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Just as we discussed in yesterday's devotion, Abraham heard from God to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice ... Isaac only heard from Abraham. We have no way of knowing if Isaac also heard the voice from heaven telling Abraham to change his plans and not sacrifice his son Isaac. However, there are many other instances in scripture where not everyone who was affected heard directly from God. Such was the case of Samuel who as a young boy heard the voice of God calling his name and speaking his message while Eli the old priest heard nothing. God speaks to whom He will and at times not everyone who will be affected by the voice hears the voice. Allow God to choose who he wants to use and no doubt sometimes you will hear from God and at other times you will hear from others with whom God chooses to speak.

*Prayer for Today*

Dear Heavenly Father, give me the grace to trust You when I hear You speak and also to trust You through the leadership of others You have placed in my life. I know Your voice will never violate Your Word. Teach me Your Word oh Lord.

*Scriptures for Today*

1 Samuel 3:9-11, 15 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. Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears." Then the LORD said to Samuel: "Behold, I will do something in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. So Samuel lay down until morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell Eli the vision. (NKJV)