

Can you hear me now? (Samuel)

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Hearing from God

1. Hannah (_____)

- She heard ______
- She responded with _____ and _____
- God _____

¹² As she was praying to the LORD, Eli watched her. ¹³ Seeing her lips moving but hearing no sound, he thought she had been drinking.¹⁴ "Must you come here drunk?" he demanded. "Throw away your wine!" ¹⁵ "Oh no, sir!" she replied. "I haven't been drinking wine or anything stronger. But I am very discouraged, and I was pouring out my heart to the LORD. ¹⁶ Don't think I am a wicked woman! For I have been praying out of great anguish and sorrow." ¹⁷ "In that case," Eli said, "go in peace! May the God of Israel grant the request you have asked of him." ¹⁸ "Oh, thank you, sir!" she exclaimed. Then she went back and began to eat again, and she was no longer sad. **1 Samuel 1:12-18** NLT

...the LORD remembered her plea, ²⁰ and in due time she gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I asked the LORD for him." **1 Samuel 1:19-20** NLT

2. Eli (_____)

- He heard _____
- He responded with _____ not _____
- God _____

²² Now Eli was very old, but he was aware of what his sons were doing to the people of Israel. He knew, for instance, that his sons were seducing the young women who assisted at the entrance of the Tabernacle, ²³ Eli said to them, "I have been hearing reports from all the people about the wicked things you are doing. Why do you keep sinning? ²⁴ You must stop, my sons! The reports I hear among the LORD's people are not good. **1 Samuel 2:22-24** NLT

The time is coming when I will put an end to your family, so it will no longer serve as my priests. All the members of your family will die before their time. None will reach old age. **1 Samuel 2:31** NLT

3. Samuel

- He heard _____
- He responded with _____ and _____
- God _____

¹¹ Then the LORD said to Samuel, "I am about to do a shocking thing in Israel. ¹² I am going to carry out all my threats against Eli and his family, from beginning to end. ¹³ I have warned him that judgment is coming upon his family forever, because his sons are blaspheming God and he hasn't disciplined them. **1 Samuel 3:11-13** NLT

¹⁷ "What did the LORD say to you? Tell me everything. And may God strike you and even kill you if you hide anything from me!" ¹⁸ So Samuel told Eli everything; he didn't hold anything back. **1 Samuel 3:17-18** NLT

Next Steps:

□ Read 1 Samuel chapters 1-3 this week

Devote time and listen to what God is saying

□ Respond to what God is telling me to do with faith and obedience:

□ I am struggling to obey what God is telling me