

## “Hearing Hearts Follow The Way” – 1 Samuel 1-15

### Intro.

Key words: Listen/Obey, Heart, Way/Mission

*All hearts do not hear the Lord because all hearts are not whole but divided. Wholehearted lovers of the Lord listen and follow his mission – This is the Way!*

### I. Whole Hearts Listen & Honor The Lord – Ch. 1-3

- 1 Samuel 2:1 (Luke 1:46-47), 12, 21, 25-26, 30; 3:9,  
1 Sam. 3:9 (NIV) ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’
- 1. “Speak, Lord” – An eager heart desiring to hear the Lord.
- 2. “for your servant” – A humble heart ready to serve.
- 3. “is listening.” – A whole heart listening with the intent to obey.

### II. Whole Hearts Fear & Serve The Lord – Ch. 7-12

- 1 Samuel 8:1, 11, 19-20, 12:13-14, 20-25; 13:12, 14  
1 Sam. 12:24 (NIV) “But be sure to **fear** the LORD and **serve** him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.”

### III. Whole Hearts Follow The Lord’s Mission – Ch. 13-15

- 1 Samuel 13:12, 14; 15:1, 14-23, Acts 13:16, 22; 9:2, John 14:6  
1 Sam. 15:22 (NIV)  
“Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying (i.e. listening to) the LORD?  
To obey (i.e. listen) is better than sacrifice,  
and to heed is better than the fat of rams.

Jesus said, “I am the way...” (John 14:6)

St. Catherine of Siena said, "*All the way to heaven is heaven, because Jesus said I am the Way.*"