

**2 Samuel 6:1-15**

**FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE**

- 1) *6:2* The nation had not seen the Ark for many years at this moment in time.
- 2) *6:2* The description of the Ark not only refers to the Lord's name but also stands for His presence (Exodus 23:21; Leviticus 24:11, 16).
- 3) *6:3* David allowed the Ark to be placed on an ox cart, which was not the proper method for transporting it.
- 4) *6:5* The nation celebrated while the ark was being mishandled. As well-intended as the effort was, it was a violation of God's instructions.
- 5) *6:7* The death of Uzzah brings to mind the deaths of Ananias & Sapphira (Acts 5:1–11); they failed to take God seriously.
- 6) *6:7* For the third time (see also 1 Samuel 5:3–12; 6:19–20), God defended the Ark and His character, demonstrating that His throne is not to be trifled with.
- 7) David had lived among the Philistines so long that he had adopted their methods. Just because your environment changes or the culture changes, God never changes!
- 8) *6:9* Instead of humbling himself before God, David yielded to dejection and hopelessness.
- 9) *6:11* The same hand that punished Uzzah rewarded Obed's household for his willingness to receive God's activity in his home.
- 10) *6:12* David was motivated by the blessing of God upon Obed and his household.

11) *1 Chronicles 15:13* summarizes the reasons for the first failure: "It was because you, the Levites, did not bring it up the first time that the LORD our God broke out in anger against us. We did not inquire of him about how to do it in the prescribed way."

12) *6:13* This time the Levites carried the Ark by hand, not on a cart.

13) *6:15* Doing things God's way always leads to renewed hope and passion recaptured.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

~Romans 15:13

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