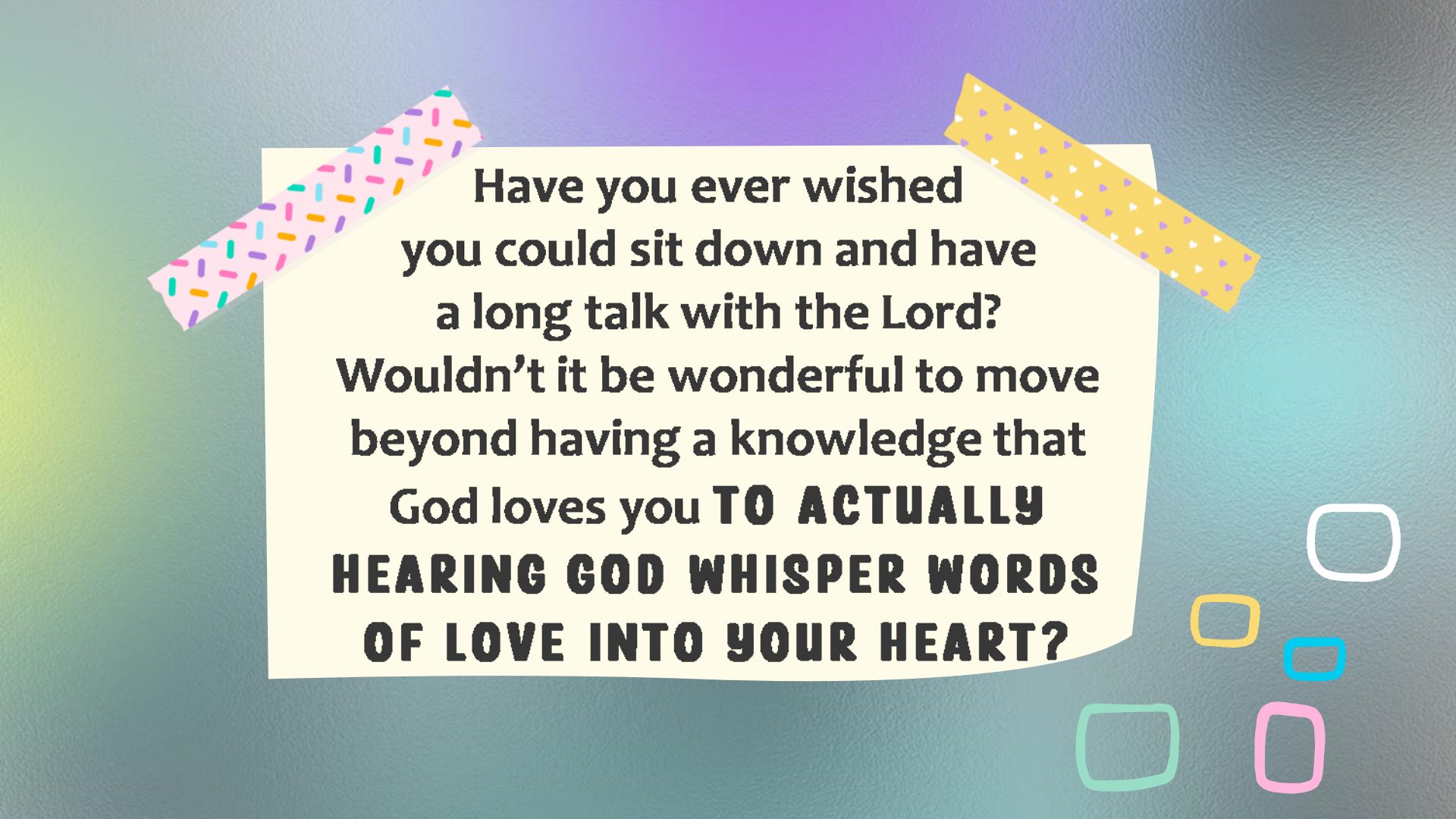









HEARING
GOD'S VOICE
1 Samuel 3:1-10



Have you ever wished
you could sit down and have
a long talk with the Lord?
Wouldn't it be wonderful to move
beyond having a knowledge that
God loves you **TO ACTUALLY**
HEARING GOD WHISPER WORDS
OF LOVE INTO YOUR HEART?



**NUMBERS 23:19 –
“GOD SPEAK AND
ACT. HE PROMISES
AND FULFIL IT.”**

1 SAMUEL 3:1-10

(1) The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord are rare; there were not many visions. (2) One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. (3) The 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 call to Samuel. Samuel answered, **“HERE I AM.”**

1 SAMUEL 3:1-10

(5) And he ran to Eli and said, **“HERE I AM; YOU CALLED ME.”** But Eli said, **“I DID NOT CALL; GO BACK AND LIE DOWN.”** So he went and lay down.

(6) Again 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

(7) NOW, SAMUEL did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. (8) A 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. (9) So Eli told Samuel, **“GO AND LIE DOWN, AND IF HE CALLS YOU, SAY, ‘SPEAK, LORD, FOR YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING.’”**

1 SAMUEL 3:1-10

So Samuel went and lay down in his place. (10) The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, **“SAMUEL! SAMUEL!”** Then Samuel said, **“SPEAK, FOR YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING.”**



There has been a call
placed upon our lives and that call
is **THE CALL TO HEAR**
THE VOICE OF GOD.

If you are one of His sheep, then
HE IS SPEAKING TO YOU AND
CAN HEAR HIS VOICE.

FOUNDATIONS TO HEARING

God's Voice

01

**RELATIONSHIP
NOT
RELIGION.**

02

**CHRISTIANITY IS
TO BE MORE THAN
A RELIGION.**

03

**SPIRITUAL TRUTHS
CAN BE REVEALED
ONLY BY GOD.**

04

**EXPECT GOD
TO TALK TO
YOU.**

Foundations to *Hearing* *God's Voice*

1. **RELATIONSHIP NOT RELIGION.**
 - (3:7) NOW, SAMUEL did not yet know the Lord: even though (3:1) The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli.



Foundations to *Hearing* *God's Voice*

2. CHRISTIANITY IS TO BE MORE THAN A RELIGION.

- (3:3) Even though Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was.



Foundations to *Hearing God's Voice*

2. CHRISTIANITY IS TO BE MORE THAN A RELIGION.

- Romans 8:16 – “The Spirit himself testify with our spirit that we are God’s children.”



Foundations to *Hearing God's Voice*

2. CHRISTIANITY IS TO BE MORE THAN A RELIGION.

Hebrew 4:12 – “For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any two-edged sword, it penetrates even to the dividing soul and spirit, joints, and marrows; it judges the thoughts and the attitudes of the heart.”



Foundations to *Hearing* *God's Voice*

3. SPIRITUAL TRUTHS CAN ONLY BE REVEALED BY GOD.

- (3:7) “The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.”



Foundations to *Hearing* *God's Voice*

3. SPIRITUAL TRUTHS CAN BE REVEALED ONLY BY GOD.

1 Cor. 2:9-12 “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him – but God has revealed it to us by His Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God... No one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.”



Foundations to *Hearing*
God's Voice

**4. EXPECT GOD TO TALK TO
YOU.**

- 1 Sam 3:1 – In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions.”



Foundations to *Hearing* *God's Voice*

4. EXPECT GOD TO TALK TO YOU.

- 1 Sam 3:4 – Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, “Here I am.” (5) And he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”



Foundations to *Hearing* *God's Voice*

4. EXPECT GOD TO TALK TO YOU.

- (v6) Again the Lord called,
“Samuel!” And Samuel got up
and went to Eli and said,
“Here I am; you called me.”



Foundations to *Hearing* *God's Voice*

4. EXPECT GOD TO TALK TO YOU.

- (v8) A 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.



Foundations to *Hearing* *God's Voice*

4. EXPECT GOD TO TALK TO YOU.

- (v9) So 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.



Foundations to *Hearing God's Voice*

4. EXPECT GOD TO TALK TO YOU.

- (v10) The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” Then Samuel said, “SPEAK FOR YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING.”





WHY DOESN'T EVERY PERSON HEAR GOD'S VOICE?

1. SOME PEOPLE ARE AFRAID TO HEAR. (EXODUS 20:18-21)

¹⁸ When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance ¹⁹ and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”

²⁰ Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.”

²¹ The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.







WHY DOESN'T EVERY PERSON HEAR GOD'S VOICE?

2. SOME PEOPLE FEEL UNWORTHY TO HEAR. (ISAIAH 6:5)

5 “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”







WHY DOESN'T EVERY PERSON HEAR GOD'S VOICE?

3. SOME PEOPLE DECIDE THEY DON'T WANT TO HEAR. (EZEKIEL 12:2)

2 “Son of man, you are living among a rebellious people. They have eyes to see but do not see and ears to hear but do not hear, for they are a rebellious people.







WHY DOESN'T EVERY PERSON HEAR GOD'S VOICE?

4. SOME PEOPLE DON'T BELIEVE GOD EXIST OR THAT HE SPEAKS. (HEBREWS 11:6)

6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.





“Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? (4) What made you think of doing such thing? You have not lied just to human being but to GOD.”

ACTS 5:3-4




JOHN 14:16-17



(16)“And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor – Counselor, Strengthener, Standby) to be with you forever.

(17) the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive (and take its heart) because it does not see Him or know Him but you know Him because He (the Holy Spirit) remains with you continually and will be in you.”

ANOTHER – refer to an additional person or thing of the same type as one already mentioned or known about.





JOHN 14:25-26



(25) “I have told you these things while I am still with you.

(26) But the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor – Counselor, Strengthener, Standby), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name (in My place, to represent Me and act on my behalf) He will teach you all things. And He will help you remember everything that I have told you.”





**YOU WILL NEVER DISCOVER
SPIRITUAL TRUTH BECAUSE
TRUTH IS ~~REVEALED~~.**

**YOU WILL NEVER
UNDERSTAND SPIRITUAL
TRUTH UNLESS THE SPIRIT
OF GOD REVEALS IT.**



HOW CAN I HEAR HIS VOICE?

It is as simple as quieting yourself down, fixing your eyes on Jesus, tuning in to God, and writing your conversation with God.



FIVE PRACTICAL KEYS TO HEARING GOD

1. QUIET YOURSELF DOWN – V9

So 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.

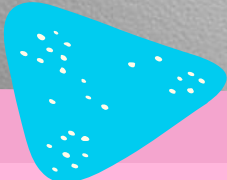
2. SEEING VISION – V15

"Samuel lay down until morning and then opened the doors of the house of the Lord. He was afraid to tell Eli the vision"


Ephesians 1:17 – "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better."




FIVE PRACTICAL KEYS TO HEARING GOD



**3. RECEIVE
WITH AN
OPEN
HEART –
V11-14**



4. OBEY – V18
So Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing from him. Then Eli said, "He is the Lord; let Him do what is good in his eyes."



**5. WRITING / JOURNAL
– Dev. 17:18**
When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the Levitical priests.