

Living Word Church  
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Hearing the Voice of God  
I Samuel 3:8-10

8 And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord had called the boy.

9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, 'Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears.'" So, Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 Now the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears."

Intro: In a world full of noise, there is one Voice that we must tune our ears to hear.

**Question #1: What "noises" do we seem to listen to instead of the voice of God?**

I. God speaks to all generations (Ps. 100:5).

PS 100:5 For the LORD *is* good;  
His mercy *is* everlasting,  
And His truth *endures* to all generations.

- The Word of the Lord stands forever (I Peter 1:25)
- Each generation is called to bring glory to God (Ps. 71:18).
- One generation must be willing to invest in the next generation.

II. Our desire is to hear God speak to us.

- God speaks through His Word (Romans 10:17; II Tim 3:16).
- God speaks through His people (Eph 4).
- God speaks through His Spirit (Revelation 1:10 )
- God speaks through worship and prayer (Acts 9).
- God speaks in visions and dreams (Acts 16).

**Question #2: How does God speak to you? What is the most common way that you hear Him speak?**

III. We must respond to the Voice of God (I Samuel 3:10).

- Speak, I am listening (vs 10).
- Show me Your ways (Ps. 25:4-6)
- Direct my footsteps (Ps. 119:133).
- Give me the words to say (Luke 21:14-15).

**Question #3: What is the #1 challenge you face in responding to God?**

Promise of the Day

Lord, give me ears to hear. I want to know Your Voice. Help me to clear out the noise of this world so I can know You more. Speak to me because I am listening. Your voice will lead and guide me to fulfill Your plan for my life.