



SEEKING GOD'S KINGDOM

SERIES

Seeking God's Kingdom — Part 38

Living Before the LORD

2 SAMUEL 6:1–16

NOTES

1 2 Samuel 6:1–5 — *The Ark of God*

The LORD's presence, Word, and authority



- The ark had been at Abinadab's house for over half a century
- Inside the ark was God's Law, written on stone tablets
- The ark belonged to the LORD and represented His presence and authority
- Bringing the ark to Jerusalem became a national event

2 2 Samuel 6:6–13 — *Check the delivery instructions*

A sincere heart still needs to listen carefully



- Uzzah touched the ark when the oxen stumbled and died
- God had commanded the ark to be carried by poles
- David became angry and afraid before the LORD
- Obed-Edom's household was blessed
- David later admitted: "We did not inquire... in the prescribed way"

3 2 Samuel 6:14–16 — *Living before the LORD*

Reverence, joy, and the heart



- David returned with reverence and joy, dancing before the LORD
- God's presence is holy, but His presence is also good
- Michal despised David in her heart
- The LORD looks at the heart

ARK

God's Word
written on
stone tablets

HEART

God's Word
written on
human hearts



MAIN TAKEAWAY

Seeking God's Kingdom means living before the LORD
with a heart shaped by His Word.



REFLECTION QUESTION

Am I assuming I know the way forward, or bringing it before Jesus in prayer?



PRAYER / RESPONSE

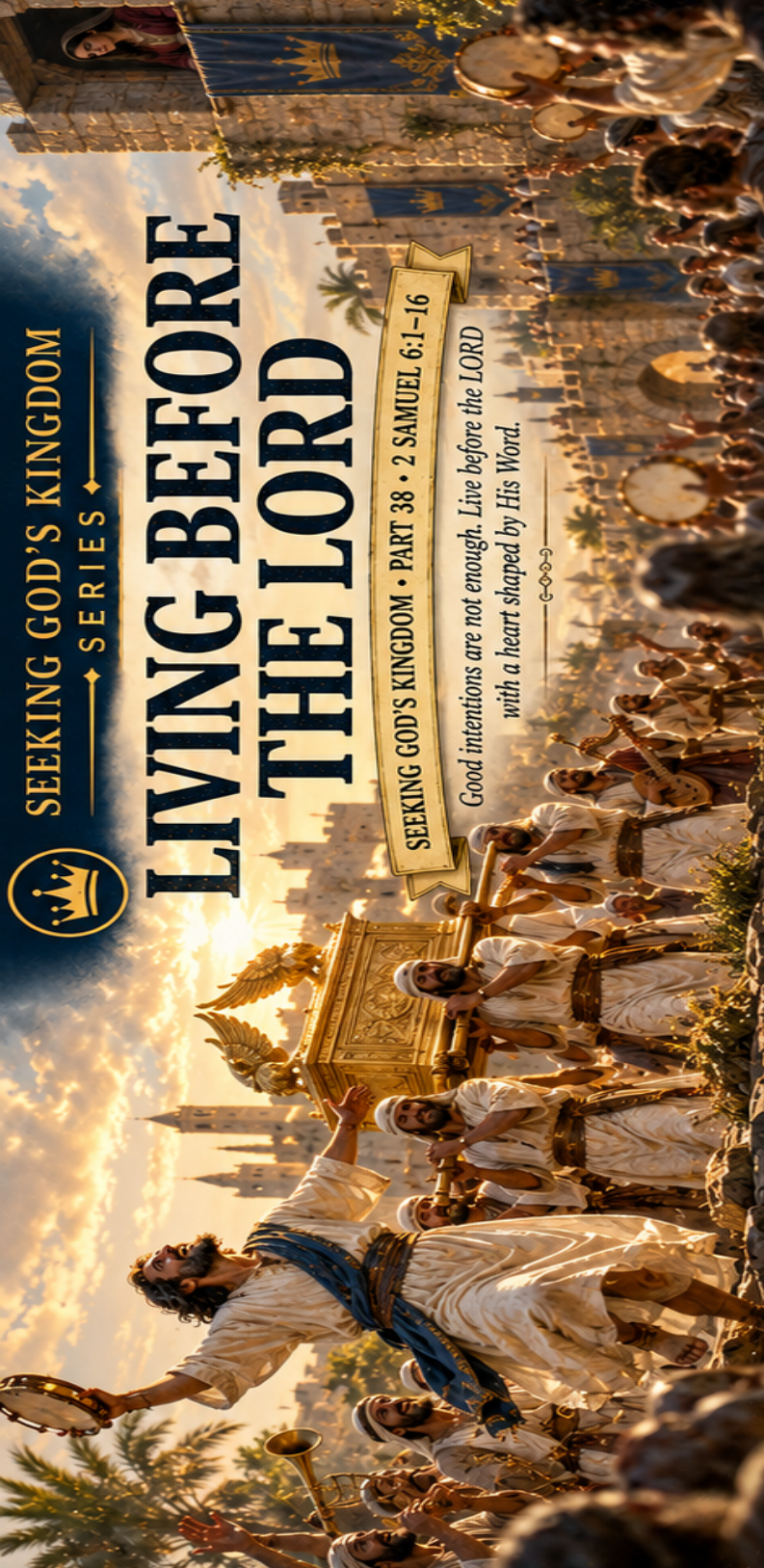
*Jesus, shape our hearts by Your Word so we may live before You
with obedience, reverence, and joy.*



LIVING BEFORE THE LORD

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*Good intentions are not enough. Live before the LORD
with a heart shaped by His Word.*



KEY SCRIPTURES



1. 2 Samuel 6:2
"called by the Name..."



2. 2 Samuel 6:6-7
Uzzah touched the ark
and died.



3. 1 Chronicles 15:13
"We did not inquire..."



4. 2 Samuel 6:14-15
David danced before
the LORD."



5. 1 Samuel 16:7
"The LORD looks at
the heart."

1

KNOW vs. ASSUME



- Assumptions can feel right until they are tested.
- David wanted to honor the LORD.
- But he assumed he knew the way forward.

2

THE ARK OF GOD



- Presence • Word • Authority
- Called by the Name.
- Inside the ark was God's Law, written on stone tablets.
- Bringing the ark to Jerusalem became a national event.

3

PAY ATTENTION



- The ark was placed on a new cart.
- God had commanded that it be carried by poles.
- Uzzah touched the ark when the oxen stumbled.
- David later admitted: "We did not inquire... in the prescribed way."

4

HOLY + GOOD



- Uzzah's death shows God's holiness.
- Obed-Edom's blessing shows God's presence is also good.
- David's anger and fear turned to dancing.
- Reverence and joy came together before the LORD.

5

THE HEART



- Michal despised David in her heart.
- The LORD looks at the heart.
- Stone tablets → human hearts.
- God's Word is meant to shape our hearts every day.



PRAYER

*Jesus, shape our hearts by Your Word
so we may live before You with obedience,
reverence, and joy.*

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WITH A HEART SHAPED BY HIS WORD.

