV)



“The Word is the wire along which the voice of God will certainly come to you if the heart is hushed and the attention fixed.”

F.B. Meyer

