

I want to you young folks a
Secret, and that is, "God doesn't
only speak to older people" / He
speaks to young people too"

He sure does // But listen, the reason
most folks never seem to hear
from God is because they talk
more than they listen. —

Have you ever wondered why
God gives us 2 ears and just
one mouth? Some one tell me
why you believe God did it?

I believe it's because we need
to spend more time listening
than we do talking. —

The Bible tells us about a young
boy we gained a whole lot
by listening. — His name was
Samuel and before he was
born, his mother said "God,
give me a son, and I'll dedicate ^{him} to you."

But listen / Samuel had to agree
to it Just like you and me —
Someone else committ you and
me but clearly we have the last
word — And we need to remember
that.

When Samuel was a very little
child his mother took him to the
Temple as she had promised God.

He grew up there with a priest
who loved God very much.

Now
↳ a way Bro. Stevens is like
Eli // a man who loves God and
who wants to help boys & girls
find God's will for their lives

a man who will tell you how
to be saved and what God expects
of you after you are saved.

One Night Samuel woke up because
he heard a voice and Samuel

thinking it was Eli said,

"Here Am I"

2/ But when Samuel rose to where Eli was sleeping, he found out that it wasn't Eli's voice he had heard.
So Samuel went back to bed.

Well it wasn't long before Samuel heard the voice again. So he went to Eli again and said "Here am I, I heard you call" //

Well Eli said again, Samuel, I didn't call you, go back to bed.

And would you believe that when he went back to bed, Samuel heard the voice again. And again he ran to Eli's bed and said, "Here am I, I know you called me."

Well Eli was a man close to God like Bro. Stevens is, and he knew that God speaks to young hearts like yours. So he said: "Samuel, go back to bed, and if you hear the voice again, say 'Speak Lord, thy servant is listening'."

And Samuel did just that, remember
Now, when we began, we said,
"We need to listen, and we do"

For you see God has many
ways to speak to us — But
one thing for sure — God doesn't
speak —

Samuel listened, and God spoke
to him — Here's what God said:

"Samuel, I have a job for you / but
before you can do it, I must know
that you're on my side"

And Samuel said: "Lord, I am on
your side, you just tell me
what you want me to do"

You see Samuel trusted God //
He knew that if God told him
to do something, it would be
right. # And the Bible says:

"Samuel did what the Lord told
him to do and the Lord was with him"

3/ But listen "Samuel had to listen
to find out what God wanted
him to do — And so must we —

Now God speaks differently today
than He did in Samuel's Day —

① He speaks thru people

Ⓐ like your Sunday School Teacher

Ⓑ like thru Bro. Stevens

Ⓒ like thru Bro. Gray and I

larger thru Bro. Harry and me —

And God speaks to us thru the Bible
oh He sure does —

Listen, "I've never heard God speak
to me like Jesus speaking to you"
Not with my ear / but I've heard God
speak in my heart"

But let me tell you something, I was
never able to hear, until I really
wanted to listen —

But let me tell you what I heard:

① I heard God say, "I love you"
(And I was 11 years old when I first
listened with my heart.)

② I heard God say: "I want you to
be a member of my family"

③ I heard God say: "I won't make
you, but I hope you will"

And I said to my pastor, who was a
very loving kind man, like Bro. Stevens,
How much does God love me?

And he said: Enough to let his very own
son die in your place // Enough to
let him buy your pardon // Enough
to pay with his own life =

Oh listen, that made me feel good
inside // So I asked my pastor
to tell me how I could join God's
family — And news what he did.

He read John 3:16 to me, and he said
"You must believe on the Lord
Jesus" Believe he came as a baby
and lived among men. ^{Jeffrey Thump} ^{How}
to be saved —

4 And He Read Romans 3:23 "For All have sinned and come short of all God expects" And I believe "sinned" means "Disappoint God"

And He Read Romans 6:23 "The Wage of Sin is Death, But God will paid the Debt on wage if we let Him" And He does it thru Jesus

Oh Listening, "no one had to tell me that what the Preacher was saying was important // I knew it was and I wanted to hear more — so I listened"

And My Pastor told me that "Just knowing the story about Jesus was not enough — that I needed to know Jesus in my heart — and I could —"

And He used a word "Faith" that simply means — "Believe God" And do what God said do"

My Preacher Read in Hebrews 10:13

"Everyone who believes what
the Bible says about Jesus, in
their heart // And everyone who
asked the Lord to save them and
believe He would could be saved."

So I bowed my head and at age 11

"I told God that I believed Jesus was
God's son // that He came and lived

and died for me // and that He

was buried, and that I believed

God raised Jesus from the dead.

Then I said: "Dear Jesus because
I believe in you, I ask you to save
my soul" and Dear young Jewish,

I took God at His word and I

know I was saved and am saved.

Not let me ask you to bow your head

and close your eyes. And answer this

question — Do you want to be saved // Do

you want to be a member of God's

family and live with Jesus forever?

Then Dear God ask you to come full on. Amen.

"After the Gray" Dr. Lee

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