



As an alternative to these study notes, you may like to use the booklet 'Living faith-fully in everyday life' week 1

Read 1 Samuel 3: 1-10

Of the three characters in the passage, Eli, Samuel and God, have you considered that people may cast you in the role of Eli; the one to ask concerning things of God? If you have been a Christian for some years then it is reasonable for those less mature in the faith to assume that you can advise them wisely regarding any 'God and life questions'. Are there any 'Samuels' in your family, in your friends and neighbour's families? Have you thought about making preparations for such a happening, such an opportunity?

Keep in mind that the priest Eli was far from perfect (read the first two chapters of 1 Samuel to refresh your memory), and yet God entrusted him to 'teach' Samuel, who became a most important prophet. That should encourage us all. As we go about our daily lives, shut in at home as many of us are, what preparations for such a discussion should we be thinking about? How can the account of your own faith journey be told in such a way as to remain true and maximise the positives?

Read Colossians 1: 15-20

In this glorious and well-known passage, have you noticed how many times Paul uses the words 'things', 'all things', 'everything'? Paul emphasises the totality of Jesus Christ. Absolutely everything was created by, held together by, and reconciled to Jesus. No surprise then that Jesus is interested in everything we do and asks to be part of everything we do.

How can we invite Jesus into more things that we do? Can we re-imagine doing some of our mundane tasks if Jesus was working on the same task standing beside us helping? Have you considered that he wants to be good company, the company that you choose, and would enjoy 'chatting' with you as you worked together?