

## BodyBuilders

14 January 2018 – Second Sunday after the Epiphany

### Share:

- *Do you believe God still speaks to us today?*
- *If so, how?*



**Readings:** 1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20); 1 Corinthians 6:12–20; John 1:43–51.

**Theme:** *God calling* – 1 Samuel 1:4, “the LORD called Samuel, and he said, ‘Here I am!’”

### Talk/Reflect:

- Where and when did God speak to Samuel (1 Samuel 3:3)? Why is this significant?
- How did Samuel respond (1 Samuel 3:4)? Why is this significant?
- What does it mean that Samuel “did not yet know the Lord” (1 Samuel 3:7)? How might this be true for the church today?
- What was “the key” in unlocking Samuel’s ability to hear God’s voice (1 Samuel 3:9)? How is this true for us (cf. John 10:3-5; 1 Corinthians 14:1)?
- Why is it good to seek confirmation (1 Samuel 3:18; 1 Corinthians 6:12)?
- Why does it help to write down what we believe God is saying (1 Samuel, 2 Samuel; Exodus 34:27)?
- How is “the proof in the pudding” (cf. 1 Samuel 3:19; John 5:30)?



### Pray:

- *We might better hear the voice of God.*
- *To receive the gift of prophecy.*
- *We would learn to better act on what we hear.*

**Bless each other by reading Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18. A Psalm of David.**

O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
**you discern my thoughts from afar.**

<sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down  
**and are acquainted with all my ways.**

<sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue,  
**behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.**

<sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before,  
**and lay your hand upon me.**

<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
**it is high; I cannot attain it.**

<sup>13</sup> For you formed my inward parts;  
**you knitted me together in my mother's womb.**

<sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

**Wonderful are your works;  
my soul knows it very well.**

- <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
**intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**
- <sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my unformed substance;  
in your book were written, every one of them,  
**the days that were formed for me,  
when as yet there was none of them.**
- <sup>17</sup> How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!  
**How vast is the sum of them!**
- <sup>18</sup> If I would count them, they are more than the sand.  
**I awake, and I am still with you.**