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HURRICANE DORIAN

Please pray for
those affected by
Hurricane Dorian.

**.FAITH.
PROMISE**
Sunday

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED
FOR PARKING LOT REPAIRS.**

On Sunday, September 15 by faith, we will make a financial commitment toward the repairs. The estimated cost is \$5,000. Please give as you are able.

FAITH PLEDGES ARE DUE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20.

Not equal giving, but equal sacrifices.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

THE BOOK OF

COLOSSIANS

WITH LOUIE GIGLIO



**Kick-off / Tue,
September 10
@ 7:00 PM**

21st Church Anniversary
Mercy Community Church
Streamwood, Illinois

Guest Speaker



Pastor Terry Black

**Saturday,
Sep 14 @ 6:00 PM**

*You are invited
to this great celebration!*

CONNECTION CARD

in order to "MEASURE" our church in five key areas. There will be a summary report each week in the bulletin that identifies those five key metrics.

Please turn in your card each week. Members, leaders and guests will be asked to turn these in.

Each week everyone will be asked to fill out a Connection Card



THE Beauty OF the In-Between

FINDING GOD IN THE
SILENCE, THE STRUGGLE, AND
THE PLACES IN-BETWEEN

Sep 01 » The Places In-Between
Sep 08 » Lion and Bear Steps
Sep 15 » Theology for the Middle
Sep 22 » Clarity Addicts
Sep 29 » A Heart for God in
the Palace

PRAYER REQUESTS

► SALVATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Brian H. | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen W. | <input type="checkbox"/> Rick L. | <input type="checkbox"/> Stein Family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin G. | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheyenne W. | <input type="checkbox"/> Mike F. | <input type="checkbox"/> Kirk Aricioglu |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan K. | <input type="checkbox"/> Tyler M. | <input type="checkbox"/> Bill S. | <input type="checkbox"/> Dave S. |

► HEALTH ISSUES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Suzie S. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael D. » MS | <input type="checkbox"/> Art B. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kenny D. » Nuerological | <input type="checkbox"/> Keith M. » Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Denny G. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shirley K. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Craig B. » Leukemia | <input type="checkbox"/> Betty W. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toni R. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Corrine A. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Don H. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sam H. » Cardiac Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Cindy S. » Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Valerie C. » Seizures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Danny R. » ALS | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen W. » Heart Rhythm | <input type="checkbox"/> Bill H. » Knee Problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruth H. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael C. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Minnie D. » Medical Tests |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phyllis L. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Roy M. » Int. Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Melissa B. » Undergoing Tests |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jean G. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Bethany » Health Issues | |

► OTHER

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gabe G. » Guidance | <input type="checkbox"/> Ken R. » Housing |
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“Jesus did not live in reaction to the devil.
He lived in response to the Father.” —Bill Johnson*

METRICS THAT MATTER (09/01/19)

ATTENDANCE ► 40 GIVING ► \$1,686 GUESTS ► 0
VOLUNTEERS ► 21 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ► 0



Lion AND Bear Steps

Big Idea:

In order to be a giant-killer, you must first take lion and bear steps.



Pre-Giant DAYS

DAVID HAD BEEN ANOINTED TO BE KING BY THE PROPHET SAMUEL, AFTER HAVING PASSED OVER HIS OLDER AND SEEMINGLY MORE CAPABLE BROTHERS.

- Within a short time his brothers were drafted to serve in an escalating conflict at the valley of Elah.
- During this time, David is charged with taking care of sheep in a wilderness environment.
- David devoted himself to being a creative worshiper.
- He journaled, he wrote music, wrote poems, and played out those pieces on a harp.
- He became an accomplished musician. It was this skill—playing the harp that brought him on a part-time basis to the palace.
- He was asked to come and play for King Saul because of Saul's depressive episodes.



So this king-to-be comes disguised as a shepherd, poet, musician, supply clerk and general farm hand.

AT THE Valley OF Elah

WHEN DAVID ARRIVED ON THE BATTLEFRONT AND HANDED HIS SUPPLIES TO THE SUPPLY KEEPER, LITTLE DID HE KNOW THAT HE WAS HOURS FROM A LIFECHANGING ENCOUNTER.



³⁴ 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, ³⁵ 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.³⁶ 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.³⁷ 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.” **1 Samuel 17:34-37**

Secrets of Lion AND Bear Steps

1 THEY ARE DEFINING MOMENTS

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. **1 Samuel 17:36**

2 THEY ARE HIDDEN AWAY

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. Then Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, “Send me your son David, who is with the sheep.”

1 Sam. 16:13, 19

3 THEY ARE STEPPING STONES

If racing against mere men makes you tired, how will you race against horses? If you stumble and fall on open ground, what will you do in the thickets near the Jordan? **Jer. 12:5**



4 THEY ARE FILLED WITH COVENANT POWER

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GOD WAS AT
WORK IN
DAVID'S LIFE
FROM THE
BEGINNING:



- Birth order marked him as a shepherd.
- David learned not to judge by appearance.
- God redeemed his soul as well as his experiences.
- David learned compensatory skills—his sling.
- David relied not on self-confidence but holy confidence.
- David saw the divine appointments in his life.