



Weekly Booster

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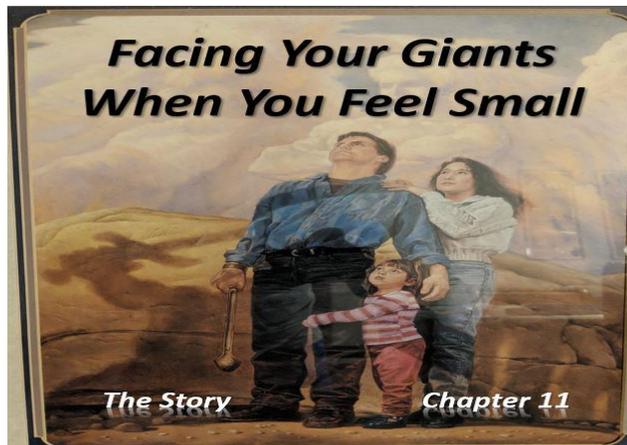
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Imagine the scene: a scrawny sixteen-year-old shepherd boy takes out a 9'9" tall giant with one rock and a sling.

You may not have a gigantic giant taunting you to come out and fight. But you are probably facing a few giants of your own. Giants like the stack of past-due bills glaring at you. Like the divorce papers waiting on your signature. Or the depression that looms over you like the Hulk. It could be low self-esteem or insecurity or child abuse in your past. But you have your giants. And so do I. And we would do well to learn from David.

He could face his "giant" because he had spent time in the quiet with God. When he arrived at the place of the standoff between the Israelites and the Philistines, he talked about God. He told Saul that "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" (1Sam.17:37). He did not hesitate to confront Goliath, saying he came "in the name of the Lord of host, the God of the armies of Israel."

David was God-focused instead of giant-focused. He mentions Goliath two times and God nine times. He knew the giant was there and recognized his presence. But his thoughts were twice as much on God.

That focus led him to confront his giant rather than run away. For forty days Goliath continued to challenge Israel's army. And for forty days everyone hoped he would just go away. But giants don't typically go away until we face them. So David stepped into the gap and slung one well-aimed stone at him.

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*“Our doubts are traitors
and make us lose the good
we oft might win, by
fearing to attempt.”
William Shakespeare*

Reminders

March 30th

Women’s Bible Study
11:30 a.m.
Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.
Choir Practice – 6:45 p.m.

March 31st

T.O.P.S.
4:30 p.m.

March 26th

Men’s Bible Study 8:00 a.m.

**Worship Assistants needed
for April

** Fellowship Volunteers needed
sign-up in Fellowship Hall

**Choir members are needed to join
us on Wednesday nights at 6:45
p.m.

“The Story” Study Groups

Women-Wednesday-11:30 a.m.
All-Wednesday-6:15 p.m.

Books & Study Guides still available.
Contact the office.

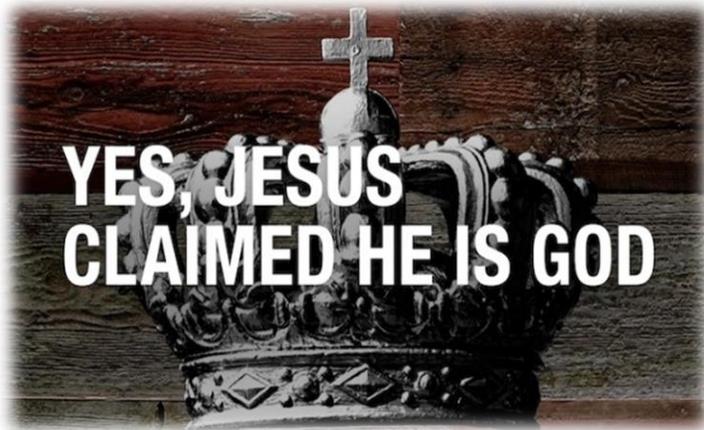
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It helps to have someone in your corner that believes in you. David had his Jonathan. You need yours. You need at least one person who believes in you and that also believes in God. Someone who can encourage your faith—give you courage—when you most need it.

And you will need it. Because after you slay one giant, there will be more. You may wonder why David picked up five stones from the riverbed. Was he afraid he might miss? Not likely. He was skilled in his use of the sling.

2 Samuel 21:18-22 hints that Goliath may have had four brothers. David was ready. He could take on one giant. You might say knew how to get *a head of his giant*. And then he was ready for more.

And you can too. Just follow the shepherd from Bethlehem.

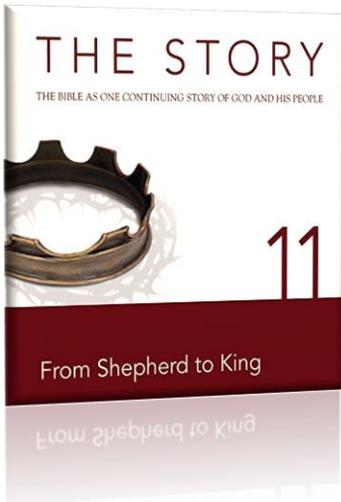


“He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me.” [Matthew 10:40](#)

A convincing piece of evidence of Jesus’ divinity is his self-perception, revealed in statements like [Matthew 10:40](#), in which he claims that he and God are one in the same. The Gospels record many statements made by Jesus that confirm he knew of his divinity; however, some interpreters claim that Jesus never intended to make such shocking statements. Do Jesus’ words really confirm that he thought he was God?

On many occasions, Jesus made claims with unprecedented authority. Although God communicated his message through many prophets in the Old Testament, they all knew that their teachings were not their own; they were merely messengers (see [Isaiah 44:24-26](#); [Haggai 1:13](#)).

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Book Your Appointment Online



Would you like to chat with Pastor Kelly, maybe over coffee, tea, or soda? Need to get something on the church calendar or need something brought to our attention? You can book an appointment online with Jeff or Pastor Kelly by going to the following link <https://bit.ly/3sm5lyY> (click on the link or copy and paste into your browser). You may also use a QR reader.



Church Office Hours

** Children & Jr.-Sr. High
Sunday School 10:15
Questers (Adults) 10:30

****Bell Choir** – Volunteer needed

****Chancel Choir** –
Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

The front door to the church will be unlocked during office hours and closed only for errands and lunch.

Monday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00

Tuesday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00

Wednesday
CLOSED

Thursday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00

Friday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00

Please continue to call in advance if you need in the church to make sure someone is in the office. If you reach the answering machine please leave your name, number, and a brief message and your call will be returned. Calls after 2:00 p.m. may be returned the next business day.



Who anointed Saul to become King?

- a) Elisha
- b) Samuel
- c) Eli
- d) David

Where is the sentence "I am a rose of Sharon" recorded?

- a) Ecclesiastes
- b) Daniel
- c) Proverbs
- d) Song of Solomon

Who foretold that there would be a great famine all over the world?

- a) Agabus
- b) Daniel
- c) Elisha
- d) Samuel

Check page 4 for answers in next week's booster

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Anniversaries and Birthdays

27th – Dan & Heather Weiss

28th – Brody Burdorf

31st – Chris Perkins

1st – Gregg Broermann

2nd – Nathan Blane, Abby DeLong

3rd – Colin Powles, Richard & Carleen Perry

**See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added, please call the office, or send an email to office@shen.church

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down the Ctrl button and click on
the link <http://bit.ly/3skF0p9>

*Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: **Terry Stafford**

Call to Worship

Leader: *Happy are those who sin is forgiven, whose hearts have been made pure.*

People: *Happy are those in whose spirit there is no deceit, who have been washed clean.*

L: *God is our hiding place, God preserve us from trouble.*

P: *God will instruct us and teach us the way we should go.*

L: *Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous ones!*

P: *We will shout for joy, for we are upright in heart!*

All: *Let us worship the Lord..*

“From Shepherd to King”

Old Testament Scripture: *Joshua 5:9-12*

New Testament Scripture: *2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

Gospel Reading: *Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*

Songs

You Are My King #3102 (Green Book)

This is the Day the Lord Hath Made #658 (Hymnal)

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days #269 (Hymnal)

King of Kings #2075 (Black Book)

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship – 73

Online Worship – 26

Our Mission:

“Know & Serve God by Sharing Christ's Love.”

Our Vision:

“We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, & we will make a difference in our world.”

Answers for March 20th c) death c) Holy Spirit c) Uzziah



The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be within you,

Even in the midst of trials and uncertainty, God grants us blessings. For David, who would be king over Israel, it was the friendship of the son of the very man who repeatedly tried to kill him, and, of course, being delivered from Saul's hand time and again. For Lanette and I, it was quality time with our mothers and a sibling each this week.

David was anointed – called, if you will – long before he took the seat that God had planned for him. Through those years they both remained faithful: David to putting God first, and God to his promise to David. Often, God's timing is not our timing, but we must remember that God always keeps his promises. Our job is to be faithful to the King of kings and Lord of lords. Glory! Hallelujah!

Many times when I need a pick-me-up, I'll turn to the Psalms, especially those written by David. They give me some perspective about the trials I am facing and how awesome God is. I highly recommend them.

In Christ's love,

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Link to my YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/EnvoyPV>

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Jesus, however, knew he was more than God's messenger. Ten times in Matthew, Jesus corrected misunderstandings of the law or overruled Jewish custom by his own authority, saying, "You have heard that it was said . . . But I tell you" (see, for example, [Matthew 5:22, 27–28, 31–32](#)).

As seen in [Matthew 10:40](#), Jesus equated himself with God. He also knew that the Father had given him authority, and he claimed that authority (see [John 5:25–27; 10:17–18; 17:2](#)). Jesus didn't just claim to be God; he backed up that assertion with amazing feats of healing, with astounding demonstrations of power over nature, with transcendent and unprecedented teaching, with divine insights into people, and ultimately with his own resurrection from the dead. So when Jesus claimed to be God, it was not some sort of delusion; rather, it was the absolute truth.

What Risks Came with these Bold Claims?

The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he." [John 4:25–26](#)

By fulfilling the ancient prophecies found in the Old Testament, and by assigning to himself a term only used of God, Jesus affirmed his identity as the one sent by God to be the Savior of Israel and the world.

When a Samaritan woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming," Jesus replied, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he." Having made this unambiguous claim, if he then failed to match the prophetic portrait, Jesus would be an imposter worthy of rejection and disdain—a false prophet who should be rejected by Jews and Gentiles alike.

Jesus also applied a well-known term to himself that only God claimed in the Old Testament. In [John 8:58](#), Jesus claims that "before Abraham was born, I am!" Jesus makes seven other "I am" statements that testify to his divinity: "I am," said Jesus, "the bread of life," "the light of the world," "the gate," "the good shepherd," "the resurrection and the life," "the way and the truth and the life," and "the true vine" ([John 6:48; 8:12; 10:9,11; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1](#)).

Jesus' audience would have immediately recognized the significance of his "I am" statements – he clearly intended to express his divinity. By referring to himself as "I am," Jesus claimed to share the same name and nature as God, which is powerful evidence that reinforces his divine character.

In these many statements, Jesus put his credibility on the line. If he fulfilled the prophecies, then he was indeed the Messiah. If he could back up his "I am" statements by his suffering, death and resurrection, then he was God in the flesh. But if he fell short in any of these areas, he would certainly have been exposed as a fraud.

Jesus knew he was the person appointed by God to execute the climactic saving act of God in human history. He had been authorized by God, empowered by God, he spoke for God, and he was directed by God to do this task. So what Jesus said, God said. What Jesus did was the work of God.

How Is Jesus Different from All Other Religious Figures?

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. [1 Corinthians 13:13](#)

Jesus was unlike any person who preceded him or anyone who will follow him. While other religious figures throughout history have given wisdom and spiritual guidance to millions of people, two factors distinguish Jesus from the rest: first, his divinity, and second, his love.

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Jesus, the King of heaven, selflessly forfeited the comforts of heaven and rejected all offers of earthly power or wealth to lead a short, simple life. Ultimately, he proved the depth of his love by sacrificing his life on our behalf. As the Son of God, he so loved the world that he paved a path to God for everyone who acknowledges him as God (see [John 3:16](#); [14:6](#)).

Drawn from NIV Case for Christ New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs. NIV News, HarperCollins Christian Publishing, 2022. 501 Nelson Place, Nashville, TN 37214.

**** Special Announcement ****

The following announcement was made at the end of service last week, March 20th. Those that were listening online were not able to hear the announcement because streaming and recording had stopped, and we apologize. Technology is wonderful when it works.

The Bishop and her appointive cabinet would like to announce that Pastor David B. Clark, coming from Nebraska in the Great Plains Conference, will be appointed to Shenandoah First UMC, as our next pastor, effective July 1, 2021. District Superintendent Melissa Drake has met with our SPRC several times since the new year. We have started the process of the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) Survey, which will help us determine our missional priorities moving into the future. We have shared with DS Melissa that our ideal pastoral leader will be

- 1) A Visible and invested presence in the community.
- 2) Able to build real relationships and communicate with all ages – someone who is not just a preacher, but a minister to the congregations and the community
- 3) Someone who will do ministry with the congregations, with spiritual leadership and guidance. Reconnecting with our church family post pandemic.
- 4) Someone who will equip and develop leaders with enthusiasm and passion. Revisioning of programs to better meet the needs of a modern active congregation.

The Bishop and her appointive cabinet have discerned that Pastor David is a missional match for our congregation and has the gifts and abilities to help us live into this season in our church. District Superintendent Melissa Drake asks that you continue to keep Pastor Kelly and Lynette, as well as Pastor David, his wife Molly, their 4 children and all the congregation in your prayers during this season of transition.