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Raising the Bar on Your Calling

John 15:15-16, NKJV

- I. **Who is Samuel? (1 Samuel 1:26-28, NCV)**
 - a. Samuel's mother Hannah could not have children, she prayed and told God if He would give her a child she would give him back to serve the Lord all the days of his life.
 - b. Hannah brought Samuel to the temple to serve Eli the priest as a way of serving God.
 - c. The main way we serve God is to serve and minister to people.
- II. **How did Samuel minister to the Lord? (1 Samuel 3:1, NKJV)**
 - a. Samuel started out serving Eli the priest in any and every way he was asked.
 - b. If we do not live *under authority*, we will never be given *Godly authority*.
 - c. The way we serve the Lord today is by serving others!
 - d. Many times, it is those behind the scene that cause those who are seen *to be used greatly by God*.
 - e. Until our willing to serve *behind the scene* as unto the Lord, God will never really use you to *be seen*.
 - f. Remember, we need to serve way more than God needs us to serve.
 - g. *Saved people, Serve people, and Serving people* are the most *Satisfied people*.
- III. **How to find your calling. (1 Samuel 3:2-11, NKJV)**
 - a. Eli could *not see well*, but he *could still perceive well*.
 - b. When you're young, you can *see well* (worldly), but most don't *perceive well*.
 - c. Samuel was young and strong—he served and could see well—but did not perceive well.
 - d. Most people miss their calling not because they can't physically see well, but because they can't perceive God's calling well.
 - e. The main reason Samuel finally understood his calling is because he went to the right person.
 - f. Then, there are times the Eli's have to tell those God's calling to *be still and listen to the Lord*.
 - g. Learn what God has to say in the matter which is all that matters!
 - h. There comes a time we have to hear from God personally.
 - i. Samuel not only served Eli, he served him well. (1 Samuel 3:3)
 - j. **Important Insights:**

- i. Many if not most miss their calling.
- ii. Eli was the Priest, but Eli was still a person.
- iii. Samuel kept running to a person that we can only get from God.
- iv. Every person still has flesh.
- v. Flesh can't:
 - 1. Bring you to the next level.
 - 2. Free and satisfy you.
 - 3. Bring you to heaven.
 - 4. Understand God's Word and calling.
- vi. People can only bring people so far, because they are still flesh.
- vii. Every person who wants to be used by God has to come to the point they answer God's call personally.
- viii. The humble hear from God.

IV. Know the difference between God's Calling and your Craving.

- a. If you miss your calling you will be drawn to your craving.
- b. God gives us all a desire (Craving) to serve and follow Him.
- c. Many miss the calling because they give into the fleshly craving.
- d. Worldly cravings will crush you.
- e. Following cravings instead of God's calling will lead to crashing, suffering consequences of wrong actions, and leaving casualties everywhere.

V. Thought Provoking Insights:

- a. Have you been following your cravings trying to find what only God can give you?
- b. God has called everyone to be saved.
- c. God has a calling for everyone.
- d. Are you willing to humble yourself where you can hear from God?
- e. Say God here I am use me.
- f. How are you serving where God has you right now?