

“Say Yes! Here I Come”

Psalm 40:5-10

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YES! YES! YES! Many ways to say yes—fist pump with one arm, fist pump with 2 arms, raising hand, screaming, high fives, jumping)

Well, watch out because today we begin the Say Yes series. Cut to the chase---here’s the ask...say yes to God.

Let’s look at why it’s important to say YES to God based on the scripture that Joe just read for us.

**<sup>5</sup> You, LORD my God! You’ve done so many things—your wonderful deeds and your plans for us—no one can compare with you!**

Are you glad our God has done so many wonderful things? Say YES!!! xxx

**<sup>5</sup> If I were to proclaim and talk about all of them, they would be too numerous to count!**  
God’s blessings to us are too many to count. YES? XXXXXX

**<sup>6</sup> You don’t relish sacrifices or offerings; you don’t require entirely burned offerings or compensation offerings—but you have given me ears!**

God has given us ears. Anyone here ever been accused of “selective hearing?” Oh, we have ears to hear.

Some times I don’t listen well to Sarah. She has to repeat what she said. Now once I hear her I have a several choices I can make:

1. Ignore her again.
2. Nod and pretend I really care.
3. Really listen to what she says and think about it.
4. Say yes.

Jesus in the New Testament often said this, “You who have ears to hear---hear.” The obedience to God stems from listening, hearing, and then obeying what God is saying.

Interesting that we have eyelids and can shut our eyes and not see. But there is no way to close our ears. They are open all the time. Of course, there are earplugs for certain occasions---loud concerts, NASCAR races, and for the loved ones of those who snore. This morning I am asking you take the cotton out of your ears, take those earplugs out and listen. God will speak to you this morning. You have given me ears.

What do you want O God? Oh, there are offerings and sacrifices---and those are all good, but what God says He really wants is for us to say, “Here I come!”

So, with listening ears notice according to scripture what we can say.

### **What We Can Say to God**

- 1. Say “Here I come!” (vs. 7)**
- 2. Say, “I want to do your will.” (vs. 8)**
- 3. Say, “I didn’t hold anything back.” (vs. 9)**
- 4. Say, “I didn’t hide your faithfulness and your salvation.” (vs. 10)**
- 5. Say, “I didn’t hide your loyal love and trustworthiness from the great assembly (vs. 10)**
- 6. Say, “YES!”**

When you say YES to God it includes saying yes to doing something about it. The book of James in the New Testament says, “Faith without works is dead.” (James 2:26)

I found this from a blog by Carla Glasser—it was dated January 24, 2015.

Noah said YES when God asked him to build the ark.

Abraham said YES when God asked him to sacrifice his only son.

Joseph said YES when God asked him to forgive his brothers who beat and sold him into slavery.

Moses said YES when God told him to go to Pharaoh and ask him to let the Israelites go.

Rahab said YES when asked to hide the Israelite spies and risk her own life and the lives of her family.

David said YES when God asked him to fight the giant Goliath with only a slingshot and a few stones.

Esther said YES when Mordecai told her to go to the king to save her people.

Daniel said YES when God told him not to bow down and worship other idols.

Mary said YES when the angel told her she would carry God’s son, Jesus.

The disciples said YES when Jesus asked them to leave everything behind and follow him.

Paul said YES when God asked him to deliver the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles.

There is an expectation for you not just as someone who is here at PHUMC, but an expectation for a Christ follower to serve.

I'm talking about serving right here on this campus. The ministries on this campus provide the foundation for the heart and missions around our community, county, and world. Jesus said "You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth." Mission, ministry, witness begins at your home area. It begins right here. We want to foster a ministry mind and heart that we begin serving right here at this site.

I wish someone would ask me, "How can I serve?" xxxxx Glad you asked. Take a look at the bulletin insert.

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Let me share a passage of scripture from the New Testament that mirrors, reflects, and repeats what the Psalmist says. The Psalmist says, "Here I am." Trick question, don't raise your hand...because I'm setting you up...it's a trap!! But, here is the question, "How many of you want to be like Jesus?"

### **Hebrews 10:5-10 New International Version (NIV)**

**<sup>5</sup>Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; <sup>6</sup>with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. <sup>7</sup>Then I said, 'Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll— I have come to do your will, my God.'"**

**<sup>8</sup>First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them"—though they were offered in accordance with the law. <sup>9</sup>Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second.**

Jesus said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will (God)." Are we ready to say that? What is stopping you? See the bulletin list...now what.... now it is time to say, "Here I come!"

I want to thank our Say Yes Team of Rev. Cathy, Robin McFerrin, Children's Director, and especially Jeremy Gross, Family Discipleship Director. You will see out in the lobby a Say Yes Display (**image**)

Here's the response to saying "Here I come!"

Find the area you want to serve.

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So, find the area. Grab one of those cards. Check the box of the team you would like to serve on. (**logo, example, HISkidz Children's Ministry**)

Fill out contact Info on back of card (**image**)

Put card in "Said Yes" Bucket (**image**)

So if you are asked, "Did you Say Yes." You can respond, "I SAID yes." It takes more than 165 people saying yes each Sunday for us to effectively have 3 worship services. We really would like to have 300 so that everyone has an opportunity to be blessed and be a blessing by saying YES! 38 different sub groups to choose from.

Let me paraphrase a story from the Old Testament book of 1 Samuel (3:1-10)

The boy Samuel ministered to Eli. Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD---heard a voice call his name. Samuel answered, "Here I am."<sup>5</sup> And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

<sup>6</sup> Again he heard his name called "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

<sup>8</sup> A third time he heard his voice called "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he the Lord calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Oh, to realize who is calling. It is God tugging and putting that call. He has given you ears. Listen and say "Here I am." We need you for the ministry today and for future generations to say "Yes, Here I am. Here I come." What's stopping you from saying yes?

Through the next couple of weeks we will be giving examples of how saying yes in these areas make an eternal impact. Let me select one example for today. The ministries and where we serve affect future generations. Several times I've had Robin McFerrin our Children's Director say, "Dave I need more help in Children's Ministry on Sunday morning." "Dave, my small group leaders are getting burnt out." Here comes Robin again, "Dave we may have to not have children small groups next week, I can't get any body to help."

It makes my heart hurt. In all these areas mentioned we need your YES. But by way of illustration—watch the following and impact future generations.

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