

August 22/23
RAISE YOUR VOICE
(Speaking Vertically in a Volume-obsessed World)
I'm Listening
1 Samuel 3:1-18
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(Sermon fill-in notes and Scripture references)

Prayer is not only about **offering our request**, but also about **listening to God's voice**.

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

Expect to hear

²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. (John 10:27)

¹⁷ "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. (Acts 2:17)

Learn to listen

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

² Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.

³ There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

⁴ Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world. (Psalm 19:1-4)

¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. (Philippians 2:13)

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but *test the spirits* to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God... (1 John 4:1-2)

Discern with intentionality

²⁸ And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, ²⁹ for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes. (Matthew 7:28-29)

Respond in obedience

Step 1: Stop

³⁵ And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. (Mark 1:35)

Step 2: Ask

Step 3: Do