

# Tithes and Offerings



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Order of Worship  
September 8, 2024  
Sixteenth 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 1: Odd God"

## **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\*



## **State of the Church** CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

For all attendees, volunteers, & staff

Sunday • September 8 • 12:30-1:15pm



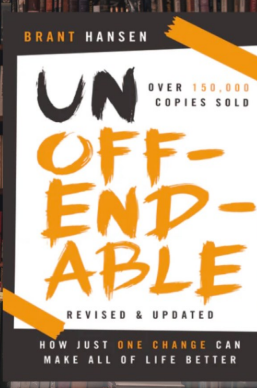
Come celebrate all God has done through our church in  
the past year and where God is leading us in the next!

**Lunch and childcare provided**

## **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](mailto:pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org)  
to sign up



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.



For a complete list of ongoing ministries and upcoming events,  
please visit [tablelifechurch.org](http://tablelifechurch.org).

## Doggy Bag-

### Some questions to chew on:



1. As a whole, why is the story of David so important? Why must we caution against using David, or other people in the Bible, as examples of how to live, act, and respond?
2. What stands out to you in this introduction of David? How would you describe Samuel? How would you describe Saul? How would you describe David?
3. What stands In what ways does David's debut show us something odd about God?
4. Why is it important to remember that God is still at work, even when people fail?
5. Has there ever been a time in your life you felt insignificant? Looking back, how did God use that time?
6. Why is it both good news and sobering news that God is looking at your heart and watching when no one else is?
7. In this part of the story, in what ways do Samuel and David point us to Jesus and our need for a Savior?

# Being Human: The Story of David

## "Part 1: Odd God"

### Pastor Kris Beckert

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#### I. The Background of \_\_\_\_\_

- Took place around the \_\_\_\_\_th century BC
- Recorded in 1 and 2 \_\_\_\_\_, which was originally one book/scroll
- We know more about his life than any other biblical character besides \_\_\_\_\_
- Central in prophecies concerning the messiah
- David is shown to be very \_\_\_\_\_ yet very chosen by \_\_\_\_\_
- The story of David is really a story of \_\_\_\_\_

#### II. The 1st Appearance of \_\_\_\_\_

- 1000 years before Jesus is the Period of Judges
- God's chosen people, the people of Israel, are a mess
- \_\_\_\_\_ is a prophet of God
- The people ask for a king and both Samuel and God think it's a \_\_\_\_\_ idea, but God says yes anyway
- Samuel anoints \_\_\_\_\_ as king, but he fails as king
- God sends Samuel to anoint another king

## NEW HERE? NEED PRAYER?

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How did you hear about us?  
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☐ What it means to follow Jesus  
☐ Connect with others  
☐ Serving  
☐ Kids & Youth Ministry  
☐ Prayer Requests

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### III. Four Observations about our Odd God:

#### 1. God is a working God, even when

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1 Samuel 16:1-3 The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king." <sup>2</sup> But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me." The Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

#### 2. God is working and God likes working through

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1 Samuel 16:4-10 Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?" <sup>5</sup> Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. <sup>6</sup> When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord." <sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." <sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either." <sup>9</sup> Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the Lord chosen this one." <sup>10</sup> Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these."

### 3. God is still working, even when no one is

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1 Samuel 16:11 So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

- The hard work of shepherding—

Psalms 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear?

#### 4. God often works in us before working

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1 Samuel 16:12-13 So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one." <sup>13</sup> So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

1 Samuel 16:14 Now the Spirit of the Lord had departed from Saul, and a harmful spirit from the Lord tormented him.

**Big Idea:**

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