

FOLLOW THE LEADER



INFLUENCED BY THE ORDINARY



<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,  
<sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17



<sup>14</sup> And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.

1 John 5:14



❖ We need margin in our life



Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.<sup>2</sup> At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was **lying down** in his own place.<sup>3</sup> The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

1 Samuel 3:1-3



❖ We need to distinguish  
God's voice from all others



<sup>4</sup> Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” <sup>5</sup> and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup> And the LORD called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” <sup>7</sup> Now Samuel **did not yet know the LORD**, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy.

1 Samuel 3:4-8



27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

John 10:27





We need to listen with intention



<sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, **LORD, for your servant hears.**’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup> And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “**Speak, for your servant hears.**”

1 Samuel 3:9-10





❖ We need to respond with faith



<sup>15</sup> Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was **afraid** to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup> But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>17</sup> And Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” <sup>18</sup> So Samuel **told him everything** and hid nothing from him. And he said, “It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him.”

1 Samuel 3:15-18



<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, **deceiving** yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> For he looks at himself and goes away and at once **forgets** what he was like. <sup>25</sup> But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a **doer who acts**, he will be blessed in his doing.

James 1:22-25



<sup>19</sup> And Samuel grew, and the **LORD was with him** and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup> And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD. <sup>21</sup> And the LORD appeared again at Shiloh, for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

1 Samuel 3:19-21



<sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

James 4:8



# Ways to help us hear the voice of God:

- ❖ We need margin in our life
- ❖ We need to distinguish God's voice from others
- ❖ We need to listen with intention
- ❖ We need to respond with faith