

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL
I Samuel 3:1-21

INTRODUCTION

A look at Samuel's call from God and how he responded will help us to know how to respond to His call upon our lives.

- I. NOTICE THE SCOPE OF GOD'S CALL**
 - A. THE SCRIPTURES INDICATE THAT GOD CALLS LEADERS
 - B. PAUL EXPLAINS IN EPHESIANS 4:11-12 THAT GOD'S LEADERS ARE TO HELP THE ENTIRE FAMILY OF GOD HEAR AND UNDERSTAND GOD'S CALL

NEXT, WE MUST ASK HOW DO WE HEAR GOD'S CALL

- II. THIS INVOLVES THE SEPARATION OF GOD'S VOICE FROM OTHER VOICES**
 - A. SAMUEL MISTOOK GOD'S VOICE FOR THE VOICE OF ELI
 - B. HOW DO WE DISTINGUISH GOD'S VOICE AND HEAR HIS CALL?

- III. FINALLY, RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL INVOLVES THE SURRENDER TO GOD'S CONTROL**
 - A. THIS IS IMPLICIT IN SAMUEL'S STATEMENT
 - B. JESUS CALLS FOR UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER

CONCLUSION

The response to God's call is the same for every believer---total surrender to Jesus.

He is simply waiting on our RESPONSE TO HIS CALL.