

主阿，你要什麼？

耶和華又來站著，像前三次呼喚說：「撒母耳啊！撒母耳啊！」撒母耳回答說：「請說，僕人敬聽。」 撒母耳記上三 10

在我們的生命中，有很多時候是何等渴望聽到神對我們說話：到底我是誰？你又是誰？我該怎樣做？我該去那裡？我們渴望聽到的是出於我們的需要，最希望聽到神直接了當的說話來指示我。可是，在撒母耳的故事，我們看見另一種聆聽神聲音的傾向：是神自己的需要。

很多時候我們感覺到神在我們內心的觸動，邀請我們去接近祂。也許不是一句的話，但卻能意會到是神向我們傳遞的。當我們感受到像輕輕的風吹進我們內心，其實就是靈裡親暱的渴望。像撒母耳，每當我們心中感覺到被神觸動，就對神回應說：「主阿，我在這裡，我知道你呼喚我，請說罷，僕人敬聽。你要我怎樣？」只需要培養對神的注視，並回應祂。對撒母耳來講，聆聽神是看神有什麼需要多於我有什麼需要。

我們聽到愛我們那位的聲音嗎？聽到祂吸引我們，呼叫我們的名字嗎？每次我們意會神的呼喚時，重要是我們盡快地傾聽，專注祂，回應祂，告訴祂我在這裡。

撒母耳聆聽神的態度是「主阿，我在這裡」。正如經上記著說：「撒母耳長大了，耶和華與他同在，使他所說的話一句都不落空。」撒母耳記上三 19

這正是聆聽神的意思。

反省問題：

1. 你感覺到神在呼喚你嗎？或有時候會呼叫你靠近祂嗎？祂是怎樣呼喚呢？
2. 注意一下你通常是怎樣回應或迴避祂的呼喚。
3. 若你的動機只是求問這句：「你喜歡我怎樣？」你的禱告將會怎樣不一樣？

禱告：

承認並懺悔有時候你會把神的話丟棄了。求耶穌幫助你更留心並立刻回應神的話；祂的話語是每天供應、覆蓋你的。

感謝神，祂跟我們的溝通並不在乎我們聽得準確沒有或聽到多少。

7. “What Do You Want Lord?”

The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” 1 Samuel 3:10

There are many times in life when we are desperate to hear a word from God. Who am I? Who are you? What should I do? Where should I go? Our desire to hear from God often comes from the pressing needs we have for which clear Divine direction would be the most direct remedy. But, in the story of Samuel, we see another disposition towards hearing God’s voice—where the need that is being responded to is not ours, but God’s.

How often do we feel God tugging at our hearts with an invitation to approach Him? It might not come in the form of a complete sentence but it’s easy to know what God is communicating when we sense the gentle breeze of desire for spiritual intimacy pass through our hearts. Perhaps, like Samuel, we need to cultivate the simple response of being attentive to God whenever we feel our hearts being called. Here I am Lord. I heard you call. Speak, for your servant is listening. What would You like from me? For Samuel, listening to God had much more to do with what God might need from him than what he might need from God.

Can we hear the voice of the One who loves us, beckoning our names? We have opportunity, every time we sense God calling us, to respond with the simple act of showing up—to harken as quickly as we can and be attentive.

“Here I am Lord.” This was Samuel’s posture for listening attentively to God. And in 1Sam. 3:19 it is written, “The Lord was with Samuel as he grew up, and he (Samuel) let none of His words fall to the ground.”

That’s what it means to be attentive.

Questions:

- Do you feel God calling you, at times, to draw near? How does God do this?
- What are some of the ways you respond to or resist God’s beckoning?
- How would your prayer be different if its intention was simply to ask God, “What would You like from me?”

Prayer:

Confess the ways that you perhaps let God’s word to you “fall to the ground.” Ask Jesus to help you be more attentive and more immediately responsive to God’s word as it washes over you in your day. Thank God that God’s communication with us doesn’t depend entirely on our hearing correctly, or at all.