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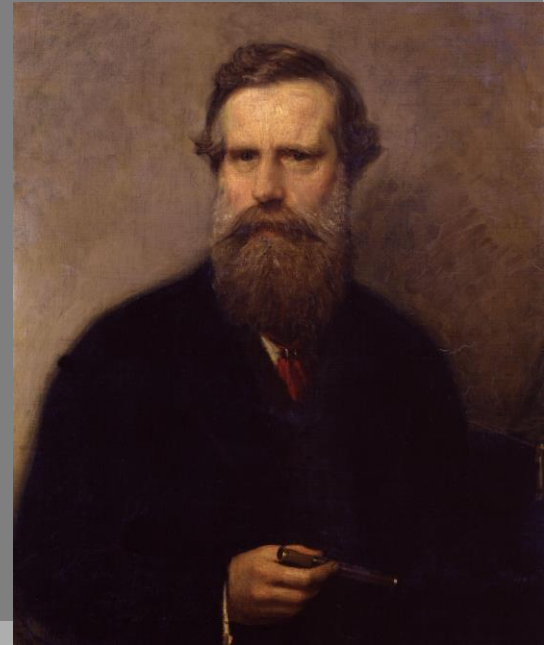
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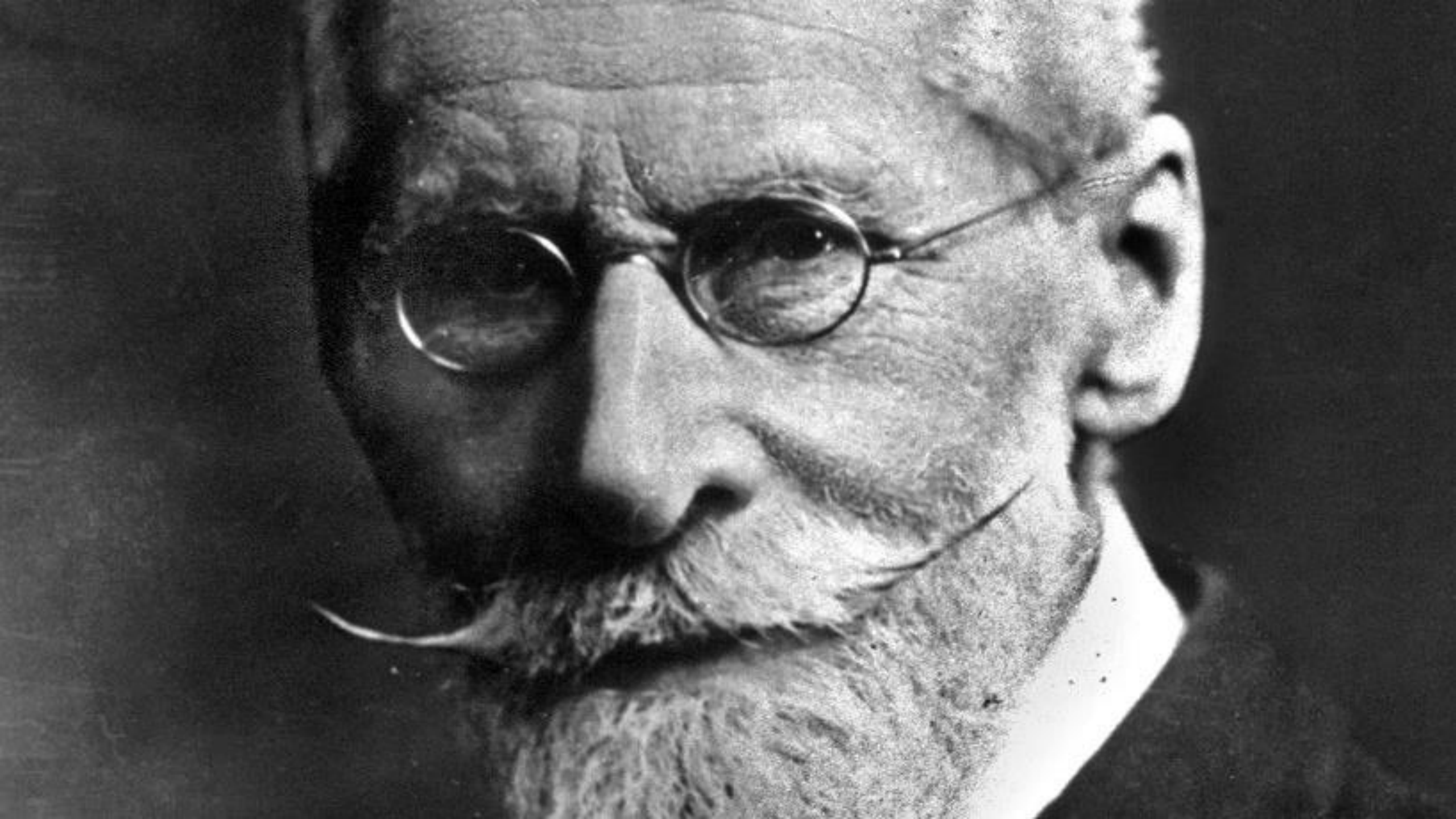
“I have the most absolute certainty that Miss Cook and Katie are two separate individuals so far as their bodies are concerned. Several little marks on Miss Cook’s face are absent on Katie’s. Miss Cook’s hair is so dark a brown as to almost to appear black; a look at Katie’s, which is now before me, and which she allowed me to cut from her luxuriant tresses, having first traced it up to the scalp and satisfied myself that that it actually grew there, is a rich golden auburn.” (William Crookes, as quoted in *The Spiritualist*, June 5, 1874)



“Miss Cook has been a frequent visitor at my house, remaining sometimes a week at a time. She brings nothing with her but a little hand bag, not locked; during the day she is constantly in the presence of Mrs. Crookes, myself, or some other member of the family, and, not sleeping by herself, there is absolutely no opportunity for any preparation even of a less elaborate character than would be required for enacting Katie King.” (William Crookes, as quoted in *The Spiritualist*, June 5, 1874)







John 6:40 (ESV): “For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV): “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

2 Corinthians 5:8 (ESV): “Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.”

Revelations 21:4 (ESV): “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

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1 Samuel 28:3-6 (ESV): “Now Samuel had died, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in Ramah, his own city. And Saul had put the mediums and the necromancers out of the land. 4 The Philistines assembled and came and encamped at Shunem. And Saul gathered all Israel, and they encamped at Gilboa. 5 When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. 6 And when Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord did not answer him, either by dreams, or by Urim, or by prophets.”

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**GOD IS NOT
SLEEPING
DESPITE NOT
SPEAKING.**

Main Point

**Psalm 22:1-2 (ESV): “My God, my God,
why have you forsaken me? Why are you
so far from saving me, from the words of
my groaning? 2 O my God, I cry by day,
but you do not answer, and by night, but I
find no rest.”**

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**Job 30:20 (ESV): “I cry to you for help and
you do not answer me; I stand, and you
only look at me.”**

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**Mark 15:34 (ESV): “My God, my God, why
have you forsaken me?”**



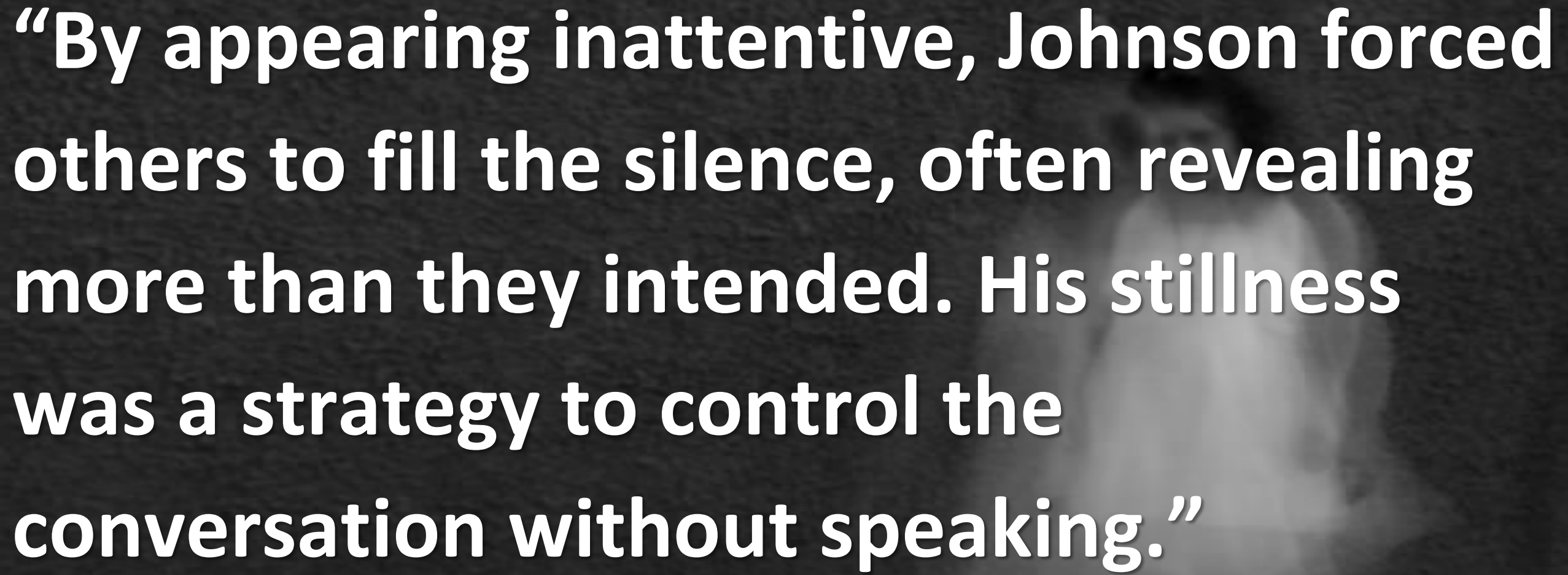
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“By appearing inattentive, Johnson forced others to fill the silence, often revealing more than they intended. His stillness was a strategy to control the conversation without speaking.”

(From Robert Caro's *Master of the Senate*, page 715)

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“Johnson often sat back in meetings, sometimes closing his eyes or staring into space. To the untrained eye, it looked like fatigue or boredom, but Johnson’s aides knew better: he was listening intently, absorbing every word while others talked themselves into revealing their thoughts and weaknesses.”

(From Robert Caro’s *Master of the Senate*,
page 710)

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**John 8:4-7 (ESV): “[The Pharisees] said to him, ‘Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery.
5 Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?’ 6 This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. 7 And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, ‘Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.’”**

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**1 Samuel 28:7-14 (EV): “Then Saul said to his servants,
‘Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, that I may go
to her and inquire of her.’ And his servants said to him,
‘Behold, there is a medium at En-dor.’ 8 So Saul disguised
himself and put on other garments and went, he and two
men with him. And they came to the woman by night.
And he said, ‘Divine for me by a spirit and bring up for me
whomever I shall name to you.’...”**

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“...9 The woman said to him, ‘Surely you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off the mediums and the necromancers from the land. Why then are you laying a trap for my life to bring about my death?’ 10 But Saul swore to her by the Lord, ‘As the Lord lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing.’ 11 Then the woman said, ‘Whom shall I bring up for you?’ He said, ‘Bring up Samuel for me.’ 12 When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice....”

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“...And the woman said to Saul, ‘Why have you deceived me? You are Saul.’ 13 The king said to her, ‘Do not be afraid. What do you see?’ And the woman said to Saul, ‘I see a god coming up out of the earth.’ 14 He said to her, ‘What is his appearance?’ And she said, ‘An old man is coming up, and he is wrapped in a robe.’ And Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground and paid homage.”

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Leviticus 19:31 (ESV): “Do not turn to mediums or necromancers; do not seek them out, and so make yourselves unclean by them: I am the Lord your God.”

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Isaiah 8:19 (ESV): “And when they say to you, ‘Inquire of the mediums and the necromancers who chirp and mutter,’ should not a people inquire of their God?”

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1 John 5:14 (ESV): “And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.”

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1 Samuel 28:15 (ESV): “Then Samuel said to Saul, ‘Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?’ Saul answered, ‘I am in great distress, for the Philistines are warring against me, and God has turned away from me and answers me no more, either by prophets or by dreams. Therefore I have summoned you to tell me what I shall do.’”

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1 Samuel 28:16 (ESV): “And Samuel said, ‘Why then do you ask me, since the Lord has turned from you and become your enemy? 17 The Lord has done to you as he spoke by me, for the Lord has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, David.

18 Because you did not obey the voice of the Lord and did not carry out his fierce wrath against Amalek, therefore the Lord has done this thing to you this day.”

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1 Samuel 28:19-20 (ESV): “Moreover, the Lord will give Israel also with you into the hand of the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me. The Lord will give the army of Israel also into the hand of the Philistines.’ 20 Then Saul fell at once full length on the ground, filled with fear because of the words of Samuel. And there was no strength in him, for he had eaten nothing all day and all night.”

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1 Samuel 28:21-24 (ESV): “And the woman came to Saul, and when she saw that he was terrified, she said to him, ‘Behold, your servant has obeyed you. I have taken my life in my hand and have listened to what you have said to me. 22 Now therefore, you also obey your servant. Let me set a morsel of bread before you; and eat, that you may have strength when you go on your way.’ 23 He refused and said, ‘I will not eat.’...”

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“...But his servants, together with the woman, urged him, and he listened to their words. So he arose from the earth and sat on the bed. 24 Now the woman had a fattened calf in the house, and she quickly killed it, and she took flour and kneaded it and baked unleavened bread of it, 25 and she put it before Saul and his servants, and they ate. Then they rose and went away that night.”

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**Matthew 25:40 (ESV): “Truly, I say to you,
as you did it to one of the least of these
my brothers, you did it to me.”**

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Matthew 18:20 (ESV): “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

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Acts 14:17 (ESV): “Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.”

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Psalm 19:1-4 (NIV): “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. 2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. 3 They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. 4 Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.”

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HEAR

WITH MORE THAN YOUR

EARS.

Application

**Acts 17:27 (ESV): “In him we live and
move and have our being.”**



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