

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES
January 14, 2018
The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19 + 1 Corinthians 6:3c-15a, 17-20 + John 1:35-42



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As young sisters, who were fledging teachers, we each had a senior sister mentor. Each evening the veteran teacher sat with the new teacher to plan the next day's lessons. Many times a lasting friendship was found through these nightly sessions. We so often learn our roles in life by listening and watching how others do it. We need mentors.

Eli, though initially a bit slow, taught Samuel in today's first reading what he must say when God spoke again to him. Say: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." Reflecting on Samuel's need for a mentor and the way Andrew in the Gospel called his brother Peter to meet Jesus might leads us to give thanks for the mentors in our lives. The men and women, and, yes, children, who have taught us how to live our faith and have guided us to know what really counts in life.

And, like Andrew, how are we being called to mentor others? Rev. Daniel Groody, CSC says it this way:

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They seek not only people who work for God but people who are so
at home with God that they become a doorway into God."*