

## Speak to Me

Sunday, January 15, 2023 Dave Michel Stepping Stones Community Church

## Learning to hear God's voice

- Be still
- Be willing
- Be <u>ready</u>

<sup>15</sup> Samuel stayed in bed until morning, then got up and opened the doors of the Tabernacle as usual. He was afraid to tell Eli what the LORD had said to him. <sup>16</sup> But Eli called out to him, "Samuel, my son." "Here I am," Samuel replied.

1 Samuel 3:15-16 NLT

## How God speaks to us

- God speaks through <u>his Word</u>
- God speaks through <u>his people</u>
- God speaks through <u>circumstances</u>
- God speaks through his Spirit

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup> Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. **Proverbs 3:5-6** NLT

Next Steps:
☐ Commit to increase my prayer life during this series:
☐ Ask God to "speak to me"
☐ Put my trust in God and not just my own understanding (Proverbs 3:5-6)
☐ Read 1 Samuel 3 this week

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> "Be still, and know that I am God… Psalm 46:10 NLT

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Meanwhile, the boy Samuel served the LORD by assisting Eli. Now in those days messages from the LORD were very rare, and visions were quite uncommon. <sup>2</sup> One night Eli, who was almost blind by now, had gone to bed. 3 The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was sleeping in the Tabernacle near the Ark of God. 4 Suddenly the LORD called out, "Samuel!" "Yes?" Samuel replied. "What is it?" 5 He got up and ran to Eli. "Here I am. Did you call me?" "I didn't call you," Eli replied. "Go back to bed." So he did. 6 Then the LORD called out again, "Samuel!" Again Samuel got up and went to Eli. "Here I am. Did you call me?" "I didn't call you, my son," Eli said. "Go back to bed." 7 Samuel did not vet know the LORD because he had never had a message from the LORD before... 10 And the LORD came and called as before. "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel replied. "Speak, your servant is listening." 1 Samuel 3:1-7, 10 NLT