



THE STORY *continues...*

*Join us each week as God weaves His Story into the fabric
of our daily lives.*

Chapter 10: Standing Tall, Falling Hard

Listen to *The Story*

*Read **Chapter 10** of The Story this week.*

In the hymn “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens,” these words are sung:

**Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens,
Let Your Word to me come near;
As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;
Let Your words in me take root.
May Your Spirit e'er be near me
That I bear abundant fruit.**

Make this your prayer each day this week.

Learn *The Story*

*Look for ways in which God's story and your story
connect this week.*

Eugene Petersen in “Conversations” reminds us that “personal address is God’s primary form of speech ... And to that most personal of words Samuel listened. Listening is an act of personal attentiveness that develops into answering. Samuel *answered*, which is to say, he prayed, providing us with a model on how to listen to God’s word to us and respond to him in prayer.”

Be attentive to God this week. Look for God sightings. Write them down when you see them. At the end of the week, gather them together and ask yourself, “What is God proclaiming to you through them?”

Listen for your name throughout this week. How is it used? Is it an endearment? Is it an indictment? Is it a manipulation? Is it a gift? Is it a slander? Is it a welcome home? Or something different? Now, imagine God calling your name. What tone is He using? What do you hear when you quiet the noise in your life and God calls your name?

Love *The Story*

Intentionally take a step forward in faith.

Listen to others this week. Do not interrupt. Hear what they are trying to tell you. Remember: We all need to be heard.

Enable someone else to fall in love with their name because of the way that you use it.

Luther's Explanation

The call of the boy, Samuel, is one of the most famous in all of Scripture (1 Samuel 3:1-21). What is unique about his call is that he needed help from the priest, Eli, to discern God's call.

The idea of a vocation or "calling" has played a significant role within Protestantism. Martin Luther taught that each individual was expected to fulfill his or her God-appointed task in everyday life. To Luther, each legitimate calling has the same worth in God's eyes.

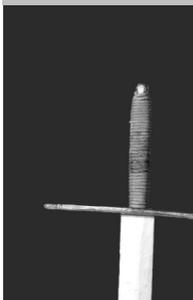
So how does one know what God's call is? Thankfully, we have brothers and sisters in Christ that can help us discern where God may be calling us—our "Eli," in a way. What decisions in your life are you facing? Where might God be "tugging" at you? Who in the church might help you hear the voice of God?



PROMISE

This week, cling to God's promise for you:
"Be still and listen. I am calling your name."

The EXTRA Mile



Everyone has a story to tell...especially those who have served in the military. November 11 is Veteran's Day...a perfect time to honor them and listen to their stories.