



So [Eli] said to Samuel,  
 "Go to sleep, and if  
 you are called, reply,  
 'Speak, LORD, for your  
 servant is listening.'"

1 SAMUEL 3:9

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## You Called?

**T**oday we focus on our call from God. Both Samuel and Jesus' disciples were called.

Unfortunately, not everyone realizes he or she has been called to be a disciple. Pope Francis insists that by virtue of baptism we are all missionary disciples. What does this mean? What does it ask of us?

Today's readings set the stage for our consideration of discipleship. They tell us several things. As with Samuel, the invitation from God can be unexpected, for it can occur in the very ordinary events of life. Perhaps, like Samuel, we don't hear the call because the event is so ordinary. Maybe we need someone to open our eyes to God's presence in the ordinariness of life. But what do we expect a call from God to be? A thunderclap? A blinding light? Actually, when we realize we have been called by God, it is like a crash of thunder or a blinding light.

Intrigued by Jesus, the disciples wanted to hear more, and so they followed him. Frequently God speaks to us through the lives of other people. When we see goodness in them we too want to be good, to do good. This might prompt us to share what we have, to comfort those who suffer, to forgive those who have offended us. We may not yet know how to do it, but such goodness can touch us deeply. Do we listen, like Samuel? Are we open, like the disciples?

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### FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *In the ordinariness of your life, what might actually be God's voice?*
- ✦ *What kind of goodness attracts you?*