

A silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer, with their hands clasped together. The person is positioned on the right side of the frame, facing left. The background is a bright, hazy landscape with tall grass in the foreground and trees in the distance. The overall tone is spiritual and contemplative.

# Emulating The Faithful Ones

## Part 4



# Bringing God Glory – Bearing Much Fruit



John 15

4 **STAY UNITED WITH ME, AS I WILL  
WITH YOU** — for just as the branch can't  
put forth fruit by itself apart from the vine,  
so **YOU CAN'T BEAR FRUIT APART  
FROM ME.**



# Bringing God Glory – Bearing Much Fruit



John 15

5 “I am the vine, and you are the branches.

**THOSE WHO STAY UNITED WITH ME,**  
**AND I WITH THEM, ARE THE ONES**  
**WHO BEAR MUCH FRUIT;**

because apart from me **YOU CAN'T** do a  
thing.



# Bringing God Glory – Bearing Much Fruit



John 15:8

**1** THIS is how MY FATHER IS GLORIFIED

— in your BEARING MUCH FRUIT;

**2** THIS is how YOU WILL PROVE TO BE  
MY TALMIDIM.



# Putting Yourself In Position to Hear & Do



## Luke 6

43 “For no good tree produces bad fruit, nor does a bad tree produce good fruit. 44 Each tree is recognized by its own fruit — figs aren’t picked from thorn bushes, nor grapes from a briar patch.



# Putting Yourself In Position to Hear & Do



Luke 6

46 “Why do you call me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ but not do what I say?”

47 Everyone who 1 **COMES TO ME,**

2 **HEARS MY WORDS**

3 **AND ACTS ON THEM**

— I will show you what he is like:



# Putting Yourself In Position to Hear & Do



## Luke 6

48 he is like someone building a house who dug deep and laid the foundation on bedrock. **WHEN A FLOOD CAME**, the torrent beat against that house **but couldn't shake it, because it was constructed well**. 49 And whoever hears my words but doesn't act on them is like someone who built his house on the ground without any foundation. As soon as the river struck it, **it collapsed and that house became a horrendous wreck!"**





Hear & Obey:  
Make God's Will For Your Life  
Your Will For Your Life...  
Producing Fruit of Eternal Value  
And Standing Strong  
In the Midst of the Storms of Life





When God Calls To Us,  
How Do We Respond?



# The Call of Samuel



1 Samuel 3

1 The **CHILD** Sh'mu'el continued ministering to Adonai under 'Eli's direction. Now, **IN THOSE DAYS**

**ADONAI RARELY SPOKE, AND VISIONS WERE FEW**. 2 Once, during that period, 'Eli had gone to bed — his eyes had begun to grow dim, so that it was hard for him to see.



# The Call of Samuel



1 Samuel 3

3 The lamp of God had not yet gone out; and Sh'mu'el had lain down to sleep **IN THE SANCTUARY OF ADONAI, WHERE THE ARK OF GOD WAS.**

4 **ADONAI CALLED,** "Sh'mu'el!" and he answered, **"HERE I AM."**

5 Then he ran to 'Eli and said, "Here I am — you called me?" But he said, "I didn't call you; go back and lie down." So, he went and lay down.

**1 COMES TO ME**



# The Call of Samuel



<sup>1</sup> Samuel <sup>3</sup>

6 Adonai called a second time, “Sh’mu’el!” Sh’mu’el got up, went to ‘Eli and said, “Here I am — you called me.” He answered, “I didn’t call, my son; lie down again.” 7 Now Sh’mu’el didn’t yet know Adonai; the word of Adonai had not yet been revealed to him. 8 Adonai called, “Sh’mu’el!” again, a third time. He got up, went to ‘Eli and said, “Here I am — you called me.” **AT LAST, ‘ELI REALIZED IT WAS ADONAI CALLING THE CHILD.**



# The Call of Samuel



1 Samuel 3

9 So 'Eli said to Sh'mu'el, "Go, and lie down. If you are called again, say, 'Speak, Adonai; your servant is listening.' Sh'mu'el went and lay down in his place. 10 Adonai came and stood, then spoke as at the other times: "Sh'mu'el! Sh'mu'el!"

Then Sh'mu'el said,

**"SPEAK; YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING."**

**2**

**HEARS MY WORDS**



# The Call of Samuel



1 Samuel 15

1 Sh'mu'el said to Sha'ul, "Adonai sent me to anoint you king over his people, over Isra'el. Now listen to what Adonai has to say. 2

**HERE IS WHAT ADONAI-TZVA'OT SAYS**: 'I remember what 'Amalek did to Isra'el, how they fought against Isra'el when they were coming up from Egypt. 3 Now go and attack 'Amalek, and completely destroy everything they have. Don't spare them, but kill men and women, children and babies, cows and sheep, camels and donkeys.'"

**3 ACTS ON THEM**



# The Call of Samuel



## 1 Samuel 15

9 However, Sha'ul and the people spared Agag, along with the best of the sheep and cattle, and even the second best, also the lambs, and everything that was good — they weren't inclined to destroy these things. But everything that was worthless or weak they completely destroyed.



# The Call of Samuel



1 Samuel 15

10 Then **THE WORD OF ADONAI CAME TO SH'MU'EL**: 11 “I regret setting up Sha’ul as king, because he has turned back from following me and hasn’t obeyed my orders.”

**THIS MADE SH'MU'EL VERY SAD, SO THAT HE CRIED TO ADONAI ALL NIGHT**. 12 Sh'mu'el got up early in the morning to meet Sha’ul; however, Sh'mu'el was told, “Sha’ul came to Karmel to set up a monument for himself there, but now he has left and is on his way down to Gilgal.”



# The Call of Samuel



1 Samuel 15

13 Sh'mu'el went to Sha'ul; Sha'ul said to him, "May Adonai bless you! I have done what Adonai ordered." 14 But Sh'mu'el answered, "If so, why do I hear sheep bleating and cows mooing?"



# The Call of Samuel



1 Samuel 15

16 Then Sh'mu'el said to Sha'ul, "Stop! I'm going to tell you what **ADONAI SAID TO ME** last night." He said, "Speak." 17 Sh'mu'el then said, "You may be small in your own sight, but you are head of the tribes of Isra'el — Adonai anointed you king over Isra'el! 18 Now Adonai sent you on a mission and told you, 'Go and completely destroy 'Amalek, those sinners; keep making war on them until they have been exterminated. 19 Why did you seize the spoil instead of paying attention to what Adonai said? From Adonai's viewpoint, you have done an evil thing.'"

**3 ACTS ON THEM**



# The Call of Samuel



1 Samuel 15

22 Sh'mu'el said, "Does Adonai take as much pleasure in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying what Adonai says? Surely obeying is better than sacrifice, and heeding orders than the fat of rams. 23 "For REBELLION is like the sin of sorcery, STUBBORNNESS like the crime of idolatry. BECAUSE YOU HAVE REJECTED THE WORD OF ADONAI, HE TOO HAS REJECTED YOU AS KING."

3 ACTS ON THEM



# The Call of Samuel



1 Samuel 15

27 As Sh'mu'el was turning around to leave, he took hold of the hem of his cloak, and it tore. 28 Sh'mu'el said to him, "Adonai has torn the kingdom of Isra'el away from you today and given it to a fellow countryman of yours who is better than you.

**29 MOREOVER, THE ETERNAL ONE OF ISRA'EL WILL NOT LIE OR CHANGE HIS MIND, BECAUSE HE ISN'T A MERE HUMAN BEING SUBJECT TO CHANGING HIS MIND."**

**3 ACTS ON THEM**



# The Call of Samuel



1 Samuel 15

32 Then Sh'mu'el said, "Bring Agag the king of 'Amalek here to me. Agag came to him in chains and said, "Without doubt, mine will be a bitter death." 33 Sh'mu'el said, **"Just as your sword has left women childless, so will your mother be left childless among women."** Then Sh'mu'el cut Agag in pieces before Adonai in Gilgal. 34 Sh'mu'el returned to Ramah, and Sha'ul went up to his house in Giv'at-Sha'ul. 35 Never again did Sh'mu'el see Sha'ul, until the day he died. **BUT SH'MU'EL GRIEVED OVER SHA'UL**, and Adonai regretted that he had made Sha'ul king over Isra'el.

**3 ACTS ON THEM**



# The Call of Samuel



## 1 Samuel 16

1 Adonai said to Sh'mu'el, "How much longer are you going to go on grieving for Sha'ul, now that I have rejected him as king over Isra'el? Fill your horn with oil, and set out; I will send you to Yishai the Beit-Lachmi, **BECAUSE I HAVE CHOSEN MYSELF A KING FROM AMONG HIS SONS.**"

**2 HEARS MY WORDS**



# The Call of Samuel



1 Samuel 16

2 Sh'mu'el said, "How can I go? If Sha'ul hears of it, he will have me killed." Adonai said, "Take a female cow with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to Adonai.' 3 Summon Yishai to the sacrifice. I will tell you what to do, **AND YOU ARE TO ANOINT FOR ME THE PERSON I POINT OUT TO YOU.**"

**4 SH'MU'EL DID WHAT ADONAI SAID AND ARRIVED AT BEIT-LECHEM.**

**3 ACTS ON THEM**





# What Was Samuel's Greatest Accomplishment?





# How Can You Emulate Samuel?



# Paul's Call



## Acts 9

1 Meanwhile, Sha'ul, **still breathing murderous threats against the Lord's talmidim**, went to the Cohen Hagadol 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Dammesek, authorizing him to arrest any people he might find, whether men or women, who belonged to "the Way," and bring them back to Yerushalayim.



# Paul's Call



## Acts 9

3 He was on the road and nearing Dammesek, when suddenly a light from heaven flashed all around him. 4 **FALLING TO THE GROUND**, he heard a voice saying to him, “Sha’ul! Sha’ul! Why do you keep persecuting me?” 5 “Sir, who are you?” he asked. “I am Yeshua, and you are persecuting me. 6 But get up, and go into the city, and you will be told what you have to do.”



# Hananyah's Obedience – Paul's Call



## Acts 9

10 There was a talmid in Dammesek, Hananyah by name; and in a vision the Lord said to him, “Hananyah!” **HE SAID, “HERE I AM, LORD.”** 11 The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to Straight Street, to Y’hudah’s house; and ask for a man from Tarsus named Sha’ul; for he is praying, 12 and in a vision, he has seen a man named Hananyah coming in and placing his hands on him to restore his sight.”



# Hananyah's Obedience – Paul's Call



## Acts 9

13 But Hananyah answered, “Lord, many have told me about this man, how much harm he has done to your people in Yerushalayim; 14 and here he has a warrant from the head cohanim to arrest everyone who calls on your name.”



# Hananyah's Obedience – Paul's Call



Acts 9

15 **BUT** the Lord said to him, **“GO, BECAUSE THIS MAN IS MY CHOSEN INSTRUMENT TO CARRY MY NAME TO THE GOYIM, EVEN TO THEIR KINGS, AND TO THE SONS OF ISRA’EL AS WELL. 16 FOR I MYSELF WILL SHOW HIM HOW MUCH HE WILL HAVE TO SUFFER ON ACCOUNT OF MY NAME.”**



# Hananyah's Obedience – Paul's Call



Acts 9

17 **SO HANANYAH LEFT** and went into the house.

**PLACING HIS HANDS ON HIM**, he said, “Brother Sha’ul, the Lord — Yeshua, the one who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here — has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Ruach HaKodesh.”



# Hananyah's Obedience – Paul's Call



## Acts 9

18 In that moment, something like scales fell away from Sha'ul's eyes; and he could see again. He got up and was immersed; 19 then he ate some food and regained his strength. **Sha'ul spent some days with the talmidim in Dammesek, 20 AND IMMEDIATELY HE BEGAN PROCLAIMING IN THE SYNAGOGUES that Yeshua is the Son of God.**





When God Calls To Us,  
Will We Respond?



# Paul - Fulfilling The Call



1 Corinthians 9

16 For I can't boast merely because I proclaim the Good News — this I do from inner compulsion: woe is me if I don't proclaim the Good News! 17 For if I do this willingly, I have a reward; but if I do it unwillingly, I still do it, simply because **I'VE BEEN ENTRUSTED** with a job.



# Paul's Call



## Philippians 1

8 God can testify how I long for all of you with the deep affection of the Messiah Yeshua. 9 And this is my prayer: that your love may more and more overflow in fullness of knowledge and depth of discernment, 10 so that you will be able to determine what is best **AND THUS BE PURE AND WITHOUT BLAME FOR THE DAY OF THE MESSIAH**, 11 filled with **THE FRUIT** of righteousness that comes through Yeshua the Messiah — **TO THE GLORY AND PRAISE OF GOD.**



# Hebrews 11: The Legacy of The Faithful



1 Trusting is being confident of what we hope for, convinced about things **WE DO NOT SEE**. 2 It was for this that Scripture attested the merit of the people of old.

3 By trusting, we understand that the universe was created through a spoken word of God, **SO THAT WHAT IS SEEN DID NOT COME INTO BEING OUT OF EXISTING PHENOMENA.**



# Hebrews 11: The Legacy of The Faithful



6 And without trusting, it is impossible to be well pleasing to God, because whoever approaches him **MUST TRUST THAT HE DOES EXIST** and...

**THAT HE BECOMES A REWARDER TO  
THOSE WHO SEEK HIM OUT.**



# Hebrews 11: The Legacy of The Faithful



7 By trusting, Noach, after receiving divine warning **ABOUT THINGS AS YET UNSEEN**, was filled with holy fear and built an ark to save his household. Through this trusting, he put the world under condemnation and received the righteousness that comes from trusting.



# Hebrews 11: The Legacy of The Faithful



8 By trusting, Avraham obeyed, after being called to go out to a place which God would give him as a possession; indeed, he went out **WITHOUT KNOWING WHERE HE WAS GOING.**

9 By trusting, he lived as a temporary resident in the Land of the promise, as if it were not his, staying in tents with Yitz'chak and Ya'akov, who were to receive what was promised along with him.

10 For he was looking forward to the city with permanent foundations, of which the architect and builder is God.



# Hebrews 11: The Legacy of The Faithful



32 What more should I say? There isn't time to tell about Gid'on, Barak, Shimshon, Yiftach, David, Sh'mu'el and the prophets; 33 who, through trusting, conquered kingdoms, worked righteousness, received what was promised, shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, had their weakness turned to strength, grew mighty in battle and routed foreign armies. 35 Women received back their dead resurrected; other people were stretched on the rack and beaten to death, **refusing to be ransomed, so that they would gain A BETTER RESURRECTION.**



# Hebrews 11: The Legacy of The Faithful



39 All of these had their merit attested because of their trusting.

**NEVERTHELESS, THEY DID NOT RECEIVE WHAT HAD BEEN PROMISED, 40 BECAUSE GOD HAD PLANNED SOMETHING BETTER THAT WOULD INVOLVE US, SO THAT ONLY WITH US WOULD THEY BE BROUGHT TO THE GOAL.**



# Hebrews 12: The Sacrifice of The Faithful



1 So then, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, **LET US, TOO, PUT ASIDE EVERY IMPEDIMENT** — that is, the sin which easily hampers our forward movement — and keep running with endurance in the contest set before us,



# Hebrews 12: The Sacrifice of The Faithful



2 looking away to the Initiator and Completer of that trusting, Yeshua — **WHO, IN EXCHANGE FOR OBTAINING THE JOY SET BEFORE HIM, ENDURED EXECUTION ON A STAKE AS A CRIMINAL, SCORNING THE SHAME, AND HAS SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE THRONE OF GOD.** 3 Yes, think about him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, **SO THAT YOU WON'T GROW TIRED OR BECOME DESPONDENT.** 4 You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in the contest against sin.



# Hebrews 12: The Sacrifice of The Faithful



25 **SEE THAT YOU DON'T REJECT THE ONE SPEAKING!** For if those did not escape who rejected him when he gave divine warning on earth, think how much less we will escape if we turn away from him when he warns from heaven.



# Hebrews 12: The Sacrifice of The Faithful



**28** Therefore, since we have received an unshakeable Kingdom, let us have grace, THROUGH WHICH WE MAY OFFER SERVICE THAT WILL PLEASE GOD, WITH REVERENCE AND FEAR. **29** For indeed, “Our God is a consuming fire!”