

Your Servant is Listening

1 Start with prayer: Pray to the Father and ask the Father to send you the Holy Spirit to be with you as you consider the following questions. Thank Him for the blessings you are about to receive. Ask for His help. End your prayer "in Jesus name."

1 Sam 3:10
"Speak, for your servant is listening."
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2 Read the Word: Look up and prayerfully read this scripture. Take your time and allow God's Word to soak into your heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to minister meaning to this Word from God, your Father, to you. You have spoken to Him through your prayer; now allow Him to speak to you through this scripture.

3 Commit this passage to memory this week. Your packet will have a business size card with this scripture written on it. Carry it with you and read it through out the day. Make sure to look this up in your Bible so that you will know where it is located.

4 If you are using a color-coding system to mark your Bible, use Brown to mark this passage. *Brown = Word, God speaking.*

Principles for Hearing:

1) God is my Father	1 Jn 3:1
2) My Father has a plan for my life	Jer 29:11
3) My Father wants to make known the plan for my life.	Is 30:21

Lectio Divina

Lectio	to read
Mediatio	to meditate
Oratio	to pray/speak
Contemplatio	to contemplate

Reflection

As you read *1 Sam 3:10* what does the Holy Spirit speak to your heart (be aware of thoughts and feelings)? Use *Lectio Divina*.

Principle – God is a Good Father Good fathers speak to their children.

See Mt 7:7-11

Jesus has given us a tool for revealing what God, His Father, our Father, is like – Look to good earthly fathers. Good fathers speak to their children. Using our principle of fatherhood we can conclude that God, our Eternal Father, wants to speak to us.

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The children of Israel once said to Moses: "Speak thou to us and we will hear thee: let not the Lord speak to us, lest we die."

Not so, Lord, not so do I pray. Rather with Samuel the prophet I entreat humbly and earnestly: "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth." Do not let Moses or any of the prophets speak to me; but You speak, O Lord God, Who inspired and enlightened all the prophets; for You alone, without them, can instruct me perfectly, whereas they, without You, can do nothing. They, indeed, utter fine words, but they cannot impart the spirit. They do indeed speak beautifully, but if You remain silent they cannot inflame the heart. They deliver the message; You lay bare the sense. They place before us mysteries, but You unlock their meaning. They proclaim commandments; You help us to keep them. They point out the way; You give strength for the journey. They work only outwardly; You instruct and enlighten our hearts. They water on the outside; You give the increase. They cry out words; You give understanding to the hearer.

Let not Moses speak to me, therefore, but You, the Lord my God, everlasting truth, speak lest I die and prove barren if I am merely given outward advice and am not inflamed within; lest the word heard and not kept, known and not loved, believed and not obeyed, rise up in judgment against me.

Speak, therefore, Lord, for Your servant listens. "Thou hast the words of eternal life." Speak to me for the comfort of my soul and for the amendment of my life, for Your praise, Your glory, and Your everlasting honor.

What are your thoughts and feelings after you read this passage?

Read 1 Kings 19:9-13. What lesson can you learn about God's voice from this passage?
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