



Here I Am – Part Two

Text: 1 Samuel 3:10-21

Theme: Called into the Middle of the Story

“Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel...”

I. GOD SPEAKS IN THE STILLNESS (v. 10)

“The Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ And Samuel said, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’”

- *This moment is the fulfillment of the earlier call.*
Samuel is now not just hearing—but listening with **readiness**. **The call goes forth. we have the choice to respond. Will we answer with resounding “Yes Lord” Destination unknown.**

The difference between hearing and listening is availability.

- **Application:**
God calls in patterns. Sometimes He speaks the same word repeatedly until we respond with full surrender.

II. GOD REVEALS A HARD TRUTH (v. 11-14)

“Behold, I am about to do a thing...”

God brings Samuel straight into the middle of the judgment on Eli’s house.

This is **not** a feel-good calling. This is weight. Burden. Mission.

“...At which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle.” – A Hebrew idiom for **shocking judgment** (see 2 Kings 21:12, Jeremiah 19:3)

- **Foreshadowing:**
God is preparing to raise up a prophet with boldness.
This is a **prophetic calling**, not a cozy invitation.
This moment looks ahead to Samuel’s future as one who will **confront kings, anoint leaders**, and declare the **word of the Lord without compromise**.
- **Parallel:**
This is also a **foreshadowing of Christ**: the rejected prophet, the weight-bearer of judgment, the mediator of a new covenant.

III. THE WEIGHT OF THE WORD (v. 15-18)

“Samuel was afraid to tell Eli the vision...”

This is raw. Human. Honest.

- Why was he afraid?
Eli was his mentor, father figure, spiritual authority.
Telling the truth costs something.
But **obedience in the quiet leads to authority in the public.**
- Eli’s response is sobering:
“It is the LORD. Let him do what is good in his eyes.”

There is something tragic about spiritual leaders who once burned bright... but now only acknowledge truth without responding to it.

IV. THE BEGINNING OF SOMETHING NEW (v. 19-21)

“The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of his words fall to the ground...”

- This is the **turning point** of leadership in Israel.

Samuel becomes the vessel for God’s voice in a generation that had gone quiet.

- He was trained in service **before** he knew the voice.
Now he **knows the voice** and has been trusted with the **weight of the Word.**

V. APPLICATION: GOD IS ABOUT TO DO A THING... HERE

- The call is the same today:

“Behold, I am about to do a thing...”

We’re being invited into the **center of what God is doing.**

- His Youth isn’t a side project.
It’s the beginning of a **movement** in our house.
He is calling us into the middle of the story—**not as spectators, but as surrendered vessels.**
- Some may feel afraid—like Samuel.
But this is where real faith begins.
God doesn’t just reveal fluff. He reveals the **truth**, even when it’s costly.

Closing Thought:

The foreshadowing in this passage isn’t just about Samuel—it’s about **us.**

God is still raising up voices in a silent generation.

He is still placing young people in the middle of His unfolding story.

He is still speaking—**and He is looking for someone who will say:**

“Here I am. Speak, Lord.”