



Ignite Week Day 1 - Monday

God, Speak to Me

“Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.” — 1 Samuel 3:9

We spend much of our prayer time talking to God. We tell Him what we need, what we’re worried about, what we hope He will do. But prayer isn’t meant to be a one-way conversation. Sometimes the most important thing we can do is *stop talking and listen*.

When young Samuel heard his name being called in the night, he didn’t immediately recognize God’s voice. Three times he got up and went to Eli, assuming Eli had called him. Finally, Eli realized what was happening and gave Samuel a simple response: “Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.”

Notice that Samuel didn’t tell God what to do or say. He simply made himself available to hear it.

Jesus said, “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me” (John 10:27). Listening to Jesus isn’t just about receiving information or getting an answer. We listen because we belong to Him—and because we intend to follow wherever He leads.

God may bring a Scripture to mind. He may expose something in us that needs to change. He may place someone on our heart. He may redirect our plans, give us a next step, or simply remind us that He is near. And sometimes we may sit quietly and hear nothing obvious at all. Listening is still worthwhile. We are learning to give God our attention—the way we do with someone we love.

Today, don’t rush to fill the silence. Become attentive. Ask God to speak, and give Him room to do it.

READ

Read **1 Samuel 3:1–10** slowly. Imagine yourself in the story. Notice Samuel’s posture toward God and Eli’s simple instruction to him.

Read verses 9–10 again. What word or phrase catches your attention?

ASK

Pray: Jesus, quiet the noise around me and within me. Help me recognize Your voice and distinguish it from all the others competing for my attention. Give me ears to hear, a heart ready to obey, and the courage to follow wherever You lead.

Speak, Lord. I’m listening. Amen.

LISTEN

Sit quietly before God for several minutes. You might open your hands as a physical sign that you are available and open to Him.

Don’t strain to hear something or try to make something happen. Simply become aware of what rises to your attention as you sit with Jesus. Notice where your mind goes, what stirs in your heart, or what you find yourself returning to.

What might Jesus be saying to me? What comes to mind—a verse, person, question, conviction, or invitation?

RESPOND

Write down what Jesus brought to your attention. *What do you want to carry with you throughout your day?*

Jesus, help me remember what You brought to my attention and keep listening for Your voice. Amen.