

**The Primacy of Prayer 5
"Shema "
I Samuel 3
Deuteronomy 6:4-5**

Listening anyone?



Samuel's encounter

Listening, hearing, doing

Questions to Ponder

When have you thought you communicated well only to discover something different?

When was a time you believed you heard God speak to you?
What was it like?

What keeps people from listening to the voice of God?

What caught your attention the most from our scriptures today?
- Pay attention to why you are drawn to this.
- What might God be saying through this?

What can you be practicing and doing that might enable you to hear the voice of God more clearly?

Remember "Shema": listening and hearing, obeying, and doing.

Reflect on this quote from Dallas Willard's book, Hearing God
"Learning to hear God is much more about becoming comfortable in a continuing conversation and learning to constantly lean on the goodness and love of God, than it is about turning God into an ATM for advice, or treating the Bible as a crystal ball." The big question is, do we want a deepening and ongoing relationship with God?"