

Intro – apologize - 1st + Ps ENGLISH then 2nd and Gospel Spanish (not your lang READ)
2nd SUN Ordinary Time – life of Christ – beginning to call His disciples

GOD'S CALL – that's the theme today – God calls prophet Samuel, JC calls disciples

What about us? God calls us too, even in the NSJ! LET US PRAY

1 SAMUEL – Hannah, old woman, no child goes to templs and prays

Eli the priest watches her and sees her weaving side to side and lips moving (DRUNK)

She protests, explains, and Eli says “may the Lord grant what you ask”

A year later she has a son – Samuel – and when he is weaned she gives him to Eli
“I prayed and asked for a son, now I return him to God”

Samuel grows and we have THIS READING – READ IT

Samuel grew to be one of the greatest prophets in Israeli history

- BUT it began by hearing God's call AND ANSWERING
- *Are we listening?* (could we hear God's call if he spoke to us?)
- No reason God can't be calling us – even in NSJ - **because we're in NSJ**
 - Moses was a runaway – hiding from a murder charge @ burning bush
 - MLK was a baptist minister – no great shakes – he went to BU!
 - Mo Theresa of Calcutta – 5' nothing nun from Albania – alone!
 - IF GOD CALLS THESE THREE NOBODIES TO DO GREAT THINGS
 - **WHY NOT US?** We have to be listening

THUS Ps 40 – Here I am Lord I come to do your will READ IT

- The lord stoops down to hear my cry (NB – The Lord IS listening)
- He doesn't want sacrificial offerings – but open ears to obey Him
- To do Your will is our delight OUR LOT TOO
 - NB – its not “I have to do your will – it's I get to do your will” willingly

1COR – READ IT

GOSPEL - READ IT

At Thanksgiving my grand-son brought me a new cookie he'd found

Oreo fudge crème – with double stuff (drool)

When you find something you really like, you want to tell someone & share it

That is what happened to Andrew in today's Gospel

Andrew met Jesus – and it was much better than any cookie

NB – Andrew was a disciple of John the B - He was part of John's ministry

He'd been with John awhile - He was comfortable, confident

Then one day John points at JC and says "Behold the Lamb of God"

Andrew looks at John, looks at JC, & decides to check Him out

So Andrew starts to follow JC and JC asks Andrew a question

"What are you looking for?" - How would you answer that question?

Andrew still doesn't know who this guy is yet

So, he spends the day with him (*and got a taste*)

What does Andrew do next?

"First, he found his brother Simon and tells him – we've found Messiah"

Andrew gets a taste of Jesus and he's got to share it

This is how the Good News is spread - Friends telling friends

When we find a really good cookie - we tell others

Shouldn't we be just as anxious to share Jesus!

It's time that everyone in NSJ has heard about Jesus

Not 'old news' Good News – your witness - Do you have one?

Think about what you'd say - Be ready, be prepared – the opportunity to share your faith is coming

All of us can be like Andrew – All of us can share our experience with J

All of us can grow KOG – right here, right now