The Making of a Monster

Genesis 3:1-5

In The Beginning

- Adam and Eve allowed a scare factory to be built in our minds when they ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- Our "mind" is an organ of the soul; a computer where we store information gained through our six senses.
- The mind, like the heart, is a separate but integral part of the soul.
- The spiritual part of us is at war against the mind that has been established in us.
- Our mind determines where our life goes.
- You can have a new heart and a saved soul and still have the same mind.
- Our minds must be renewed.

Our Minds Must Be Renewed

- When the mind is renewed, the mind is released to operate as God intended.
- A mind that is not influenced by God's truth is controlled by Satan's lies.
- We are constantly being fed lies.
- Our enemy gets us to question God's truth and then convinces us that we know more than God.
- In the Garden we lost our mind, and because of that we think like our enemy!

Action Steps

- We must intentionally and diligently filter what goes into our mind.
 - We must filter out any voice that isn't the voice of God.
 - If our mind holds our future, then we need to pay attention to what is holding our mind.

We must resist what is already in our mind.

- Fight bad memories.
- If we do not control our mind it will revert to our memories, and our mind magnifies or minimizes our memories.

We must deal with mindsets.

- Mindsets produce strongholds.
- The inability to receive truth is evidence of a stronghold.
- We need to capture every single thought and bring it into captivity.
- You do not change your life by changing how you live; you change your life by changing your mind!

Conclusion

- The enemy uses distraction to keep us from focusing, but we must focus on the right things.
- We are responsible for the thoughts we sustain.
- We cannot control every thought that passes through our head, but we can control the ones that stay there.
- Mind monsters are made when we fail to focus.
- Give permission for Jesus' mind to overtake your mind.
- We must let the same Jesus that saved our soul save our mind!