



**REAL PRAYER**  
**1 SAMUEL 3:1-21**  
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**Real prayer is a real encounter with a real God who really responds.**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. - 1 Samuel 3:1

"I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord" - 1 Samuel 1:15

"For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord." - 1 Samuel 1:27-28

Now the sons of Eli were worthless men. They did not know the Lord. - 1 Samuel 2:12

And the boy was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli the priest. - 1 Samuel 2:11

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy clothed with a linen ephod. - 1 Samuel 2:18

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. - 1 Samuel 3:1

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, O Lord, do I seek." - Psalm 27:7-8

**Real prayer is when we seek the face of God before anything else.**

The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. - 1 Samuel 3:3

Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. - 1 Samuel 3:4-5

And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. - 1 Samuel 3:8

Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. - 1 Samuel 3:9

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." - Genesis 22:11



"Then the angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob,' and I said, 'Here I am!'" - Genesis 31:11

When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." - Exodus 3:4

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." - Isaiah 6:8

Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." - Acts 9:10

I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am,' to a nation that was not called by my name." - Isaiah 65:1

**Real prayer is when we say "Here I am" to God.**

And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." - 1 Samuel 3:10

Then the Lord said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. - 1 Samuel 3:11

On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end."  
- 1 Samuel 3:12

For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to him. - 1 Samuel 1:27

And the people of Israel said to Samuel, "Do not cease to cry out to the Lord our God for us, that he may save us from the hand of the Philistines." - 1 Samuel 7:8

Far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you. - 1 Samuel 12:23

**Real prayer is when we expect things to change when we pray.**

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And the Lord appeared again at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord. - 1 Samuel 3:21

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