

God is rebuking His people

Rebukes are good for us because we have a tendency to get stuck in patterns of sin

What was the root of Israel's sinful pattern of turning from trusting God?

→ Allowed other voices to be louder than God's voice in their life

When we get trapped in patterns of sinful thoughts, beliefs, and actions, God uses rebukes to get our attention so that we examine our lives

Are there any patterns God is revealing to you right now that He wants you to examine?

- Communication
- Relationships
- Attitude
- Browser history
- Spending

The goal of God's rebukes are to restore our relationship with Him

While God will speak loudly to us personally, sometimes He speaks to us through people around us

God's voice speaks the loudest in community

→ 1 Samuel 12

→ Large gatherings

Have you given people in your life 'Samuel privileges' in your life?

When people are honest with you, how do you respond?

When you have to be a Samuel for someone, pray for God to help you be Spirit led and not self driven

Brothers and sisters, if someone is overtaken in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual, **restore** such a person with a **gentle spirit**, watching out for yourselves so that you also won't be tempted.' - Galatians 6:1

Prioritize God's voice in your life by listening to God's voice through His word

"For the word of God is **living** and **effective** and **sharper** than any double-edged sword, **penetrating** as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to **judge** the thoughts and intentions of the heart. No creature is hidden from him, but all things are naked and **exposed** to the eyes of him to whom we must give an account." Hebrews 4:12-13

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for **teaching**, for **rebuking**, for **correcting**, for **training** in righteousness, so that the man of God may be **complete, equipped** for every good work." - 2 Timothy 3:16-17