



The Young Vs. The Restless

I Samuel 3:1-21

Walking With Giants

Some Data: The Culture Vs. The Church

- The Culture: \$36 Trillion: By 2030, Gen Z's (born 1997-2012) (Current age 14-29) global earnings are projected to hit \$33–36 trillion. They are becoming the wealthiest generation in history at this age.

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- 50% Gen Z make purchasing decisions based on “Influencers”. Get the voice of the youth, you get the money of the masses.

- Marketing reports (like those from Edelman or Nielsen) consistently label youth as "Cultural Architects." They don't just consume culture; they create it (via TikTok, social movements, etc.).

- Tech companies spend billions on "User Experience" (UX) research specifically to learn how young people think, click, and scroll. They pay for the input that the church often ignores.

The “Foot Locker Effect”

- There are approximately 23 Foot Locker locations in the entire state of Michigan. 6 of them are within the city limits of Detroit.

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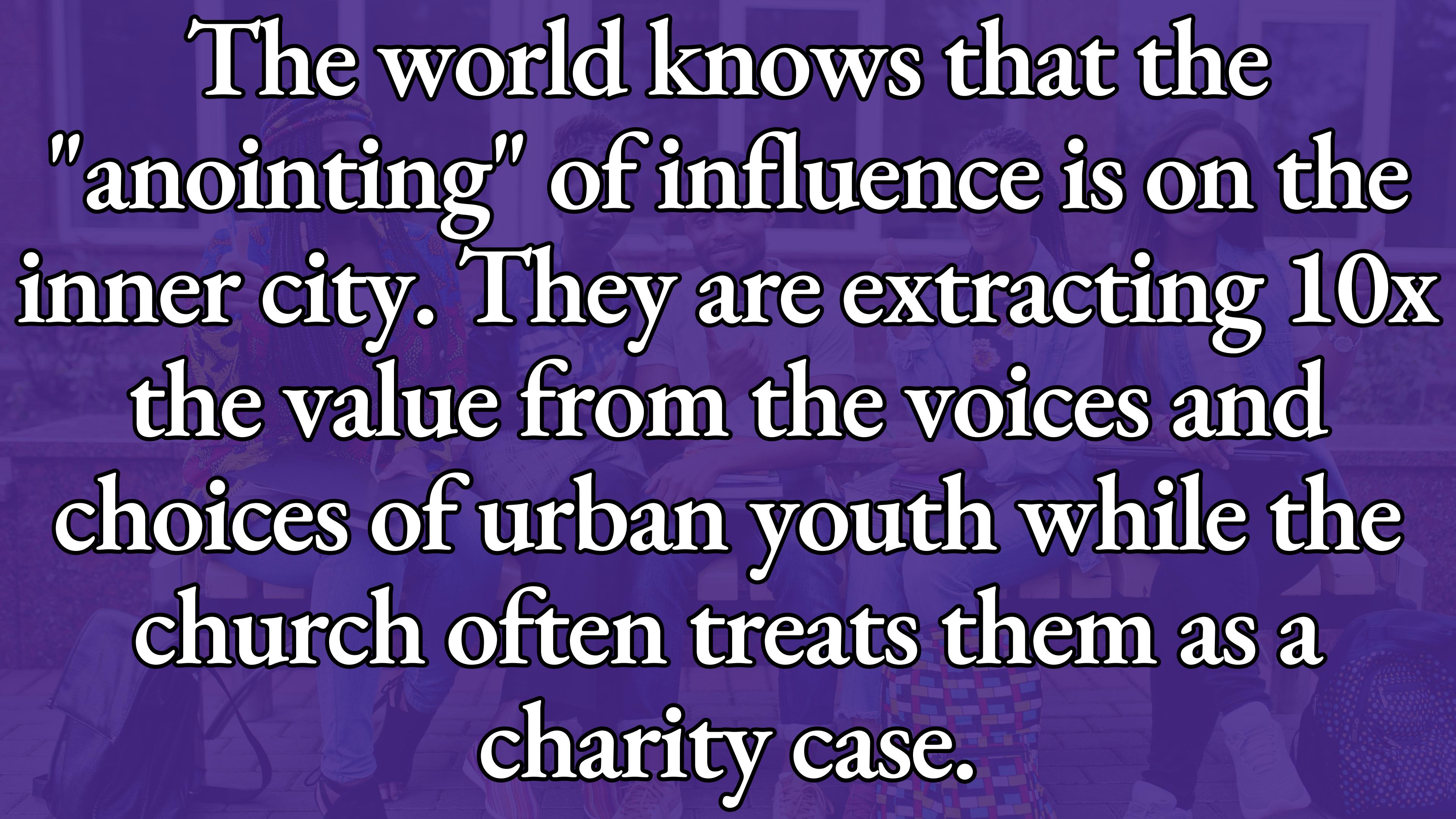
- The Comparison: This means roughly 26% of the state's entire fleet is concentrated in one city.
- Detroit has 3x more locations than even the wealthiest retail hubs like Somerset (Troy) or Twelve Oaks (Novi). The market has calculated that the desire



**Detroit:
6 Stores**

**Wealthy Suburbs:
Troy (2), Novi (1),
Westland (1), Roseville (1)**

- Franchise KI states: urban locations are estimated to generate \$76 million in income per square mile, compared to just \$8 million in suburban areas.

A group of diverse young people are sitting together on a bench, smiling and looking at the camera. They are in an urban setting with a colorful mural in the background.

The world knows that the "anointing" of influence is on the inner city. They are extracting 10x the value from the voices and choices of urban youth while the church often treats them as a charity case.

A photograph of a diverse group of young people, including African American and white individuals, sitting together outdoors. They are smiling and laughing, creating a sense of community and youth. In the background, there is a colorful mural on a wall, adding to the vibrant atmosphere.

- The "1% Rule": As mentioned, most churches spend 1–1.5% of their budget on youth programming, yet expect 100% of them to stay.
- Market: A 19-year-old in Detroit can influence global fashion trends (sneaker culture) and is marketed to as a "Kingmaker."
- Ministry: That same 19-year-old is often told they are "too young" to serve on a Deacon board or lead a ministry.

I Samuel 3:1-20 (AMP)

1 NOW THE boy Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli. The word of the Lord was rare *and* precious in those days; there was no frequent *or* widely spread vision.

2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had dimmed so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place.

I Samuel 3:1-20 (AMP)

3 The lamp of God had not yet gone out in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was lying down

4 When the Lord called, Samuel! And he answered, Here I am.

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5 He ran to Eli and said, Here I am, for you called me. Eli said, I did not call you; lie down again. So he went and lay down.

6 And the Lord called again, Samuel! And Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, Here am I; you did call me. Eli answered, I did not call, my son; lie down again.

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord was not yet revealed to him.

8 And the Lord called Samuel the third time. And he went to Eli and said, Here I am, for you did call me. Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy.

9 So Eli said to Samuel, Go, lie down. And if He calls you, you shall say, Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

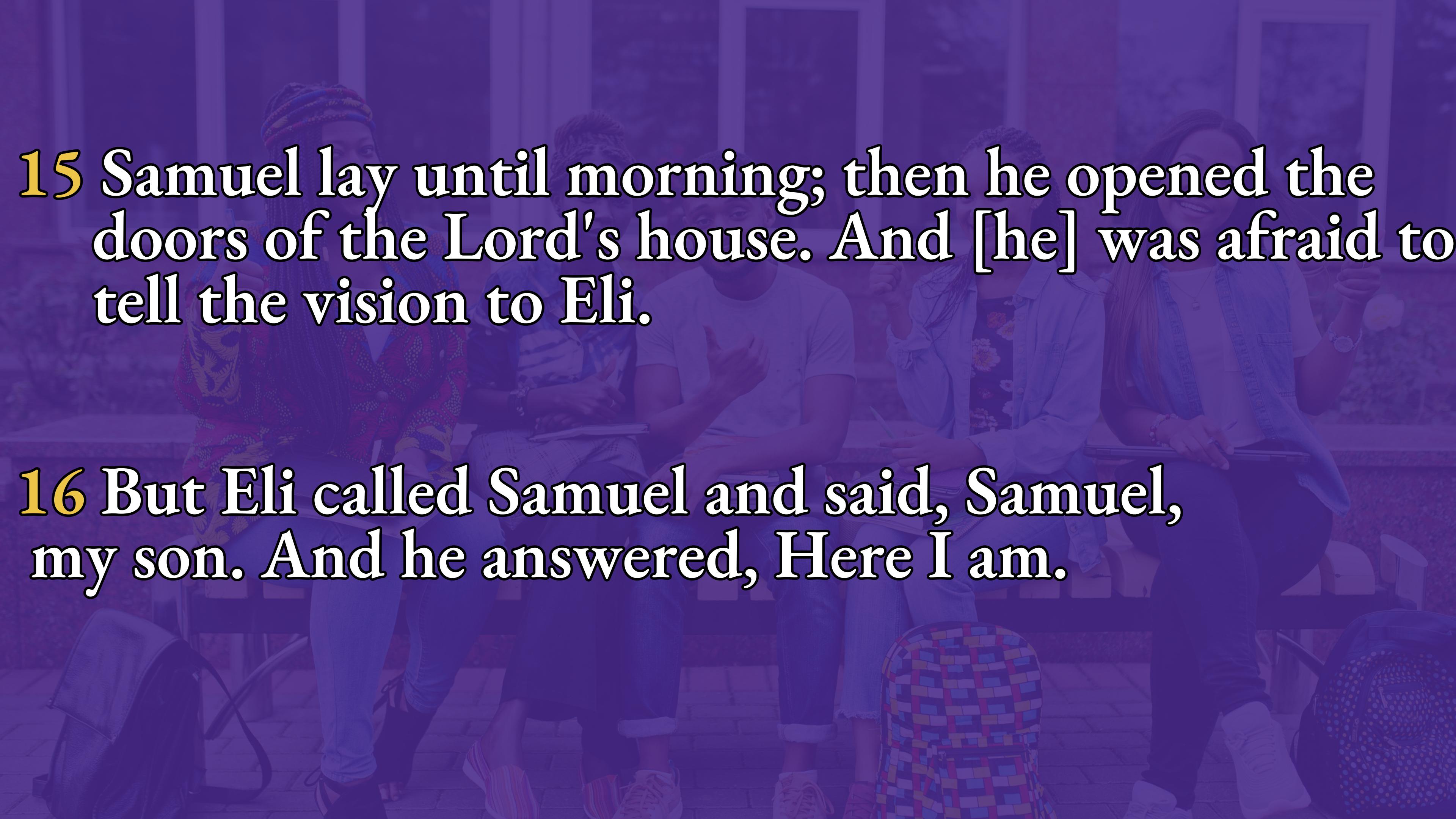
10 And the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, Samuel! Samuel! Then Samuel answered, Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening.

11 The Lord told Samuel, Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which both ears of all who hear it shall tingle.

12 On that day I will perform against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end.

13 And I [now] announce to him that I will judge and punish his house forever for the iniquity of which he knew, for his sons were bringing a curse upon themselves [blaspheming God], and he did not restrain them.

14 Therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for or purged with sacrifice or offering forever.



15 Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the Lord's house. And [he] was afraid to tell the vision to Eli.

16 But Eli called Samuel and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here I am.

17 Eli said, What is it He told you? Pray do not hide it from me. May God do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that He said to you.

18 And Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing. And Eli said, It is the Lord; let Him do what seems good to Him.

19 Samuel grew; the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.
[Josh. 23:14.]

20 And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord.

21 And the Lord continued to appear in Shiloh, for the Lord revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh through the word of the Lord.



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- 2) SOUND (I Sam. 3:4-10 (AMP))
- 3) SCHOOL-MASTER (1 Sam. 3:19-21 & 19:20 (AMP))

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18 But Samuel ministered before the Lord, a child **girded with a linen ephod**.

19 Moreover, **his mother** made him a little **robe** and brought it to him from year to year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

2)SOUND (I Sam. 3:4-10 (AMP))

Proximity to the Ark

From Outward Service to Inward Spirutal

Awakening

Shiloh was busy but Quiet

Vs. 5 Samuel mistook the spiritual for the natural

vs. 10 Samuel was open to what God would tell

him!

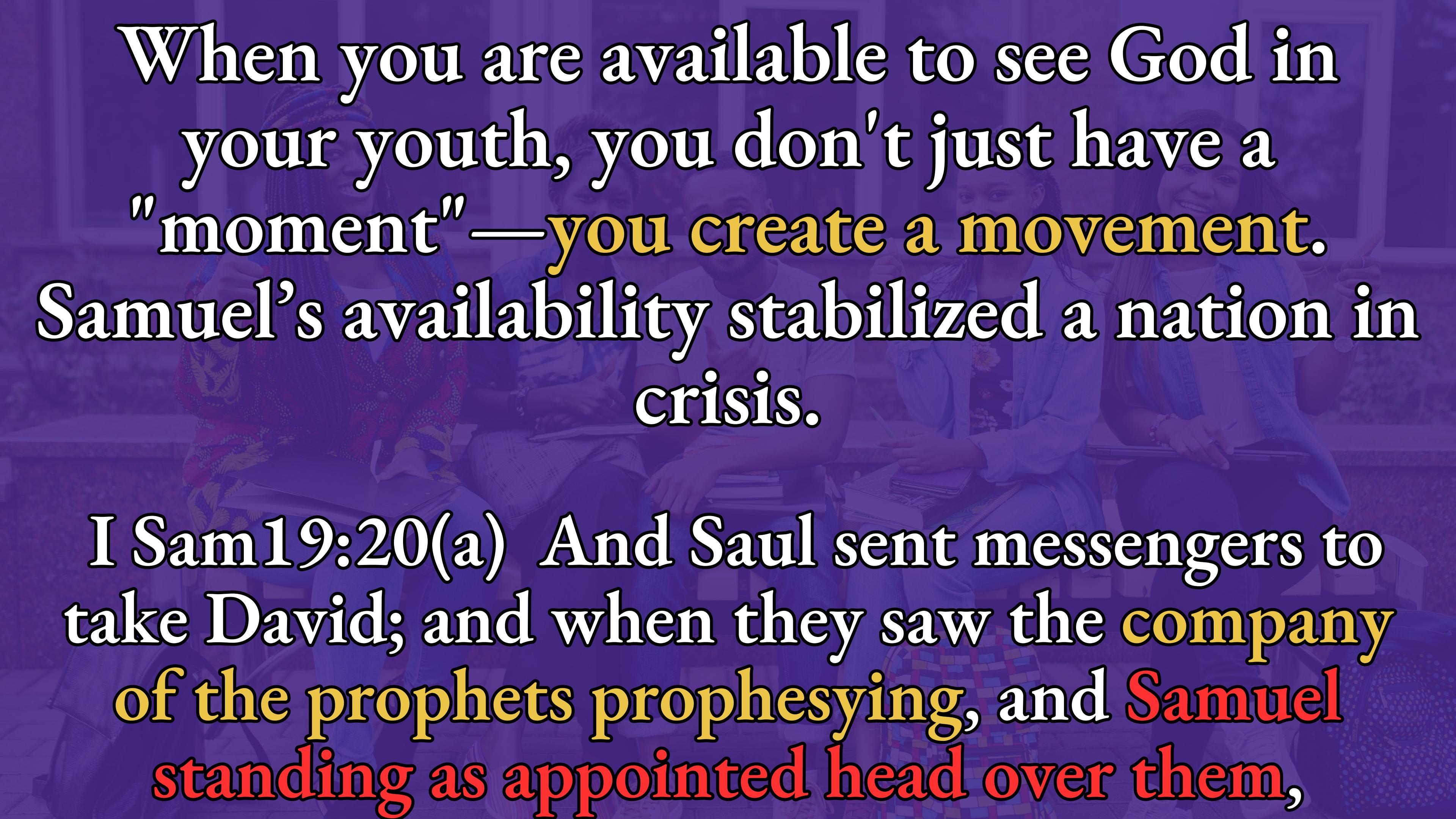
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Because he wore the ephod (Point 1) and learned the sound (Point 2), he was able to shift the entire nation.

- The Bridge Builder: Samuel became the Pivot. He shifted Israel from the chaotic days of the Judges to the ordered days of the Kings. He is the bridge over which the monarchy walked.

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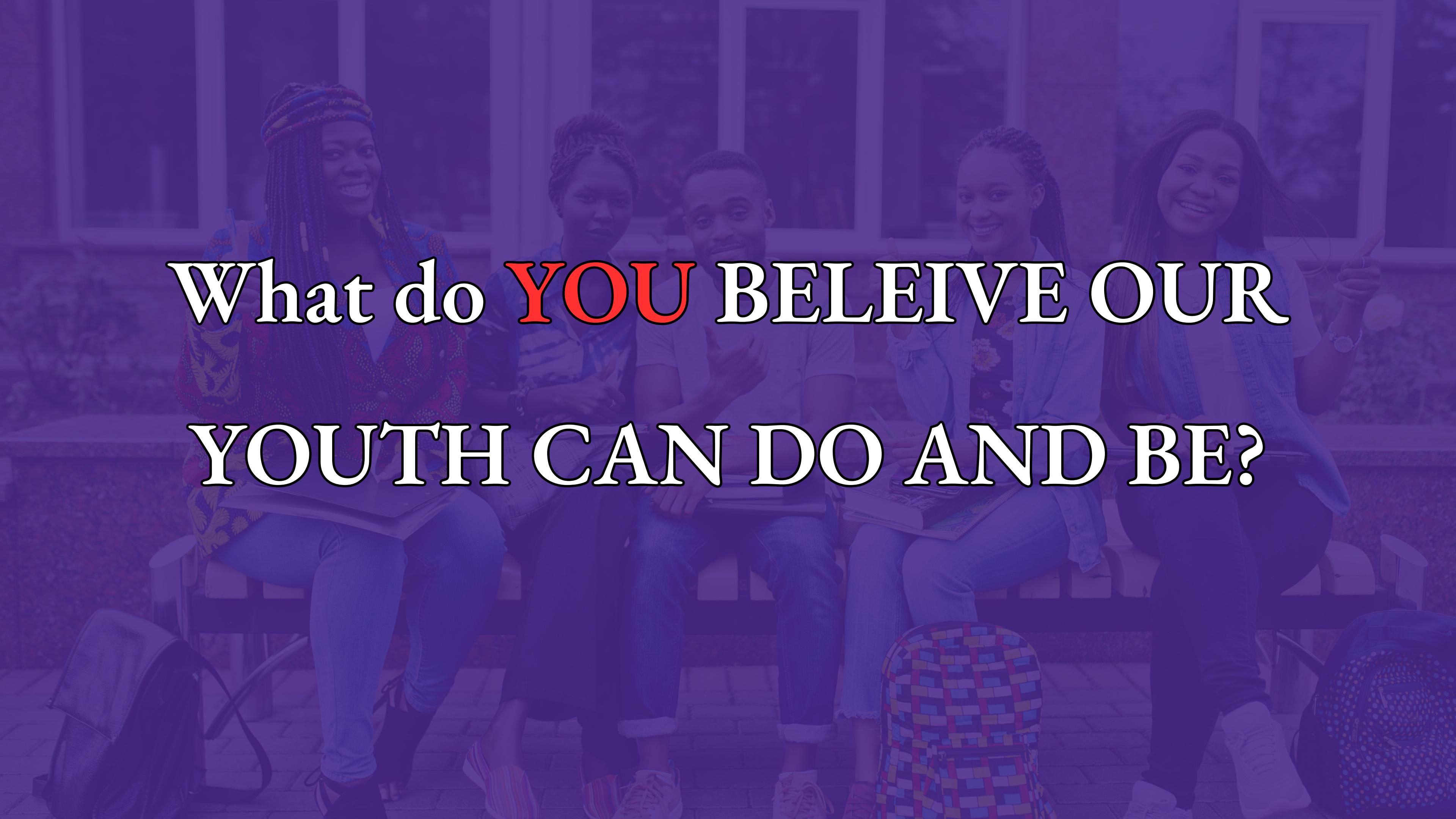
- The Kingmaker: He became the authority who anointed Saul and David. The boy who learned to listen to God eventually told Kings how to listen to God.
- The Prophet's Power: Reference 1 Samuel 3:19: "The Lord was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground."



When you are available to see God in your youth, you don't just have a "moment"—you create a movement.

Samuel's availability stabilized a nation in crisis.

I Sam 19:20(a) And Saul sent messengers to take David; and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and **Samuel** standing as appointed head over them,



What do **YOU** BELIEVE OUR
YOUTH CAN DO AND BE?

A group of diverse young adults are sitting on a bench outdoors. They are smiling and holding books. A bicycle is in the foreground.

NEXT WEEK: THE AFRICAN AND THE CROSS