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GOD HAS A PLACE FOR
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Background Reading:

- ❖ 1 Samuel 3:1-20
- ❖ Psalm 119:9, 148:12-13
- ❖ Jeremiah 1:7
- ❖ 1 Timothy 4:12

Devotional Reading:

- ❖ 1 Samuel 17:31-37; 41-50

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Background Reading

- 1 Samuel 3:1** And the child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision.
- 2** And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see;
- 3** And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep;
- 4** That the Lord called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I.
- 5** And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

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6 And the Lord called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, neither was the word of the Lord yet revealed unto him.

8 And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the Lord had called the child.

9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth. 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; for thy servant heareth.

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11 And the Lord said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.

12 In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end.

13 For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

14 And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

15 And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the Lord. And Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision.

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

17 And he said, What is the thing that the Lord hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee.

18 And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the Lord: let him do what seemeth him good.

19 And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

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

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Background Reading

Psalm 119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

Psalm 148:12 Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:

Psalm 148:13 Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

Jeremiah 1:7 But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

1 Timothy 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

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Devotional Reading

1 Samuel 17:31-37; 41-50

31 And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before Saul: and he sent for him.

32 And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.

33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:

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Devotional Reading

1 Samuel 17:31-37; 41-50

35 And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

37 David said moreover, The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the Lord be with thee.

Devotional Reading

1 Samuel 17:31-37; 41-50

41 And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him.

42 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

43 And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

44 And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

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1 Samuel 17:31-37; 41-50

45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

46 This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

47 And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands.

48 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came, and drew nigh to meet David, that David hastened, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

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1 Samuel 17:31-37; 41-50

49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David.

Central Verse

Joel 2:28

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.”

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INTRODUCTION

The Word of the Lord tells young men that they are called upon because they are strong, and the Word of God abides in them, and they have overcome the wicked one. The energy and enthusiasm of youth can be a powerful force for good. They contribute fresh and new ideas because they live in an age of technology that many seniors do not have an opportunity to experience. The Bible recognizes the potential of young people to serve, live, and work for God. They have the ability, the skills, and the technology to make positive impacts on the church. It's important that they know they are needed and wanted in the ministry of the Church. The leaders of the Church must encourage and guide their youth so that they can be involved in the journey of faith and service.

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The Apostle Paul admonished the young minister, Timothy, "Let no man despise his youth" (1 Timothy 4:12). Still, he told him to be an example of the believers in word, conversation, love, faith, clean living, and always re-member the gifts that God had given him. He encouraged him to live a godly life, remembering that he was saved by the power of God. He encouraged him to study the Word of God and spend time meditating to be sure of his salvation. David informs the believers in Psalm 1 that if they want to be blessed, they must meditate upon God's Word day and night. Also, the Lord told Joshua that if he wanted good success, he must meditate upon God's Word (Joshua 1:8).

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INTRODUCTION

The world needs young men and young women who will be role models for other young people in the Church. God will help them by providing strength to those who call upon Him and allow Him to lead and guide them.

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DISCUSSION

The story of Samuel's call is an intriguing story about a young man that God called and used at a very young age. Samuel was brought to the Temple at a very young age and left there by his mother to serve the priest and learn the things of the Lord.

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DISCUSSION

Samuel's mother had made a vow to God concerning him. Being the Godly woman she was, I'm sure she explained things to Samuel so that he could understand that she and her husband loved him, but his life was dedicated to God. Being a young child, I'm sure he had questions. But I believe that because God had destined him for this ministry, God had his mother and the Priest Eli to teach and train him concerning his place in ministry.

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DISCUSSION

The Priest Eli spent time training and mentoring this young man in the ways of God and ministry. It is so important to train a child in the way that he should go. The leaders of the Church must take time and allow the youth to be active in every phase of the ministry of the church. The youth of today must know and feel the trust of their adult leaders. It is important that as they are brought and sent to the church, they understand the positiveness of what they, God, and the adults are doing. There are some areas in the ministry that might not be open to them, but transparency is very important to young people. As Eli began to become frail and his eyes began to become dim so that he could not see, the Lord began to speak to Samuel. Samuel and Eli had the kind of relationship that when God spoke to him, he could talk to Eli. He did not understand what God was saying, but the experience that Eli had with God, allowed him to be able to give this young boy the instruction that was needed.

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DISCUSSION

Today's youth must become comfortable and respectful with their leaders so that when God speaks to them, they will know that their leaders will respect them and deal with them on a spiritual level. Because of the love and respect that Samuel had for Eli, he was able to receive the instructions that Eli gave to him. Because of this love and respect, Samuel became one of the most powerful Prophets of his time.

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During the time of Kings, for Israel, God used eight young men as Kings over His people. Eight of the thirty-nine Kings that God put over Israel were young men and boys. God used Zedekiah, who was born in Jerusalem and began to reign at the age of twenty-one. Zedekiah was like some of today's youth who would not listen to his advisors. He created an alliance with Egypt. As a result of his actions and decisions, the King of the Neo-Babylonian Empire invaded Jerusalem and started a siege that lasted thirty months. All of this resulted in him seeing his sons killed, him being tortured and blinded and finally dying at a very young age.

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God used Ahaz who was twenty and reigned for twenty years. Next was Solomon, who was also twenty; Jeconiah, who began at age seventeen; Uzziah, who was sixteen; Manasseh, who was twelve; Josiah, who began at eight; and one of the youngest to reign was Jehoash, who was only seven years old. Many of them did great things. Some made messes of their reign, but God gave them the opportunity to lead and be involved in the leadership of the nations. He wants the same things for today's youth, but it's according to the power that is working in them.

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CONCLUSION

During the time when God decided to give His people Kings as they de-sired, it's noteworthy to note that He used older men, but He also used young men. Just as God found places of leadership for these young men, He wants to place youth in strategic places in ministry in His Church. But He needs young people who will be trustworthy, young men and women who will live as examples of holy living. Young men and women who will listen and receive instructions from the fathers and mothers of the Church. He needs youth who will deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow Him.

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ESSENTIAL THOUGHT

**As God pours out his spirit, he uses
sons and daughters in the end-time
ministry.**

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