



Monday Morning Connection
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The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

1 Samuel 3:8-10

These verses are part of a larger story. If you have time, read [1 Samuel 3:1-10](#). It is a classic call story from the Bible.

Here is what we can claim, both about God's call to Samuel and God's call to us.

- God calls.
- God calls each of us.
- God calls all of us.
- God's call is persistent, even when we don't hear it the first or second, or third, or hundredth time.
- God gives us gifts to live out our call.
- Listening matters.

Gracious God, help me to listen when you call. Help me to trust your call. Speak, O God, for your servant is listening. Amen.

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