

Sunday –November 2, 2025

New Series: “Speak Up but Don’t Shout”



“What’s My Filter?”
1 Samuel 3:1-9

Theme: Theme: Even in the noise and confusion of life, God still speaks.

Key verse: *“Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.” (1 Samuel 3:9-10)*

BACKGROUND:

We live in a world that never stops talking. Phones buzz, notifications ding, TVs stream endlessly. Hotels rooms- TV automatically on. Even silence seems uncomfortable—so we fill it. Samuel was ready to hear from God and willing to do what he said.

When was the last time you slowed down long enough to notice what God might be saying?

God Speaks in the _____ (1 Samuel 3:1–4):

While Samuel lay down in stillness, God called his name. We often hear God best when we quiet our surroundings and hearts.

“Be still and know that I am God.” – Psalm 46:10

God doesn’t compete with the world’s noise—He waits for your stillness.

God’s Voice Is _____ and _____ (1 Samuel 3:5–8):

Samuel mistakes God’s voice for Eli’s three times, yet God keeps calling.

- God’s voice is personal—He calls you by name.
- God’s voice is persistent—He doesn’t give up when we don’t recognize Him.

Jesus- *“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you” (John 14:26).*

God’s Voice Leads to _____ (1 Samuel 3:9):

Eli instructs Samuel to respond: “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” That’s the posture of a flourishing life—listening obedience.

Every great work of God begins with a listener: Abraham heard and went. Moses heard and returned. Mary heard and believed. Samuel heard and spoke.

Hearing God in Our Noise Today:

To hear God today, we must:

_____ Down. You can’t hear a whisper when you’re sprinting.

Be _____. Samuel didn’t know what God would say, but he made himself available.

_____ What You Hear. God’s voice always aligns with His Word, character, and love.

_____ What You Hear. God’s voice calls us to action, not curiosity. He speaks to shape us and send us.

This Time Tomorrow, My Step Towards Stillness...

Turn off your phone for 15 minutes a day and sit in silence.

Begin prayer time with the words: “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.” Journal what comes to mind. Share it with someone you trust and pray with them.