



## “CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM”

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

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TEXT: 11 SAMUEL 3:1-11

TITLE: LIVING MY SPIRITUAL HERITAGE

### INTRODUCTION

- A. What is the easiest way to accomplish something you have never done or go to a place you have never gone? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Someone who has done that or been there can show you or show you the way \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Many today do not listen. You cannot tell them anything \_\_\_\_\_
- D. “The word of the LORD was rare. There was no widespread revelation” \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Not a lot of people sharing the Word of God
  - 2. Not a lot of people listening to the Word of God
  - 3. America 2022:
    - a. The authority of the Word of God is diminished
    - b. The significance of spiritual things is minimized

### AN UNLIKELY YET NECESSARY RELATIONSHIP

- A. Samuel is a youth \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Eli is old and almost blind \_\_\_\_\_
- C. “Before the lamp of God went out in the tabernacle” \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Literal: Early in the morning before the sun rises
  - 2. Metaphorical: Eli’s light is about to go out and Samuel’s light is about to rise
- D. Whether we acknowledge it or not, the light in each one of us will go out (some of our lights are closer to being out than others). \_\_\_\_\_
- E. When our light does go out, whose light will shine in our place? \_\_\_\_\_

### IT WAS TIME FOR SAMUEL’S LIGHT TO SHINE

- A. God called Samuel, “Samuel” \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Samuel ran to Eli, “Here I am, for you called me.” \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Eli responded, “I did not call you, lie down again.” \_\_\_\_\_
- D. This occurred three times \_\_\_\_\_
- E. NOTE V. 7: <sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, nor was the word of the Lord yet revealed to him. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. There is a difference between hearing and listening
  - 2. Samuel needed someone who knew the Lord and experienced the revelation of the Word of God
- F. Eli perceived that the LORD called Samuel \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Eli, “Go, lie down; and if He calls you, that you must say, ‘Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears.’”
  - 2. <sup>10</sup> Now the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel answered, “Speak, for Your servant hears.”
  - 3. Eli gave Samuel a formula for listening to the voice of God
- G. When it is time for the next person’s light to shine, will you have given them the formula to succeed? \_\_\_\_\_