

## “Samuel – Given to Word of the Lord”

1st Samuel 3:15-4:1a

*Samuel became prophet, priest, and judge of Israel.*

### I. What lessons was young Samuel learning about delivering harsh revelation? 1 Samuel 3:15–20

**1 Samuel 3:15–20** — <sup>15</sup> So Samuel lay down until morning. Then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. But Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup> Then Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>17</sup> He said, “What is the word that He spoke to you? Please do not hide it from me. May God do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all the words that He spoke to you.” <sup>18</sup> So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, “It is the Lord; let Him do what seems good to Him.”

#### A. Share everything just as God said it -v18.

1. What kind of words from the Bible do we find it hard to share with...
  - a. Believers? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Unbelievers? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Examples:
  - a. **Matthew 18:15** — <sup>15</sup> “If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.”
  - b. **Galatians 6:1** — <sup>1</sup> Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.”
  - c. **2 Thessalonians 3:11–12** — <sup>11</sup> For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies. <sup>12</sup> Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread.”
  - d. **James 5:19–20** — <sup>19</sup> My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, <sup>20</sup> let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.”

**B. Lesson:** Don’t be afraid to deliver harsh words from the Lord with gentleness and for the purpose of restoring them to the Lord.

### II. How did God prosper Samuel for being faithful to God’s word?

**1 Samuel 3:19–4:1** — <sup>19</sup> Thus Samuel grew and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fail. <sup>20</sup> All Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was confirmed as a prophet of the Lord. <sup>21</sup> And the Lord appeared again at Shiloh, because the Lord revealed Himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord. <sup>1</sup> Thus the word of Samuel came to all Israel ...”

#### A. Why did none of Samuel’s words fail to come to pass -v19? \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Matthew 24:35** — <sup>35</sup> “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.”

#### B. Why did the Lord appear again at Shilo where the tabernacle was -v21?

1. One man’s faithfulness to \_\_\_\_\_, caused God to start working in His house again.

#### C. Application: What would happen if just one person in a house began to be faithfully obedient

**to the word of God?**

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