



THE CALL OF SAMUEL

1 Samuel 3:1–10

NARRATOR: Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not frequent. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim, so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down within the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called,

LORD: Samuel! Samuel!

NARRATOR: And he said,

SAMUEL: Here I am!

NARRATOR: Samuel ran to Eli, and said,

SAMUEL: Here I am: for you called me.

NARRATOR: But Eli said,

ELI: I did not call; lie down again.

NARRATOR: So he went and lay down. Then the Lord called again,

LORD: Samuel!

NARRATOR: Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said,

SAMUEL: Here I am, for you called me.

NARRATOR: But Eli said,

ELI: I did not call, my son; lie down again.

NARRATOR: Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again the third time. Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said,

SAMUEL: Here I am, for you called me.



NARRATOR: Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore, Eli said to Samuel

ELI: Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

NARRATOR: So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the Lord came and stood forth, calling as at other times,

LORD: Samuel! Samuel!

NARRATOR: And Samuel said

SAMUEL: Speak for your servant is listening.