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SERIES	Some heroes look better from a distance. Others – including a leader, a prime minister, a martyr, a boy, a bold woman and a man who lost everything – look better up close and personal. But no matter how you look at them, they’ve left epic legacies for us to examine as we create legacies of our own.

Ice Breaker Questions:

1. Share with the group a time when you took a risk because you heard from God.
2. Sometimes we may think that we are unworthy to hear from God. What are some barriers you believe keep you from believing you could hear from God? What are some ways you could break those barriers?

Digging Deeper:

1. Read 1 Samuel 3:1-10 and in 1King 19:11-13. God didn't come as was expected. Are there examples of unexpected ways has He spoken to you?
2. Pastor Dave spoke about four guidelines of Spiritual Maturity: it happens when we take a risk and respond to God’s prompting, it happens as a result of obedience in tough times, it happens as a result of obedience in times of temptation, and it happens when we trust God against all odds. Sometimes we hear God's voice very clearly, yet we fail to respond. What steps can you take to be more obedient? Which of the four guidelines is most difficult for you and why?
3. In the passage from I Samuel 3, Eli guided Samuel on how to listen to God’s voice. Have you had or do you have an Eli-like figure in your life? Who are your wise counselors? How can you seek wise counsel if you do not have people like this in your life?
4. Filters are an important part of confirming promptings from God, especially in light of the natural skepticism we experience when we hear people say they have “heard from God”. Discuss the below filters from Pastor David and share your experience in using them. Are there any you would add to the list?
 - a. Be expectant – God speaks all the time
 - b. Does it align with Scripture
 - c. Affirm it in prayer
 - d. God will confirm it repeatedly
 - e. Wise saints will agree with it
5. Ambient noise and busyness of life crowd out the ability to hear from God. Psalm 46:10 implores us to “be still” and know that He is God. Demas, who we studied last week, was so consumed with the world that he abandoned Paul (II Timothy 4:10). What practices have you found helpful to disengage from the noise of life and seek the voice of God?