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Going Deeper - Part 3
“Learning to Listen”

“The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.² One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place.³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, “Here I am.”⁵ 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.⁶ 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.”⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD : The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.⁸ The LORD called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.” Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy.⁹ So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’ ” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.¹⁰ 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 3:1-10

How does God speak to us today?

1. He speaks through _____

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me”

John 10:14

2. He speaks through _____

“I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber.²The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep.”

John 10:1-2

3. He speaks through _____

4. He speaks through _____

Learning to Listen to God

1. Listen for the Spirit _____

2. Be relentlessly _____

3. Learning to listen to _____

4. Practice listening in _____

Questions for Going Deeper

- Can you think of a time when you heard from God?
- What have you heard this morning?