



DANGEROUS  
PRAYERS

### 3. SPEAK TO ME

#### 1 Samuel 3.1-13

#### **Key Points:**

- Samuel hears from God but doesn't recognise his voice, it takes Eli, who has experienced God personally before to explain who he is hearing and as such how Samuel should respond! Once Samuel understands who is talking to him he prays the dangerous prayer 'Speak Lord, your servant is listening!' Later on in the chapter (vs 18) you see God's response to him! And Samuel became a major prophet for God.
- **Be Still**, Samuel was asleep resting, Psalm 46 'be still and know that I am God'. God speaks in many ways, still small voice, dreams, His Word, Our Situation.
- **Be Willing**, Your servant is listening, Samuel didn't give God a wish list, but waited and was willing to hear from God. God will respond, and speak, but it is not always what we expect! Hence dangerous.
- **Be Ready**, When God speaks, we need to be ready to act, respond and move!

#### **Questions:**

#### **Conversation Starter**

1. What's the most interesting thing you have ever been asked to do, which up until that point you never thought you would do it?

#### **Start thinking** [Get the group thinking around the subject]

2. Why did Samuel think God's voice was Eli's calling him (v2-7)

#### **Start sharing** [Choose a question to create openness]

3. What are some of the ways we can hear from God today? (be still)
4. Have you ever heard from God? And what happened? (be willing)
5. Samuel, once he knew it was God responded 'your servant is listening!', why do you think he responded like that? How would you respond? (be ready)

#### **Start praying** [Write a short prayer that gets to the heart of 'so what' in your sermon]

6. Father, You know what is happening now and what will be happening in our future, help us take time to hear from You, give us moments where we hear Your voice, and gives us the confidence to respond! Amen

#### **Start doing** [draw out some steps to do (either in the meeting or this week)]

7. Pray the prayer 'Speak Lord your servant is listening!' and give God some time to speak to you, try build it into a daily habit and be ready to act on what you hear. The more you do this, the clearer God's voice will be to you, Eli knew God from personal experience, many many encounters with God. But for Samuel, this was his first! Everyone has to start somewhere (or restart).