

**God's Call**  
**Prophetic Living – Part 1**  
Life Church St. Louis – March 1, 2020  
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1 Samuel 3:1b (ESV) *And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.*

1 Samuel 2:12 (ESV) *Now the sons of Eli were worthless men. They did not know the LORD.*

Numbers 11:29b (ESV) *But Moses said to him, "... Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"*

Acts 2:17-18 (ESV) *"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; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.*

1 Corinthians 14:31-32 (ESV) *For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged, and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets.*

**1. Importance of \_\_\_\_\_**

1 Samuel 1:5 (ESV) *But to Hannah he [Elkanah] gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb.*

**1A. \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer**

1 Samuel 1:10-11 (ESV) *She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly. And she vowed a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head."*

**1B. \_\_\_\_\_ your prayer**

1 Samuel 1:17-18 (ESV) *Then Eli answered, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your eyes." Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.*

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ your prayer answer**

1 Samuel 1:20 (ESV) *And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked for him from the LORD."*

**2A. Keep your \_\_\_\_\_**

1 Samuel 1:22 (ESV) *... she [Hannah] said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there forever."*

**2B. Release your \_\_\_\_\_**

1 Samuel 1:27-28 (ESV) *For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD." And he worshiped the LORD there.*

**3. Prepare to \_\_\_\_\_ God**

1 Samuel 3:1a, 3 (ESV) *Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. ... 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.*

**3A. Have a \_\_\_\_\_ heart**

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

**3B. Speak God's \_\_\_\_\_**

1 Samuel 3:18 (ESV) *So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him."*

1 Samuel 3:19-20 (ESV) *And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.*

**Action Plan for This Week**

Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (Read 1 Samuel 1-5).  
 Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri  Sat  Sun

Invite a friend to the service next Sunday.

How will I obey God's Word this week? \_\_\_\_\_

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**God's Call Study Guide**  
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Intro. How is our time like the time of Samuel's birth (1 Samuel 3:1b, 2:12)?

Intro. What are the two main things that a prophet does?

Intro. How was Moses' prophesy in Numbers 11:29b fulfilled in Acts 2:17-18?

Intro. What does God instruct believers regarding prophecy today (1 Corinthians 14:31-32, 39)?

1A. Why is it important to understand that the Lord had closed Hannah's womb (1 Samuel 1:5)? Why do you think He did it?

1B. What does Hannah's prayer in 1 Samuel 1:10-11 tell us about her?

1C. Why is it good to share our burdens with others (1 Samuel 1:17-18)?

1D. What can we learn from Hannah's example that will help us when we face disappointments in life?

2A. What do you think would have happened to Hannah if she had stopped praying for a son (1 Samuel 1:20)?

2B. What might Hannah have been tempted to do after Samuel was born (1 Samuel 1:22)?

2C. Explain what Hannah's understanding was concerning her son (1 Samuel 1:27-28).

2D. In what ways should we release the answers of our prayers to God?

3A. How did the boy Samuel position himself to prepare to hear God (1 Samuel 3:1-3)?

3B. In what ways do we see Samuel's willing and obedient heart towards the Lord (1 Samuel 3:4-10)?

3C. How was Samuel's first message for God a difficult one to share (1 Samuel 3:11-15)?

3D. How was Samuel established as a prophet (1 Samuel 3:19-20)?

3E. What can we do today to ensure that we hear from the Lord regularly?

3F. How can we know whether something the Lord tells us is meant to be shared as a prophecy or just kept to ourselves?