

WHOSE
STORY
ARE
YOU
TELLING?





Isaiah 52:7 NKJV

⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains
Are the feet of him who brings
good news,
Who proclaims peace,
Who brings glad tidings of good *things*,
Who proclaims salvation,
Who says to Zion,
“Your God reigns!”






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SHOW THEM JESUS

Teaching *the*
Gospel *to* Kids

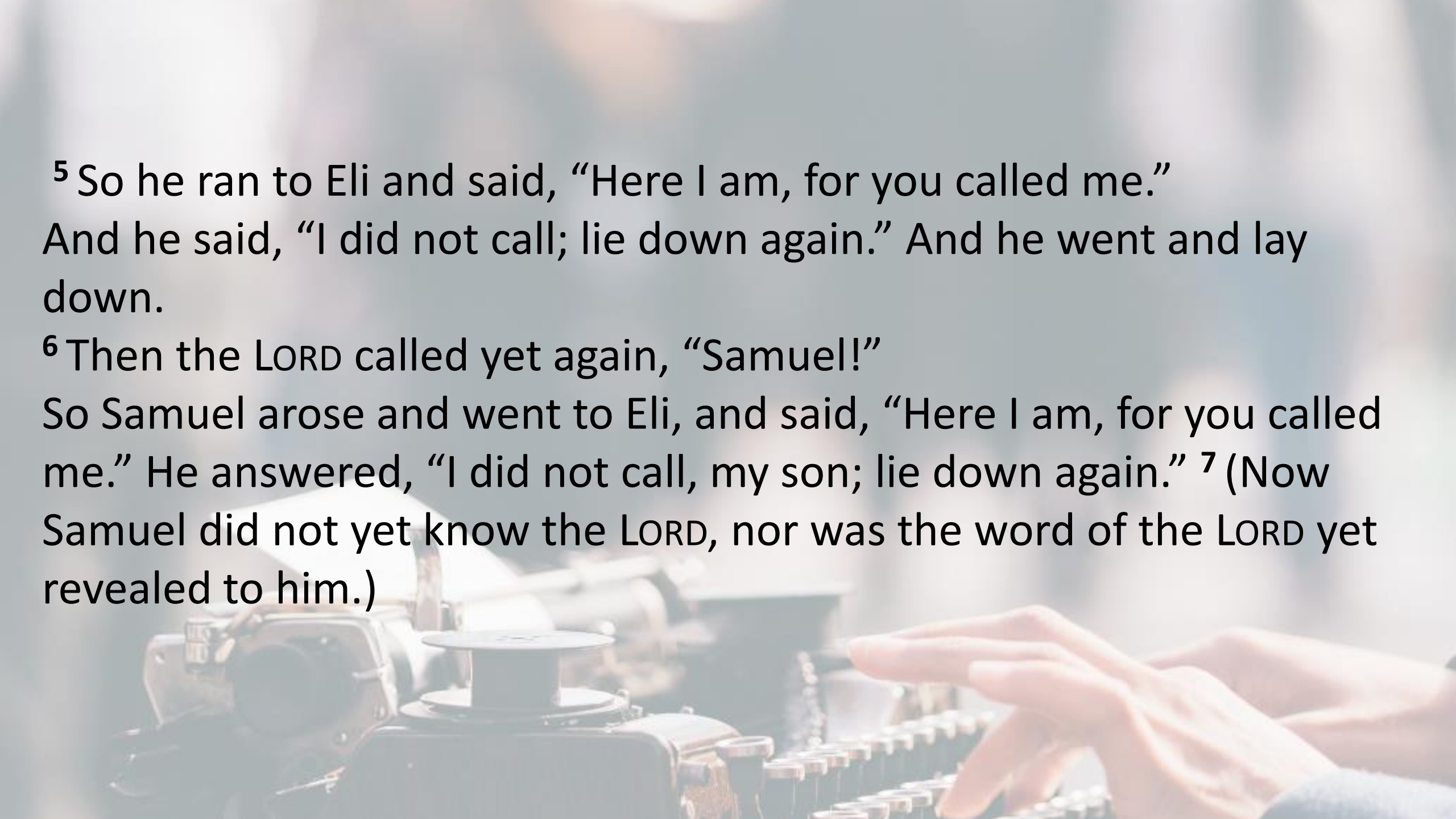
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1. The Good-News is not corny.
 2. The Good-News is not a behaviour modification tool or a standard to attain.
 3. The Good-News offends.
 4. The Good-News is an unmerited extravagant gift that elicits change in me.
 5. The Good-News is the only story I want to tell

1 Samuel 3 New King James Version

3 Now the boy Samuel ministered to the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; *there was* no widespread revelation. ² And it came to pass at that time, while Eli *was* lying down in his place, and when his eyes had begun to grow so dim that he could not see, ³ and before the lamp of God went out in the ^[a]tabernacle of the LORD where the ark of God *was*, and while Samuel was lying down, ⁴ that the LORD called Samuel. And he answered, “Here I am!”



⁵ So he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.”
And he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” And he went and lay down.

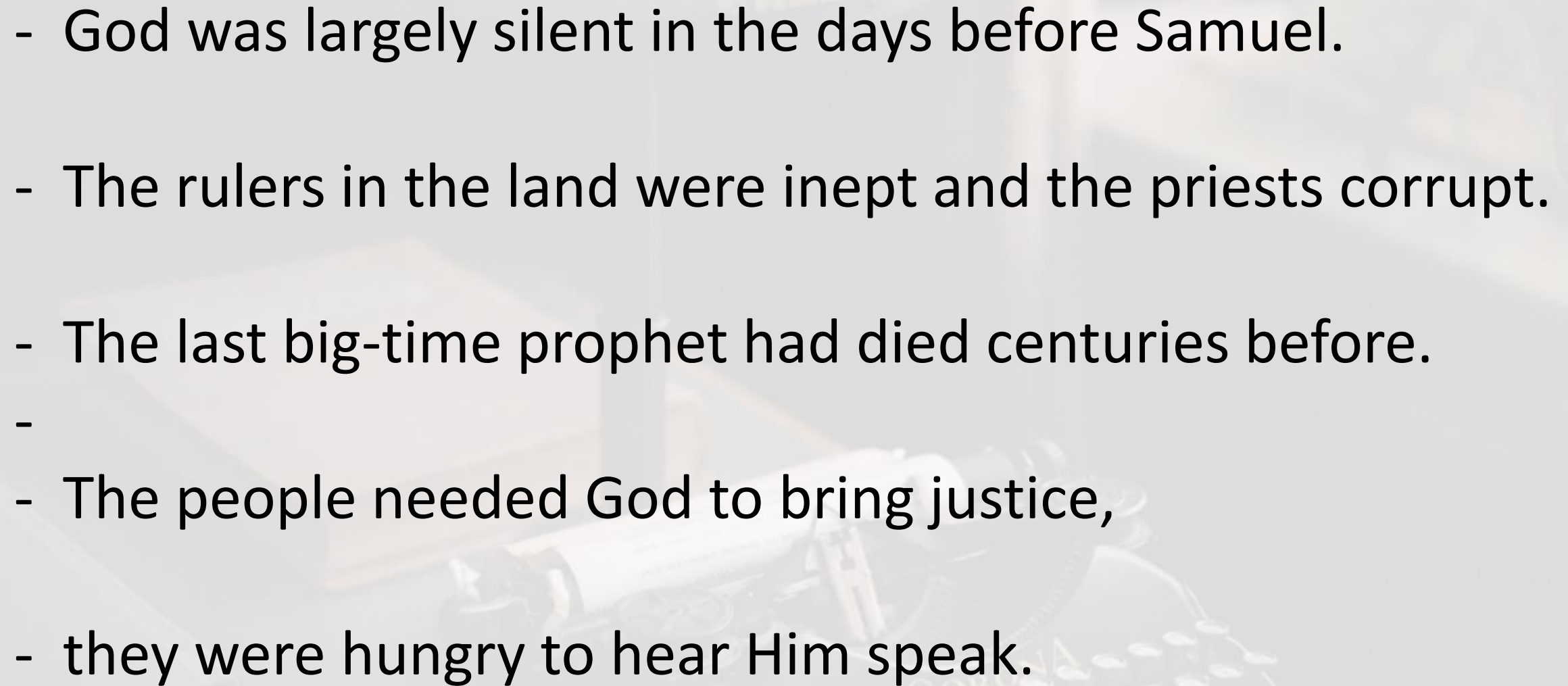
⁶ Then the LORD called yet again, “Samuel!”
So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” He answered, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” ⁷ (Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor was the word of the LORD yet revealed to him.)

⁸ And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you did call me.”

Then Eli perceived that the LORD had called the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, ‘Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.’ ” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times,
“Samuel! Samuel!”

And Samuel answered, “Speak, for Your servant hears.”

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- God was largely silent in the days before Samuel.
 - The rulers in the land were inept and the priests corrupt.
 - The last big-time prophet had died centuries before.
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 - The people needed God to bring justice,
 - they were hungry to hear Him speak.

Hebrews 1:1-2 New King James Version

1 God, who ^[a]at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, **2** has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the ^[b]worlds;

But Joe pressed on. He said that **Jesus came down and spoke too**. Jesus taught us in ways no other prophet could. He showed us the **face of God** by walking among us and laughing with us, by scolding bullies and casting out demons, by looking into our sad eyes with tears in his own. **Most of all, Jesus spoke by dying on the cross**. By bringing both justice and love to us in this way, he spoke the most beautiful word anyone could.

Centuries before, God had left heaven to stand beside Samuel. In Jesus, God left all that glory to live beside you and me, and to die in place of you and me. Now, Joe said, Jesus is risen. **He gives his Spirit to speak to our hearts, in words soft enough to melt us and packed with the power we need to obey**. God has spoken and he continues to speak—like never before.

Romans 1:16 NKJV

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel ^[a]of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.





1 Corinthians 1:22-24 NKJV

²² For Jews request a sign, and
Greeks seek after wisdom;

²³ but we preach Christ crucified,
to the Jews a ^[a]stumbling block
and to the ^[b]Greeks foolishness, ²⁴ but
to those who are called, both Jews
and Greeks, Christ the power of God
and the wisdom of God.



REPORT CARD:

ME

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OBEYING YOUR PARENTS	
GENEROSITY	
KINDNESS	
TELLING THE TRUTH	
PUTTING YOURSELF LAST	

REPORT CARD:

OBEYING YOUR PARENTS	B
GENEROSITY	C
KINDNESS	B+
TELLING THE TRUTH	C
PUTTING YOURSELF LAST	D-

REPORT CARD:

OBEYING YOUR PARENTS	F
GENEROSITY	F
KINDNESS	F
TELLING THE TRUTH	F
PUTTING YOURSELF LAST	F

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REPORT CARD:

JESUS

REPORT CARD:

OBEYING YOUR PARENTS	A +
GENEROSITY	A +
KINDNESS	A +
TELLING THE TRUTH	A +
PUTTING YOURSELF LAST	A +

“Now you understand one of the big ways Christians are different from everyone else. We Christians get our good record—the Bible calls it ‘righteousness’—from God. It doesn’t come from what we do. Lots of people try to stop being bad. **But Christians also stop trying to prove how good they are.**”



John 4:28-30

The woman then left her water-pot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, ²⁹ “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” ³⁰ Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

If someone had to
follow me around this
morning whose story
would they hear?



Galatians 6:14

¹⁴ But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by ^[a]whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

