

Willing

*Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times,
"Samuel! Samuel!" and Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears."
1 Samuel 3:9*

This morning, I was praying as is my custom, and I rehearsed all the things that I needed to get done today. I asked the Lord to help me accomplish the tasks that I thought I needed to complete and I wanted it to be to His glory. I mentioned the things I needed to do to be prepared to teach my students, the letters I needed to write, some household chores I needed to do and a list of many things that I believed were necessary to do today.

As I was praying, the Lord impressed upon me that I had left Him out of my plans. I was not asking Him what He wanted me to do, rather, I was telling Him what I thought I needed to achieve. When I realized how I had determined my direction without His leading, I asked God to forgive me for thinking I knew best what needed to be done. I changed my prayer. I committed all those things to Him and asked instead that He would show me what He wanted me to do.

I did not hear an audible voice like Samuel, but I had a peace that this was His day and He would allow me to accomplish what He knows is best. Isaiah also heard the voice of the Lord with regard to the direction he should take. God asked Isaiah who He should send and Isaiah's response was, "*Here am I! Send me.*"

My prayer is that God will replace my "To Do" list with what He desires to accomplish with my day. I pray that my response will be as eager to hear as Samuel and as enthusiastic about following as Isaiah.