

**A MIRACLE CHILD**  
**1 SAMUEL 3:10 / 1-21-18 / P.M.**

**I. 12 INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT SAMUEL.**

1. First, Samuel as we have already said was a miracle child.
2. Second, Samuel's name means "Name of God". However in Hebrew it sounds like "God Answers".
3. Third, Samuel was from the tribe of Levi and lived in Ephraim.
4. Fourth, Samuel was the last Judge of Israel—Acts 13:20.
5. Fifth, Samuel anointed two kings of Israel, Saul and David.
6. Sixth, Samuel was the first prophet in Israel—Acts 3:24.
7. Seventh, Samuel was also a priest—3:1.
8. Eighth, Samuel was a Nazarite like Samson was—1:10.
9. Ninth, Samuel is the only ghost mentioned in the Bible—28:7.
10. Tenth, Samuel led the greatest Passovers in Israel—2 Chron. 35:18.
11. Eleventh, Samuel is remembered for his prayers—Ps. 99:6.
12. Twelfth, God called Samuel by name twice. Only four other men were called by name by God—Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and Saul.

**II. LESSONS FROM SAMUEL.**

- A. Samuel's weaknesses.
1. His sons didn't follow his example—8:3.
  2. He took Israel's desire for a king personally—8:6-7.
  3. He feared Saul—16:1-2.
  4. He looked at outward appearances of people—16:6.

B. Samuel's strengths.

1. He was obedient to Eli—3:1.
2. He was faithful to God—Heb. 11:32.
3. He was truthful—3:18.
4. He had a good reputation—9:6.

C. Lessons from Samuel for us today.

1. When troubled pray.
2. God hears our prayers.
3. We should grow in the favor of God and other people—2:26.
4. God looks at what's on the inside of people and so should we.
5. Children don't automatically follow their parent's faith or walk with the Lord.
6. You're never too young to be used by God—or too old either!
7. We should respond quickly to God's call to use us.