



Knowing the Will of God Part III  
1 Samuel 3:1-11  
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God is looking for someone who will do what is in His mind and heart.

When He finds that person, **WATCH OUT!**

**FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH:** Discovering His will is a process of prayerful pursuit and active response to His voice. You need to take action.

### **ACTION BLOCKERS**

- Apparent inabilities -1 Corinthians 1:26-29
- God will use you just as much because of what you do know as what you don't know.
- The unknown - Ps 119:105 *Your word is a lamp to my feet.*

### **GOD'S VOICE WILL BE CONSISTENT**

- God's voice is consistent and He is not going to change His plan because you show no interest. Rom 11:29 *For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.*
- God was patient to wait for the response He was looking for.
- God did not give part two of His message until Samuel responded to part one.

### **DISCOVERING HIS WILL REQUIRES NON-RESISTANT ACTION. VS. 5**

- When God calls, respond immediately with action.
- Act on what you know today. This action can be prayer, planning, seeking counsel, etc... Prov 16:3; Prov 16:9

### **DISCOVERING HIS WILL REQUIRES CONSISTENT ACTION VS. 6**

- Move forward as though something is going to happen and until God redirects you. Gen 22.

### **DISCOVERING HIS WILL REQUIRES PERSISTENT ACTION. VS.8-9**

- Persistently pursue His will against obstacles and discomfort.
- Be willing to persistently pursue in spite of the lack of results.
- Get a mentor who is committed to discerning the Lord's will in your life and who will lead you there.

### **SAMUEL WAS COMMITTED TO CONSISTENT DEVOTION VS. 9**

- Samuel had a place to go to hear God. Where is your place?
- A mental place – Get focused and eliminate mental distractions. Phil 4:6-8
- An emotional place – Ps 55:22 *Cast your burden on the LORD, and He shall sustain you...*
- A physical place – A quiet place without distractions.
- A spiritual place –Matt 5:6 *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.*
- When God speaks, respond with action.
- Commit to submit.
- Record the vision: Hab 2:2 *Write the vision, and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it.*
- Take action on what you hear.
- What is God telling you today?