

Text: 1 Samuel
Topics: Authority, Hearing God, Obedience
On Mission with God: An Old Testament Sweep

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When God is Silent

I. Contrary People (1 Samuel 3:1; Judges 21:25)

People had substituted their own authority for God's, and they were not hearing from Him.

II. Calling a Leader (1 Samuel 3:2-13; 7:1-11, 15-18)

God was heard by one who would faithfully listen and obey.

III. Crowning a King (1 Samuel 8:1-9; 9:15-10:1)

God gave those who rejected His authority what they insisted.

When those around you reject God's authority He will still speak to you if you will listen and obey.

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.

1. As you consider the people of your community, and our nation, would you say the majority accept, or reject God's authority over our lives? Explain.
2. Read Isaiah 45:1-22. How would you summarize God's message to Cyrus? What are some of the aspects of this message that are given to reinforce it?

What are some of the things that could be pointed out in your life to show that God is really your God?

Is there something that you do that others might say shows God isn't really your God? How can you address it?

3. According to Romans 10:9 what have we confessed when we became believers? What did Jesus reinforce to the disciples in John 13:13?

What effect have these truths had on your everyday life?

What change(s) might you make so that these truths are more evident in your life?

4. Read Luke 8:16-21. What important spiritual truth is Jesus teaching in the parable and the comment to the crowd?

How well do you listen to God? How do you listen to God?

5. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?

