

# Following God's Call

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (ESV)

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John 10:3-4<sup>3</sup> “The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.”

## 1. Start with your PLACE.

1 Samuel 3:1-3<sup>1</sup> Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. <sup>2</sup> At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. <sup>3</sup> The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

1 Samuel 3:7<sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

## 2. Listen for His VOICE.

1 Samuel 3:5-6<sup>5</sup> ...“Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup> And the Lord called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.”

Jeremiah 33:3<sup>3</sup> Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

### 3. Make your CHOICE.

1 Samuel 3:10<sup>10</sup> And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

1 Samuel 12:21<sup>21</sup> And do not turn aside after empty things that cannot profit or deliver, for they are empty.

1 Samuel 12:24<sup>24</sup> Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you.

Revelation 3:20<sup>20</sup> Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.