



Sermon  
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Guide

Sunday, May 1, 2022

# Habits & Attitudes: Listening for God

## Read/Reflect

1. Read I Samuel 3. What impression are you left with in reading this story?
  - It's a cute bed-time story of a sweet innocent boy.
  - It's a scary story that leaves you looking over your shoulder.
  - It's a good-news story of God's grace.
2. If this story mirrors the way the people of God behave, who does Eli represent? Who do Eli's sons represent, who does Samuel represent?

## Explore

3. How would you characterize spiritual drift or back-sliding, as it happens in your life?
  - Hard of hearing
  - Forgetfulness
  - Surprise attack
  - Blindness
  - Get tripped up
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
4. What kinds of habits keep you on track, spiritually?
  - Bible reading
  - Silence/meditate
  - Solitude
  - Prayer times
  - Fasting
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
5. When have you heard God speak to you? How did that occur? What were you doing? What did that do to your relationship with God?
6. What encourages you to get close to God? What causes you to resist or ignore your relationship to God?
7. What is one way for you to "listen" more intently as God's servant? Can you commit to practicing that?

## Pray

- Spend a good amount of time in silent prayer – just to listen for God, perhaps repeating in your mind Psalm 46:10 – “Be still, and know that I am God.”
- Pray a prayer of confession for the times that you resist or ignore God, and ask God for grace to make you more aware of his constant presence, and his gentle voice in your life.