

Samuel: Learning to Listen to God

Old Testament Challenge - Week of June 27

Bible Text:

Book of 1 Samuel

Theme:

Through the examples of Hannah and Samuel, we learn about honesty, repentance, thankfulness, and the heart of prayer. We also see the posture of prayer as Samuel says to the Lord, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Daily Readings:

- Monday – 1 Samuel 1
- Tuesday – 1 Samuel 2
- Wednesday – 1 Samuel 3
- Thursday – 1 Samuel 4
- Friday – 1 Samuel 5-6
- Saturday – 1 Samuel 7
- Sunday – 1 Samuel 8

Bible Memory Verse:

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

Personal Reflection:

1. Read 1 Samuel chapters 1-2. What do you learn about prayer through the example of Hannah?

2. Read 1 Samuel chapter 3. What do you learn about prayer from Samuel's example?

3. How do the prayer lives of Hannah and Samuel differ from your own prayer life? How might God want you to grow in your prayer life?

Discussion Questions:

1. Read 1 Samuel chapter 1. How was Hannah feeling when she prayed? Do you think it's okay to be honest with God when we pray? Explain.
2. What do you think are the barriers that keep us from hearing from God when we pray? How can we break through these barriers?
3. What do you think God might want to say to you today?

Action Challenge:

Take a note pad, pen, and carve one hour out of your schedule to quietly sit before the Lord without any distractions. Ask the Lord to speak as you sit and listen. Record what you hear God saying to your heart and mind.