

Sunday Celebration

Gathering Song

"Here For You"

Greeting & Welcome

*Worship Songs

"Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)"

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

Reception of New Members

Joys & Prayers

Offering & Tithe

Offering Song

"Kindness"

Scripture

1 Samuel 3:1-11 (NIV)

Message

"When God Is Silent"

Jack D. Cohen

*Communion/Prayer Time

"Breathe"

"Holy Spirit"

*Closing



We hope that the worship service today has helped you know & grow closer to the Lord. If you are visiting or have further questions & comments please fill out the Response Card so we can connect with you.

Haven Community Church

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"We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass- grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls."

— Mother Teresa



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WHEN GOD IS SILENT



³Meanwhile, the boy Samuel served the Lord by assisting Eli. Now in those days messages from the Lord were very rare, and visions were quite uncommon. ²One night Eli, who was almost blind by now, had gone to bed...⁴ Suddenly the Lord called out, "Samuel!" "Yes?" Samuel replied. "What is it?" ⁵He got up and ran to Eli. "Here I am. Did you call me?" "I didn't call you," Eli replied. "Go back to bed." So he did. ⁶Then the Lord called out again, "Samuel!" Again Samuel got up and went to Eli. "Here I am. Did you call me?" "I didn't call you, my son," Eli said. "Go back to bed." ⁷Samuel did not yet know the Lord because he had never had a message from the Lord before. ⁸So the Lord called a third time, and once more Samuel got up and went to Eli. "Here I am. Did you call me?" Then Eli realized it was the Lord who was calling the boy. ⁹So he said to Samuel, "Go and lie down again, and if someone calls again, say, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went back to bed. ¹⁰And the Lord came and called as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel replied, "Speak, your servant is listening." ¹¹Then the Lord said to Samuel, "I am about to do a shocking thing in Israel."

– 1 Samuel 3:1-11 (NIV)

I. WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO US IN THE SILENCE?

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1) Sometimes God's silence says, "_____." We need _____.

"Be still, and know that I am God."

– Psalm 46:10 (NIV)

"If only you would be altogether silent! For you, that would be wisdom."

– Job 13:5 (NIV)

Solution: Find _____.

2) Sometimes God's silence says, "_____." We need _____.

¹⁴David stayed in the wilderness strongholds and in the hills of the Desert of Ziph. Day after day Saul searched for him, but God did not give David into his hands." – 1 Samuel 23:14 (NIV)

Solution: Find _____.

³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was sleeping in the Tabernacle near the Ark of God.

⁴Suddenly the Lord called out, "Samuel!"

– 1 Samuel 3:3 (NIV)

3) Sometimes God's silence says, "_____." We need _____.

¹²Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go up this mountain in the Abarim Range and see the land I have given the Israelites. ¹³After you have seen it, you too will be gathered to your people..." – Numbers 27:12-13a (NIV)

^{7b}Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ^{9a}But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness..." – 2 Corinthians 12:7b-9a (NIV)

Solution: Find _____.

4) Sometimes God's silence says, "_____." We need _____.

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