

Whose Voice Will You Follow?

WEEK 5 | 1 SAMUEL 1-10 | JOHN 10:27

Jesus says, “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” These five days invite us to listen, trust, and respond—not to earn His love, but because we belong to Him. [John 10:27](#)

DAY 1 | Surrender the Outcome

READ 1 Samuel 1:9-18

REFLECTION

Hannah carried years of disappointment and misunderstanding. She did not disguise her pain or pretend to have an answer. She poured out her heart to God and entrusted Him with what she wanted most. Her countenance changed before her circumstances did. The Lord was her refuge even while she waited.

ACTION

Name one desire you have been holding tightly. Tell God what you hope for, then offer Him your trust without demanding a particular outcome.

PRAYER

Lord, You know what I long for. Receive my honest heart and teach me to rest in Your faithful presence.

DAY 2 | Love Without Compromise

READ 1 Samuel 2:22-29; 3:13

REFLECTION

Eli knew his sons were harming those they were called to serve. He rebuked them but did not exercise the authority entrusted to him to restrain them. God was just in holding Eli accountable for what he knew and failed to do. Love and loyalty become distorted when they excuse what God calls us to confront.

ACTION

Consider a responsibility or relationship where avoiding discomfort has replaced faithful action. Ask God for wisdom, humility, and courage to respond with truth and love.

PRAYER

Just and merciful Father, guard me from passive compromise. Help me honor You in the responsibilities You have entrusted to me.

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DAY 3 | Speak, Lord

READ 1 Samuel 3:1-19

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Samuel first mistook God's call for Eli's voice. When he understood, he answered, "Speak, your servant is listening." What he heard was difficult: a message of judgment concerning the man who had raised him. Samuel was afraid, but he spoke faithfully. Listening to God includes trusting Him enough to respond.

ACTION

Read John 10:27 slowly. Sit quietly for a few minutes, then identify one clear teaching of Scripture you can faithfully practice today—even if it feels uncomfortable.

PRAYER

Lord, give me attentive ears, a surrendered heart, and the courage to follow what You have already made clear.

DAY 4 | Beyond the Crowd

READ 1 Samuel 8:4-22

REFLECTION

Israel wanted a king like the surrounding nations. The problem was not simply monarchy: they sought security in human power rather than God's reign. The crowd can sound convincing when trust is misplaced.

ACTION

Name one expectation pressing on you. Does it reflect God's Word or the crowd's approval?

PRAYER

King Jesus, free me from comparison. Teach me to trust Your reign above the expectations around me.

DAY 5 | Chosen to Follow

READ 1 Samuel 9:21; 10:6-24; John 10:27

REFLECTION

God chose and equipped Saul, yet he hid among the baggage at his public introduction. Scripture does not say why. His story contrasts outward appearance with faithful response. Jesus calls His sheep to hear and follow.

ACTION

Pray, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." Take one Scripture-rooted step of obedience.

PRAYER

Jesus, quiet every competing voice and lead me into faithful trust today.

THE TAKEAWAY | God's voice is not simply information to hear. It is the invitation of the One who knows us and calls us to follow. "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."