



Order of Worship September 15, 2024 Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

## We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song Prayer

### We Listen to the Word

Sermon Series: Being Human: The Story of David Sermon: "Part 2: Killer Giants"

## We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration The Lord's Prayer We Eat and Drink Together We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song Prayer

## We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life Doxology Blessing and Sending

\*Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen\* Interested in joining us to see "Noah" at Lancaster's Sight & Sound Theater at 7pm on Friday, June 13 2025? Sign up in the lobby so we can gauge interest! Tickets will be \$90 each.



## autumn book club

#### 6:15PM MONDAY OCTOBER 21

Order your own copy of ""Unoffendable" by Brant Hansen and join us for dessert and discussion! Email pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org to sign up





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#### Doggy Bag-

#### Some questions to chew on:



- 1. What stood out to you the most from this story and message? Was anything new or challenging?
- 2. Why do you think David's response to Goliath differed from that of Saul and the Israelites?
- 3. Why do we tend to assume David had "only a sling" rather than a powerful weapon? How can it be harmful to yourself and to others to assume you have less than you really do?
- 4. Has there ever been a time you were tempted to fight the way others wanted you to fight? In what ways does God call Jesus-followers to "fight" differently?
- 5. What about Goliath were Saul and the Israelites mistaken? Why is it when we dare to get closer to giants, we usually come to realize they are not as strong and powerful as we think? Give an example.
- 6. Consider that God, not David, is the real hero in this story. Now consider how we're more like Saul and the Israelites. On our own, when we see Goliath, we're scared for our lives and need someone to help us, to save us. How does it feel to know Jesus is the better David? How does Jesus' coming in weakness and his different way of doing things influence your faith and trust in him?
- 7. What is something in your life or faith (an assumption you've made about yourself, a situation, or someone else, a belief you've never explored, a topic in the Bible, etc) that needs a closer look?



If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please email *pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org* or call 717-774-6444

## Being Human: The Story of David "Part 2: Killer Giants" Pastor Kris Beckert

# Is there something in your life or faith that needs a closer look?

#### I. A Look at the Context:

- The story of David and Goliath takes place not long after the shepherd boy \_\_\_\_\_\_ is anointed as the future king
- Eastern border Israel is a mountain range
- Western border is a coastal \_\_\_\_\_ along the Mediterranean Sea
- \_\_\_\_\_ = the area in between, the valleys and ridges that had a strategic function for armies
- \_\_\_\_\_ = seafaring people who are occupying the Southern ridge while \_\_\_\_\_\_ occupies the Northern ridge
- "Single Combat"= one person from each party fights to settle a dispute without major bloodshed
- The Philistines send out \_\_\_\_\_\_

1 Samuel 17:8-9 Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. <sup>9</sup> If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us."

\_\_\_\_\_ is the only Israelite willing to fight

1 Samuel 17:32-37. David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him." <sup>33</sup> Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth." <sup>34</sup> But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, <sup>35</sup> I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. <sup>36</sup> Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. <sup>37</sup> The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you."

1 Samuel 17:40-49 Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.<sup>41</sup> Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. <sup>42</sup> He looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him. <sup>43</sup> He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44 "Come here," he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!" <sup>45</sup> David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup> This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. <sup>47</sup> All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands." <sup>48</sup> As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran guickly toward the battle line to meet him. <sup>49</sup> Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

#### II. A Look at Ancient Warfare:

- 4 kinds of warriors:
  - 1. Cavalry—
  - 2. Infantry
  - 3. Artillery
  - 4. Slingers
- David used a \_\_\_\_\_\_ that had the power of a \_\_\_\_\_\_

#### III. A Look at What's Really Going On:

- 1. Don't assume \_\_\_\_\_
  - David had a powerful weapon
  - David doesn't wear Saul's armor because he is a
    \_\_\_\_\_\_ not an \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Don't fight \_\_\_\_\_
  - Goliath was expecting David to fight him with
    \_\_\_\_\_\_ but he doesn't
- 3. Giants are not \_\_\_\_\_
  - Goliath most likely suffered from a genetic disease that affected his \_\_\_\_\_\_
  - Goliath was only scary from afar

#### **Big Idea:**