

# 1 Samuel 3:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

## Analysis

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Samuel's immediate running to Eli shows his servant's heart and responsiveness. He naturally assumes the familiar voice is his elderly mentor. Eli's denial ('I called not') is truthful but initially uncomprehending. His instruction to 'lie down again' reflects no spiritual insight yet. The repetition of Samuel's running and lying down demonstrates obedience even when confused. His pattern of immediate response to perceived calls shows the heart God can use. Correct hearing will follow correct availability.

## Historical Context

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Mentoring relationships in ancient Israel involved close proximity - disciples served masters intimately. Samuel's assumption that Eli called reflects normal expectations of such relationships. The master's voice was the expected voice.

## Related Passages

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

1. How does obedient response even in confusion demonstrate a heart prepared for God's call?
2. What mentoring relationships have shaped your ability to hear God?

## Interlinear Text

לְקַרְבָּן	אָל	עַל	וַיֹּאמֶר	הָנָבִי	כִּי	קָרְבָּן	וַיֹּאמֶר	עַל	אָל	וַיֹּאמֶר	אָל
<b>And he ran</b>	H413	<b>unto Eli</b>	<b>and said</b>	<b>Here am I</b>	H3588	<b>I called</b>					H0
H7323		H5941	H559	H2009		H7121					
רָאשָׁב	לֹא	וְבָרְכָה	קָרְבָּן	תָּשַׁפְּכָה	לֹא	וַיֹּאמֶר	תָּשַׁפְּכָה	וְבָרְכָה	לֹא	וַיֹּאמֶר	רָאשָׁב
<b>and said</b>	H3808	<b>I called</b>	<b>again</b>	<b>and lay down</b>	H1980	<b>and lay down</b>					H7901
H559		H7121	H7725	H7901		H7901					

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