

# 1 Samuel 3 vv.1-7

.. the LORD calls



The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions. <sup>2</sup> One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place.

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<sup>3</sup> The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

<sup>4</sup> Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, 'Here I am.'

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<sup>5</sup> And he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am; you called me.'

But Eli said, 'I did not call; go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down.

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<sup>6</sup> Again the Lord called, 'Samuel!' And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am; you called me.'

'My son,' Eli said, 'I did not call; go back and lie down.'

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3 reasons the LORD calls't hear

a lack of –

- significance
- expectation
- relationship

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<sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

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## 3 important steps you can take



- wait patiently
- hear personally
- act practically

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<sup>9</sup> So Eli told Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if He calls you, say, "Speak, LORD, for Your servant is listening"'