

CHASING AFTER GOD



Message #12

Bring Back the Glory (2 Samuel 6)

2 *Samuel*

David mourns Saul & Jonathan

David crowned King of Judah –
David is 30yrs old

At war with Saul's house (7 1/2yrs)

At war with the Philistines

2 Samuel 3:1

Now there was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David. But David grew stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker.

2 *Samuel*

Ishbosheth killed (Ch. 4)

Ch 5 – David made King over all of Israel

Establishes Jerusalem as capital – Zion, The City of David

2 Samuel 5:10

So David went on and became great, and the LORD God of hosts was with him.

2 Samuel 5:12

So David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel, and that He had exalted His kingdom for the sake of His people Israel.

2 Samuel 6

1 Again David gathered all the choice men of Israel, thirty thousand.

2 And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, whose name is called by the Name, the LORD of Hosts, who dwells between the cherubim.

2 Samuel 6

3 So they set the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart.

4 And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill, accompanying the ark of God; and Ahio went before the ark.

2 Samuel 6

5 Then David and all the house of Israel played music before the LORD on all kinds of instruments of fir wood, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on sistrums, and on cymbals.

6 And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled.

2 Samuel 6

7 Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for his error; and he died there by the ark of God.

8 And David became angry because of the LORD'S outbreak against Uzzah; and he called the name of the place Perez Uzzah to this day.

2 Samuel 6

9 David was afraid of the LORD that day; and he said, "How can the ark of the LORD come to me?"

10 So David would not move the ark of the LORD with him into the City of David; but David took it aside into the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite.

2 Samuel 6

11 The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite three months. And the LORD blessed Obed-Edom and all his household.

12 Now it was told King David, saying, "The LORD has blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with gladness.

2 Samuel 6

13 And so it was, when those bearing the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, that he sacrificed oxen and fatted sheep.

14 Then David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was wearing a linen ephod.

15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.

2 Samuel 6

16 Now as the ark of the LORD came into the City of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David leaping and whirling before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

2 Samuel 6

17 So they brought the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it. Then David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

18 And when David had finished offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.

2 Samuel 6

19 Then he distributed among all the people, among the whole multitude of Israel, both the women and the men, to everyone a loaf of bread, a piece of meat, and a cake of raisins. So all the people departed, everyone to his house.

2 Samuel 6

20 Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How glorious was the king of Israel today, uncovering himself today in the eyes of the maids of his servants, as one of the base fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!"

2 Samuel 6

21 So David said to Michal, "It was before the LORD, who chose me instead of your father and all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel. Therefore I will play music before the LORD.

22 "And I will be even more undignified than this, and will be humble in my own sight. But as for the maidservants of whom you have spoken, by them I will be held in honor."

2 Samuel 6

23 Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.

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“a man after His own heart”

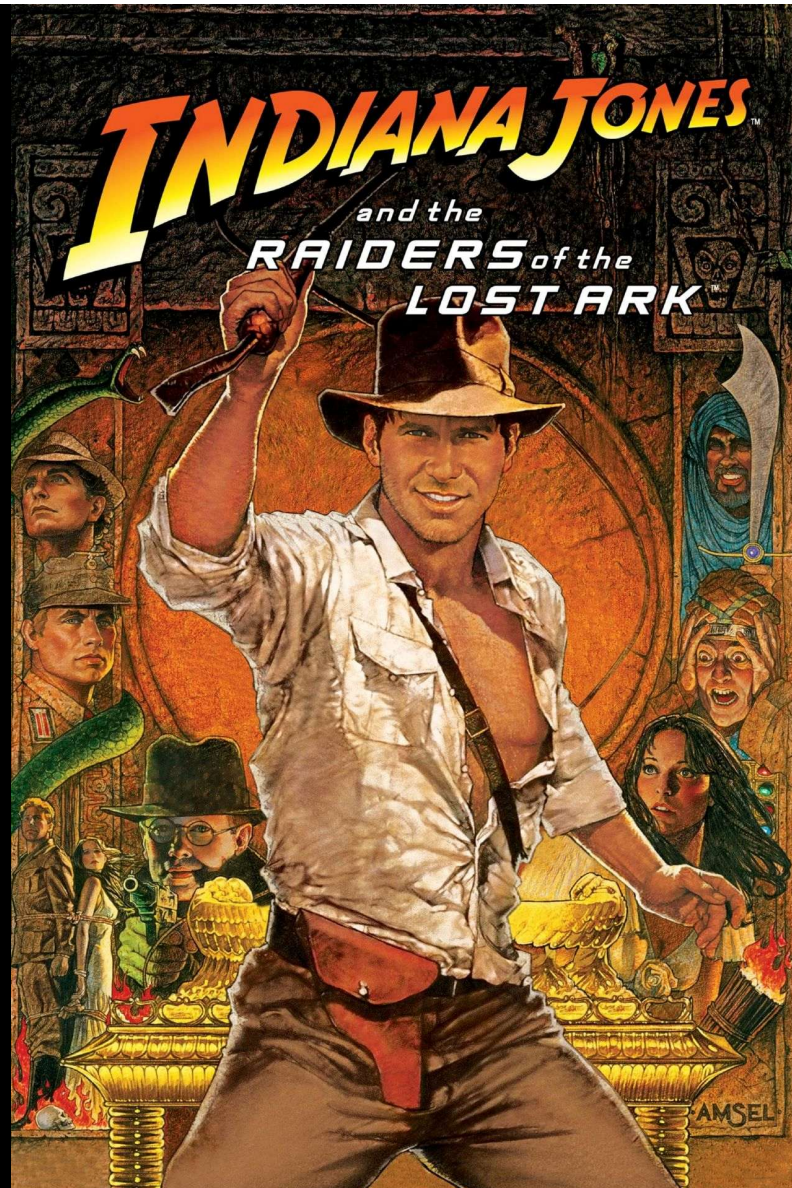
What does it mean to a person after God's heart?

Psalm 42:1-2

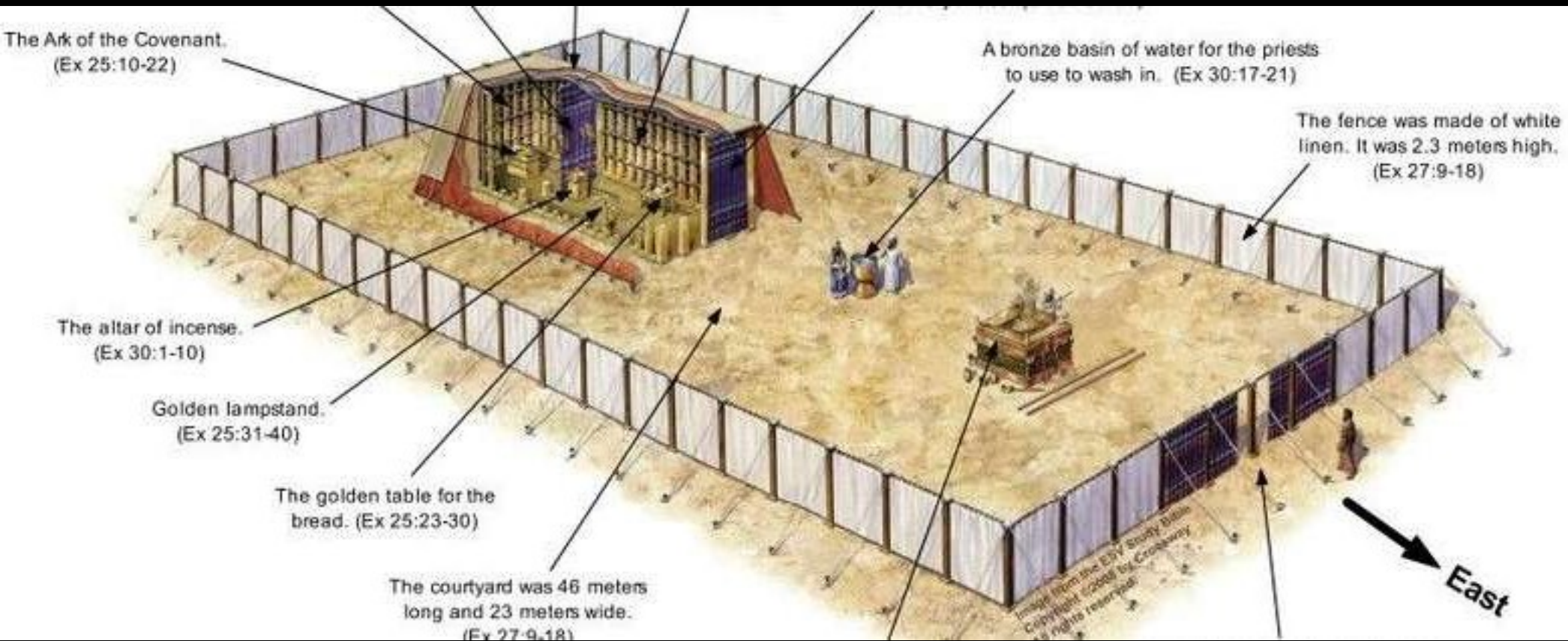
**2 Sam 6 confirms
David as a man who is after God**

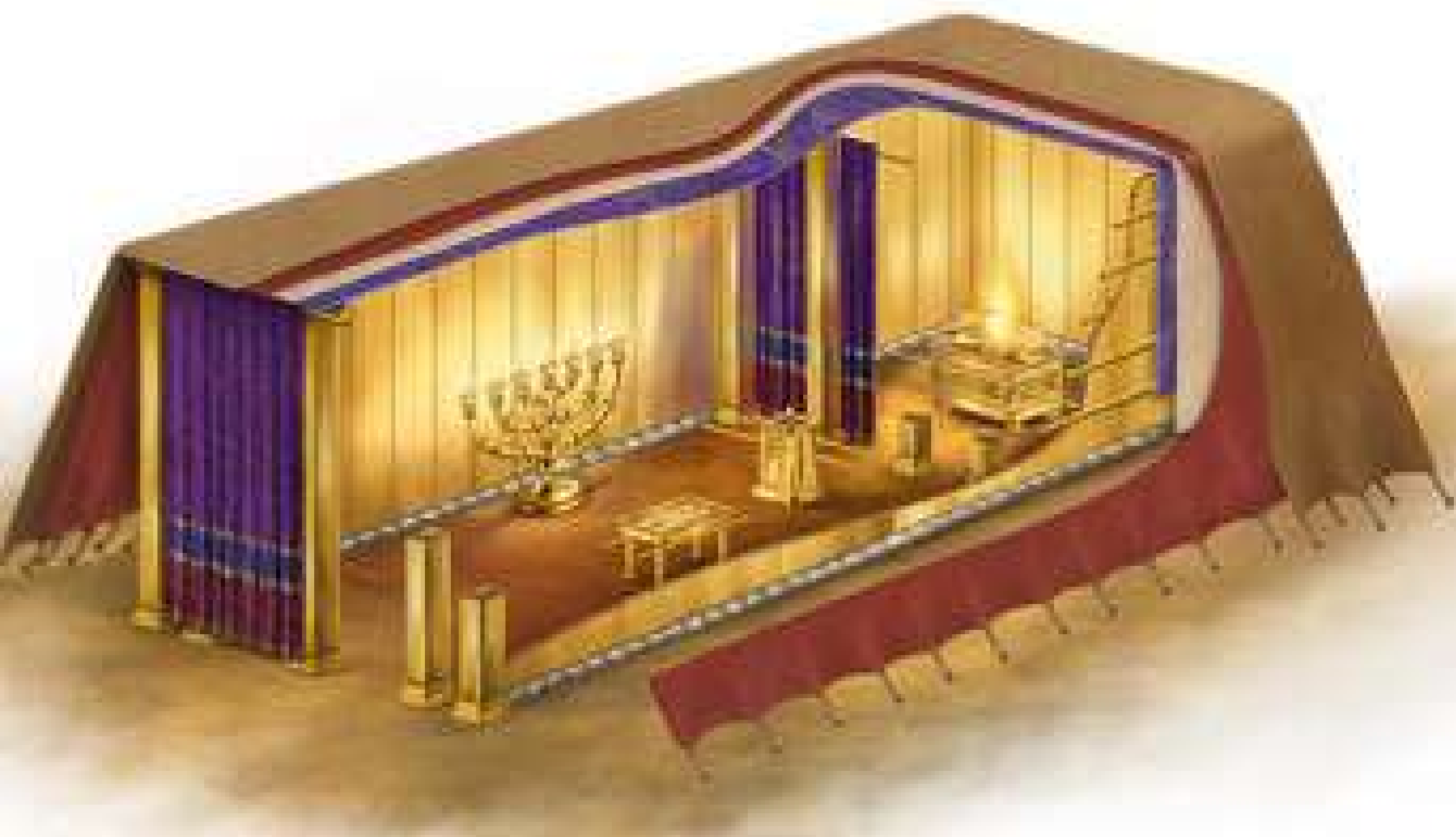
God “in the midst” of His people

Ark-ology



The Tabernacle





The Ark



- Acacia Wood
 - Overlaid with gold
- est 3.75 ft long ×
2.25 ft wide ×
2.25 ft high
- Mercy Seat
- Winged Cherubim
 - Day of Atonement

The Ark



- Most sacred
- God would dwell between the Cherubim.
 - God's Throne on earth
- Only certain Levites could carry it and it had to be carried on their shoulders.

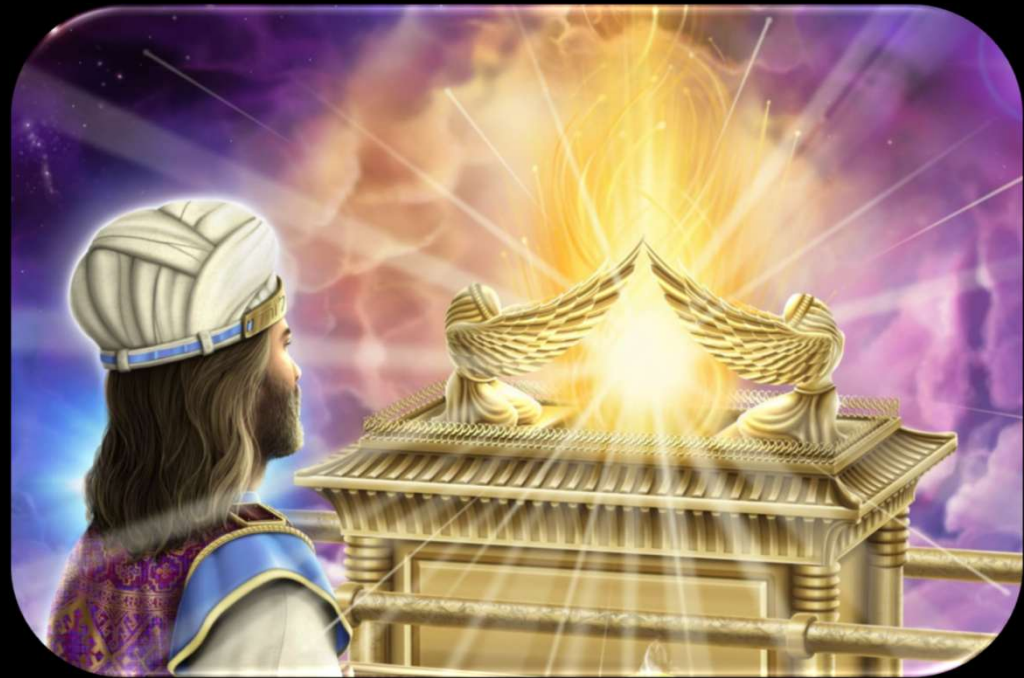
The Ark contained 3 things:



- 1) Two Tablets of Stone
(Ten Commandments)
- 2) Golden Pot of Manna
- 3) Aaron's Rod that
Budded







All of this glory was lost – the nearness of God's presence, knowing the reality of God's presence.

Why?

1 Samuel

A Tragedy Unfolds

- Eli is the High Priest
 - Sons, Hophni & Phinehas, are priests

1 Samuel 2:12

**Now the sons of Eli were corrupt;
they did not know the LORD.**

Eli speaks to his sons....

1 Samuel 2:25

"If one man sins against another, God will judge him. But if a man sins against the LORD, who will intercede for him?" Nevertheless they did not heed the voice of their father, because the LORD desired to kill them.

- (vs29) says Eli honored his sons more than God

- A man of God speaks harsh judgment against Eli.
- Samuel's first prophetic word was about judgment against Eli.

1 Samuel 4

- Philistines attack - 30,000 dead
- Hophni & Phinehas killed
- Eli hears the news, falls out of his chair breaks his neck and dies.

**The most tragic Loss of All
The Ark of God was captured**

1 Samuel 4

- Phinehas' goes into labor
- Just before she dies...

Ichabod

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“the glory has departed”

Ichabod Season

1 Chronicles 13:3

**"and let us bring the ark of our
God back to us, for we have
not inquired at it since the
days of Saul."**

***“I want the
glory of God
back!”***

First Attempt

- Ox cart and a couple oxen
- Nachon's Threshing Floor – stumbled
- Uzzah died

2 Samuel 6:7

Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for his error; and he died there by the ark of God.

Here was The Problem...

- They were doing the right thing in the wrong way.
- God had given specific instructions on how The Ark was to be carried:
 - Deut 10:8 and Numbers 3 & 4 –
 - The Levitical Priests were to carry it.

Faith Lesson

- **If you want God's blessing, you've got to follow God's ways.**
- **The ways of the flesh will not bring the glory back.**

Why is a story like this in the Bible?

- To remind us God is not to be played with or trifled with.
- To remind us that we are not in charge of God.
- To remind us that God is Holy and Sacred
- To remind us to approach God in reverence, in humility and in godly fear.
- To remind us you cannot be casual about your obedience to God.

Second Attempt

- 3 months
- Obed-Edom was being blessed.

**Let's try this God's Way
this time!**



2 Samuel 6:13

And so it was, when those bearing the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, that he sacrificed oxen and fatted sheep.

- **Rhythm of humility and worship.**
 - Intentional and reverent.
- **It's possible sacrifices were made every 6 steps**

2 Samuel 6:14

Then David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was wearing a linen ephod.

- **Danced with all his might**
 - Leaping and dancing
- **David stripped off his kingly robes and put on priestly garments.**

2 Samuel 6:14

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Michal Ridiculed David

David responds...2 Samuel 6:21-23

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Bring Back the Glory

- To the Church at Laodicea:

Jesus, Revelation 3:20

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

Bring Back the Glory

- Jesus has said many things about us
 - “abiding in Him”
 - Being “one with Him and the Father”
 - Doing “greater things”
 - Healing the sick, casting out devils, raising the dead, walking in love, power & glory

LORD, restore Your Glory back to us! There has been so much corruption & compromise. Repentance is needed!

Numbers 6:24-26

24 "The LORD bless you and keep you;

25 The LORD make His face shine upon
you, and be gracious to you;

26 The LORD lift up His countenance upon
you, and give you peace."