

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20) • Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18 • 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 • John 1:43-51



**Reflection Questions:** After reading all or some of these lessons in one or more translations, please spend some time “chewing” on these questions, jot down some of your thoughts and bring them to the on-line gathering on Thursday, at 3 pm.

1. Which 1-2 sentences here best describe how you are this week?
2. How does the body figure into living through these times for you?
3. How do you sort out “deceit” from authenticity in what is going on around and within you?
4. What questions are you chewing on here?
5. What assistance do you find here for your condition this week?
6. What is it that you are praying this week in light of these lessons?
7. To what is God calling you this week?

**1 Samuel 3: 1-10 Common English Bible**

3 Now the boy Samuel was serving the Lord under Eli. The Lord's word was rare at that time, and visions weren't widely known. 2 One day Eli, whose eyes had grown so weak he was unable to see, was lying down in his room. 3 God's lamp hadn't gone out yet, and Samuel was lying down in the Lord's temple, where God's chest was. 4 The Lord called to Samuel. "I'm here," he said. 5 Samuel hurried to Eli and said, "I'm here. You called me?" "I didn't call you," Eli replied. "Go lie down." So he did. 6 Again the Lord called Samuel, so Samuel got up, went to Eli, and said, "I'm here. You called me?" "I didn't call, my son," Eli replied. "Go and lie down." (7 Now Samuel didn't yet know the Lord, and the Lord's word hadn't yet been revealed to him.) 8 A third time the Lord called Samuel. He got up, went to Eli, and said, "I'm here. You called me?" Then Eli realized that it was the Lord who was calling the boy. 9 So Eli said to Samuel, "Go and lie down. If he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down where he'd been. 10 Then the Lord came and stood there, calling just as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel said, "Speak. Your servant is listening."

**Psalms 139: 1-6,13-18 Saint Helena Psalter**

1 O God, you have searched me out and known me; \* you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.  
 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \* and are acquainted with all my ways.  
 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \* but you, O God, know it altogether.  
 4 You press upon me behind and before \* and lay your hand upon me.  
 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \* it is so high that I cannot attain to it.  
 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? \* where can I flee from your presence?

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \* your works are wonderful, and I know it well.  
 14 My body was not hidden from you, \* while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.  
 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; \* they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.  
 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \* how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; \* to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

### 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 The Message

18 Oh, that you would slay the wicked, O God! \*  
You that thirst for blood, depart from me.

12 Just because something is technically legal doesn't mean that it's spiritually appropriate. If I went around doing whatever I thought I could get by with, I'd be a slave to my whims. 13 You know the old saying, "First you eat to live, and then you live to eat"? Well, it may be true that the body is only a temporary thing, but that's no excuse for stuffing your body with food, or indulging it with sex. Since the Master honors you with a body, honor him with your body! 14-15 God honored the Master's body by raising it from the grave. He'll treat yours with the same resurrection power. Until that time, remember that your bodies are created with the same dignity as the Master's body. You wouldn't take the Master's body off to a warehouse, would you? I should hope not. 16-20 There's more to sex than mere skin on skin. Sex is as much spiritual mystery as physical fact. As written in Scripture, "The two become one." Since we want to become spiritually one with the Master, we must not pursue the kind of sex that avoids commitment and intimacy, leaving us more lonely than ever—the kind of sex that can never "become one." There is a sense in which sexual sins are different from all others. In sexual sin we violate the sacredness of our own bodies, these bodies that were made for God-given and God-modeled love, for "becoming one" with another. Or didn't you realize that your body is a sacred place, the place of the Holy Spirit? Don't you see that you can't live however you please, squandering what God paid such a high price for? The physical part of you is not some piece of property belonging to the spiritual part of you. God owns the whole works. So let people see God in and through your body.

### [John 1:43-51](#) La Biblia de las Américas

43 Al día siguiente Jesús se propuso salir para Galilea, y encontró a Felipe, y le dijo: Sígueme. 44 Felipe era de Betsaida, de la ciudad de Andrés y de Pedro. 45 Felipe encontró a Natanael y le dijo: Hemos hallado a aquel de quien escribió Moisés en la ley, y también los profetas, a Jesús de Nazaret, el hijo de José. 46 Y Natanael le dijo: ¿Puede algo bueno salir de Nazaret? Felipe le dijo: Ven, y ve. 47 Jesús vio venir a Natanael y dijo de él: He aquí un verdadero israelita en quien no hay engaño. 48 Natanael le dijo: ¿Cómo es que me conoces? Jesús le respondió y le dijo: Antes de que Felipe te llamara, cuando estabas debajo de la higuera, te vi. 49 Natanael le respondió: Rabí, tú eres el Hijo de Dios, tú eres el Rey de Israel. 50 Respondió Jesús y le dijo: ¿Porque te dije que te vi debajo de la higuera, crees? Cosas mayores que estas verás. 51 Y le dijo: En verdad, en verdad os digo que veréis el cielo abierto y a los ángeles de Dios subiendo y bajando sobre el Hijo del Hombre.

א וְהַנֶּעַר שְׂמוּאֵל מְשָׁרֵת  
אֶת-יְהוָה, לְפָנָי עָלַי;  
וַדְּבַר-יְהוָה, הָיָה יָקָר  
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 frequent  
vision. {S}

בַּיָּמִים הֵהֱם--אִין חֲזוֹן,  
נִפְרָץ. {ס}

**ב** וַיְהִי בַיּוֹם הַהוּא, וַיֵּלֶי שָׁכַב בְּמִקוֹמוֹ; וַיֵּינּוּ הַחֲלוּ כְהוֹת, לֹא יוּכַל לִרְאוֹת. **2** And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place--now his eyes had begun to wax dim, that he could not see--

**ג** וְנֵר אֱלֹהִים טָרַם יִכָּבֵה, וַשְּׁמוּאֵל שָׁכַב, בְּהֵיכַל יְהוָה, אֲשֶׁר-שָׁם אָרוֹן אֱלֹהִים. {פ} **3** and the lamp of God was not yet gone out, and Samuel was laid down to sleep in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, {P}

**ד** וַיִּקְרָא יְהוָה אֶל-שְׁמוּאֵל, וַיֹּאמֶר הֲנִנִּי. **4** that the LORD called Samuel; and he said: 'Here am I.'

**ה** וַיָּרַץ אֶל-עֲלִי, וַיֹּאמֶר הֲנִנִּי כִי-קָרָאתָ לִּי, וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא-קָרָאתִי, שׁוּב שָׁכַב; וַיֵּלֶךְ, וַיִּשְׁכַּב. {ס} **5** And he ran unto Eli, and said: 'Here am I; for thou didst call me.' And he said: 'I called not; lie down again.' And he went and lay down. {S}

**ו** וַיִּסֹּף יְהוָה, קְרָא עוֹד שְׁמוּאֵל, וַיִּקָּם שְׁמוּאֵל וַיֵּלֶךְ אֶל-עֲלִי, וַיֹּאמֶר הֲנִנִּי. **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.'

כִּי קָרָאתָ לִי ; וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא-  
קָרָאתִי בְּנִי, שׁוּב שֹׁכֵב.

ז וַיִּשְׁמוֹעַ לֹא, טָרַם יָדַע  
אֶת-יְהוָה ; וְטָרַם יְגִלָּה  
אֵלָיו, דְּבַר-יְהוָה. 7 Now Samuel did not yet  
know the LORD, neither was  
the word of the LORD yet  
revealed unto him.

ח וַיִּסֹּף יְהוָה קְרֹא-  
שְׁמוֹעַל, בְּשְׁלִישִׁת, וַיִּקָּם  
וַיֵּלֶךְ אֶל-עָלִי, וַיֹּאמֶר הַנְּנִי  
כִּי קָרָאתָ לִי ; וַיָּבֹן עָלַי, כִּי  
יְהוָה קָרָא לְנֶעֱר. 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 was  
calling the child.

ט וַיֹּאמֶר עָלִי לְשְׁמוֹעַל,  
לֵךְ שֹׁכֵב, וְהָיָה אִם-יִקְרָא  
אֵלֶיךָ, וְאָמַרְתָּ דְבַר יְהוָה  
כִּי שָׁמַעַ עֲבָדְךָ ; וַיֵּלֶךְ  
שְׁמוֹעַל, וַיִּשְׁכַּב בְּמִקְוֹמוֹ. 9 Therefore Eli said unto  
Samuel: 'Go, lie down; and it  
shall be, if thou be called, that  
thou shalt say: Speak, LORD;  
for Thy servant heareth.' So  
Samuel went and lay down in  
his place.

י וַיָּבֹא יְהוָה וַיִּתְיַצֵּב,  
וַיִּקְרָא כְּפַעַם-בְּפַעַם  
שְׁמוֹעַל שְׁמוֹעַל ; וַיֹּאמֶר  
שְׁמוֹעַל דְּבַר, כִּי שָׁמַעַ  
עֲבָדְךָ. {פ} 10 And the LORD came, and  
stood, and called as at other  
times: 'Samuel, Samuel.' Then  
Samuel said: 'Speak; for Thy  
servant heareth.' {P}