

MONDAY Meet-Ups

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Series Graphic

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God wants us **in position**.

God + _____ = Happiness; Security; Identity

1 Samuel 3:1

The boy Samuel served the Lord in Eli's presence. In those days the **word of the Lord** was rare and prophetic visions were not widespread.

Amos 8:11

"The time is surely coming," says the Sovereign Lord, "when I will send a famine on the land—not a famine of bread or water but of **hearing** the words of the Lord.

God's **work** always begins with, resumes by, and advances through **His Word**.

1) People must be in position to **hear (interact) with God's Word**.

{come up one at a time}

- a) **With open Bibles.** → Share **TIME WITH GOD #**
- b) **Through our church**

2 Timothy 3:16 – 4:2

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip His people to do every good work.

I solemnly urge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead when he comes to set up his Kingdom: **Preach the word of God**. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with **good teaching**.

c) In our small groups

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other

SMALL GROUP SLIDE

d) By memorizing Scripture

Psalm 37:31

The instruction of his God is in his heart; his steps do not falter.

Psalm 119:11

I have treasured Your word in my heart so that I may not sin against you.

1 Samuel 3:2-7

One day Eli, whose eyesight was failing, was lying in his usual place. Before the lamp of God had gone out, Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was located. Then the Lord called Samuel, and he answered, "Here I am." He ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "I didn't call," Eli replied. "Go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, "Samuel!" Samuel got up, went to Eli, and said, "Here I am; you called me." "I didn't call, my son," he replied. "Go back and lie down." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, because the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

A relationship with God always begins with, resumes by, and advances through His Word.

1 Samuel 3:8-9

Once again, for the third time, the Lord called Samuel. He got up, went to Eli, and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli understood that the Lord was calling the boy. He told Samuel, "Go and lie down. If he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Isaiah 66:2b,5a

I will look favorably on this kind of person: one who is humble, submissive in spirit, and trembles at My word ... You who tremble at His word, hear the word of the Lord:

2) People in position will tremble at God's Word →

God seeks and speaks to pre-surrendered people.

{Come up one at a time}

- a) **Avoid presumption**
- b) **Avoid making demands**

Matthew 12:38

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from you."

God is both patient and persistent → Same spot principle

The response we give VS the response God wants

→ **The type of relationship we have**

1 Samuel 3:11-14

The Lord said to Samuel, "I am about to do something in Israel that will cause everyone who hears about it **to shudder**. On that day I will carry out **against Eli** everything I said about his family, from beginning to end. I told him that I am going to judge his family forever because of the iniquity he knows about: his sons are cursing God, and he has not stopped them. Therefore, I have sworn to Eli's family: The iniquity of Eli's family will never be wiped out by either sacrifice or offering."

Psalms 119:105

Your word is a **lamp** for my feet and a **light** on my path.

3) People in position **step with the light (=the word) they have.**

There is a difference between God's Word being **unclear and it being **unpopular**.**

God is not our consultant; He is our God.

1 Samuel 3:15-17

Samuel lay down until the morning; then he opened the doors of the Lord's house. He was **afraid** to tell Eli the vision, but Eli called him and said, "Samuel, my son."

"Here I am," answered Samuel. "What was the message he gave you?" Eli asked. "Don't hide it from me. May God punish you and do so severely if you hide anything from me that he told you."

4) People in position **detect the flesh ... and follow God anyway.**

{come up one at a time}

Our flesh often hides in the following forms:

- **Justifiable negative emotions**
- **The desire to control the narrative and/or the outcome**
- **The longing for acceptance**
- **Our materialism and comfort zones**
- **Our schedules**

1 Samuel 3:18

So Samuel told him everything and did not hide anything from him. Eli responded, "**He is the Lord.** Let Him do what he thinks is good."

1 Samuel 3:19-21

Samuel grew. The Lord was **with him**, and He fulfilled everything Samuel prophesied. All Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a **confirmed prophet** of the Lord. The Lord continued to appear in Shiloh, because there He revealed himself to Samuel **by His word**.

5) People in position are Word of God **committed and Word of God **consistent**.**

{if possible, put on one slide}

Hebrews 1:1-3

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors by the prophets at different times and in different ways. In these last days, he has spoken to us **by his Son**. God has appointed Him heir of all things and made the universe through Him. ³The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact expression of His nature, sustaining all things by His **powerful word**. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.