

# DIARY OF A SECRET SINNER

## “The Wall”

<sup>2</sup> One night Eli, who was almost blind by now, had gone to bed. <sup>3</sup> The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was sleeping in the Tabernacle near the Ark of God. <sup>4</sup> Suddenly the LORD called out, “Samuel!” “Yes?” Samuel replied. “What is it?” <sup>5</sup> He got up and ran to Eli. “Here I am. Did you call me?” “I didn’t call you,” Eli replied. “Go back to bed.” So he did. <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD called out again, “Samuel!” Again, Samuel got up and went to Eli. “Here I am. Did you call me?” “I didn’t call you, my son,” Eli said. “Go back to bed.” <sup>7</sup> **Samuel did not yet know the LORD** because he had never had a message from the LORD before. **1 Samuel 3:2-7 (NLT)**

<sup>8</sup> So the LORD called a third time, and once more Samuel got up and went to Eli. “Here I am. Did you call me?” **Then Eli realized it was the LORD who was calling the boy.** <sup>9</sup> So he said to Samuel, “Go and lie down again, and if someone calls again, say, ‘Speak, LORD, your servant is listening.’” So, Samuel went back to bed. <sup>10</sup> And the LORD came and called as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel replied, “Speak, your servant is listening.” **1 Samuel 3:8-10 (NLT)**

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<sup>11</sup> Then the LORD said to Samuel, “I am about to do a shocking thing in Israel. <sup>12</sup> I am going to carry out **all my threats** against Eli and his family, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup> **I have warned him** that judgment is coming upon his

*family forever, because his sons are blaspheming God and he hasn't disciplined them. **1 Samuel 3: 11-13 (NLT)***

## **TURNING A DEAF EAR TO GOD.**

*Now Eli, who was very old, **heard about** everything his sons were doing to all Israel and **how they slept with the women** who served at the entrance... **1 Samuel 2:22 (NIV)***

*<sup>14</sup> Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. <sup>15</sup> For **we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize** with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. <sup>16</sup> **Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence**, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. **Hebrews 4:14-16 (NIV)***

*<sup>17</sup> Then he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. Then he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. <sup>18</sup> For I will not drink wine again until the Kingdom of God has come." <sup>19</sup> He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me." **Luke 22: 17-19 (NLT)***