



Sermon Notes

1 Samuel 28:5-19 | October 27th

Outline

3 Types of Monsters:

1 _____ Monsters (that make us feel _____)

2 _____ Monsters (that try to _____ into our _____)

3 _____ Monsters (what _____ become when _____ try to control God)

Other Passages referenced: Job 40:16-17,
Genesis 6:1-4, Psalms 104:25-26, 1 Samuel 28,
Galatians 5:19-21, Jude -7, 1 Corinthians 11:10
Acts 1:8-9

Think about a time when something made you feel incredibly small - maybe encountering a large animal, standing next to the ocean, or seeing a massive storm, How did that experience affect your view of God? How did it affect your view of yourself?

The sermon discusses supernatural beings in Genesis 6. How do you process biblical passages that seem to challenge your modern worldview? How do you balance faith with uncertainty?

The sermon points out that "we don't reshape the Bible to make ourselves feel better; instead, we allow ourselves to be reshaped by the Bible." What parts of Scripture are currently reshaping your understanding of God? What makes this reshaping process uncomfortable?

Sam mentioned that 65% of Americans believe in aliens, yet many struggle with supernatural elements in Scripture. Why do you think we're often more comfortable with certain supernatural ideas but not others? What shapes our "believability filter"?"

Read 1 Samuel 28:3-6. The passage notes that "Saul had banned mediums from the land." What's tragic about his later actions? How do we sometimes condemn certain behaviors only to justify them later when we're desperate?

Think about Saul's progression from God's anointed king to someone desperate enough to seek a medium. What were the small steps that led to his bigger missteps? Have you ever seen people in your life take similar small missteps? What did you do or should you have done to help them?

The sermon mentions that some of us are "unwilling to wait for God." What do you think makes waiting on God particularly challenging in our current culture? How might our unwillingness to wait reflect deeper spiritual issues?

Digging Deeper

In Psalms 104:25-26, Leviathan is described as something God formed 'to play in' the sea - a completely different tone from Job 41's fearsome description. How do these contrasting portraits of the same creature help us understand different aspects of God's character? What does it tell us about God that He both plays with and commands these powerful beings?

Read Jude 6-7, What parallel is drawn in these two verses, and how does that help our understanding of what activities took place when certain angels fell?

**WHATS ONE THING YOU ARE GOING TO PRAY ABOUT
BASED ON THE SERMON?**

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**IN RESPONSE TO HIS WORD, WHAT IS THE NEXT
STEP GOD IS CALLING YOU TO?**

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**WHO ARE THE PEOPLE THAT WOULD BE MOST
IMPACTED IF YOU APPLIED THIS MESSAGE?**

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