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1 Samuel 13

1 The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions. 2 One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. 3 The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. 4 Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." 5 And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. 6 Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. 8 A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy.



Questions for Discussion

1. Read 1st Samuel 13.
2. What does this passage tell us about God?
3. Why did God speak to Samuel?
4. Do you think God can speak to us this way today? Why or why not?
5. 1st Corinthians 14:1 says that we should pray for prophecy, the gift of being able to hear from God, like Samuel did. What does it look like to listen to God today?
6. How might our lives and our church be different if we sought to listen to God together?

Take time to pray for one another.