

March 22 / Sunday

Surprise the World: Listen

Read [1 Samuel 3:1-10](#) / [1 Kings 19:9-13](#)



23 / Mon – Habit #3 and a challenge | Read [James 1:19](#)

Week 1 challenge was to bless three people. The challenge for week 2 was to eat out with three people and see what comes of your conversations. This week is about becoming a better listener. Listening well is a prerequisite to blessing others in a meaningful way. But it is even more important to listen to what God is saying to you. The challenge for this week: set aside time at least once this week to listen to the Holy Spirit's voice. What would be a good time for you?

24 / Tue – Are you available? | Read [1 Samuel 3:1-10](#)

Because God's people began to follow other gods and the spiritual leaders became corrupt, God rarely spoke to them. It was not God's choice; they just weren't interested in listening. In this sad state of affairs, God found one young boy who could hear Him. Read Samuel's story to see what happened. Have you decided what time this week you will set aside to listen? Why not start it by repeating Samuel's words in verse 10?

25 / Wed – It's not in the roar | Read [1 Kings 19:9-13](#)

So how does a person listen to God? It starts by being quiet, a rare skill in a busy world. You will probably need to set aside specific time, you decide how much, and put it on your calendar. Elijah was in the middle of an extremely difficult situation. The Lord showed His power over nature by an earthquake, strong winds and fire but it was in the quietness that Elijah heard God speak. You may be in the middle of a storm right now but can you find a quiet place and time to listen?

26 / Thu – Who do you follow? | Read [John 10:1-21](#) and [27](#)

Sheep are fearful creatures. They need to be protected and led by a shepherd to safe places to eat and rest. Because they spend so much time together, the sheep can recognize their shepherd's voice and they will not follow an imposter. When you spend time reading Jesus' words, learning his character, understanding his great love for you, you too will come to 'know' his voice. Is there a time in the past where you definitely knew you were being guided by the Holy Spirit?

27 / Fri – Conversations | Read [Matthew 6:5-8](#)

Prayer is a two-way conversation. Your part is when you talk about the things you are grateful for, the concerns that weigh you down, the problems you can't seem to resolve, the questions you have but also your trust in God's goodness and ability to meet your needs. If you stop here, you will miss the best part of the conversation...God's response. It might come as a quiet thought in your mind or a scripture that leaps off the page or a sense of peace that lets you know you are being heard. It is a precious gift you do not want to miss out on so keep practicing your listening skills.

28 / Sat – Looking back | Read [Revelation 2:7, 11, 17](#)

Who did you bless this week and how did you do so?

What was the outcome?

When you listened to God this week, through prayer and reading His Word, what did you hear?