

## **24/7 THE BEGINNING MONSTERS ARE REAL**

*And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day. GENESIS 1:20-23 TNIV*

### **1. God made the monsters**

*God created the great sea monsters... GENESIS 1:21 NASB*

*What a wildly wonderful world, GOD! You made it all, with Wisdom at your side, made earth overflow with your wonderful creations. Oh, look—the deep, wide sea, brimming with fish past counting, sardines and sharks and salmon. PSALM 104:24 THE MESSAGE*

### **2. God is mightier than the monsters**

*You split the sea by your strength and smashed the heads of the sea monsters. PSALM 74:13 NLT*

*With one blow you split the sea in two, you made mincemeat of the dragon Tannin. PSALM 74:13 THE MESSAGE*

*Ships plow those waters, and Leviathan, your pet dragon, romps in them. PSALM 104:26 THE MESSAGE*

### **3. God made monsters for a purpose**

- **Monsters make us look up**

*I look up to the mountains— does my help come from there? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth! PSALM 121:1-2 NLT*

*Oh, please help us against our enemies, for all human help is useless. PSALM 108:12 NLT*

- **Monsters make us team up**

*Saul and the Israelites came together, camped at Oak Valley, and spread out their troops in battle readiness for the Philistines. The Philistines were on one hill, the Israelites on the opposing hill, with the valley between them. A giant nearly ten feet tall stepped out from the Philistine line into the open, Goliath from Gath. He had a bronze helmet on his head and was dressed in armor— 126 pounds of it! He wore bronze shin guards and carried a bronze sword. His spear was like a fence rail—the spear tip alone weighed over fifteen pounds... Goliath stood there and called out to the Israelite troops... I challenge the troops of Israel this day. Give me a man. Let us fight it out together!" When Saul and his troops heard the Philistine's challenge, they were terrified and lost all hope... Each morning and evening for forty days, Goliath took his stand and made his speech.*

*1 SAMUEL 17:2-16 THE MESSAGE*

- **Monsters make us step up**

*David left his things with the keeper of supplies and hurried out to the ranks to greet his brothers. As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, came out from the Philistine ranks. Then David heard him shout his usual taunt to the army of Israel. As soon as the Israelite army saw him, they began to run away in fright... David asked the soldiers standing nearby, "What will a man get for killing this Philistine and ending his defiance of Israel? Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?"... 1 SAMUEL 17:22-26 NLT*

*... The king has offered a huge reward to anyone who kills him. He will give that man one of his daughters for a wife, and the man's entire family will be exempted from paying taxes!... "Don't worry about this Philistine,"... "I'll go fight him!" 1 SAMUEL 17:25-32 NLT*