

The Ark Incident

2 Samuel 6

Legacy chapter 8 – week 1

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Big Idea...

God wants us to be like David: to respect Him, to recognize that He is the all-powerful God, but to draw close to Him in relationship so we can bring our anger, fear and then our worship.

Opening

Share a time when you struggled to see God's hand in your life. How did you express your frustration?

How do you respond to the following quotation?

"What does this story tell us about God? First, it tells us that God is powerful; then that He is mysterious; that He has high expectations and at times He can be frightening. He is God and is beyond my ability to comprehend." Tim Ayers

Read 2 Samuel 6:1-11

- ◆ What surprises you about David's response to the events of this story?
- ◆ Is there a connection between fear and anger? What has been your experience?
- ◆ Why are we afraid to express our anger to God?
- ◆ When God's actions didn't match up to David's expectations, David withdrew. Has there been a time in your life when that was your response? What caused you to move back toward God?

Read 2 Samuel 6:12-15; 17-19

- ◆ The story of God's blessing had an impact on David and propelled him into action. Why do you think it took this blessing to change his course?
- ◆ David worshipped with "all his might." What does this tell you about him?
- ◆ King David wanted the whole nation to know of God's blessing. If you had been in the congregation that day, how would your view of God be changed? Your view of your King?

Read 2 Samuel 6:16, 20-23

- ◆ When David came home to “share the blessing of God,” he was confronted with judgment from his wife, Michal. What stands out to you about his description of his actions?
- ◆ David’s public display of worship embarrassed and embittered Michal. She had a specific way she believed royalty and her husband should behave. Has living by the standards of others ever hindered your worship of God? How?
- ◆ One of the differences between David and Michal was humility toward God’s work in their lives. **Read Proverbs 15:33**. What role does humility and pride play in your relationship with God?

Read the following passage aloud twice

“The instructions of the LORD are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The commandments of the LORD are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are clear, giving insight for living. Reverence for the LORD is pure, lasting forever. The laws of the LORD are true; each one is fair. They are more desirable than gold, even the finest gold. They are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the comb. They are a warning to your servant, a great reward for those who obey them. How can I know all the sins lurking in my heart? Cleanse me from these hidden faults. Keep your servant from deliberate sins! Don’t let them control me. Then I will be free of guilt and innocent of great sin. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.” Psalm 19:7-14 (NLT)

- ◆ Spend a few moments quietly meditating on this passage. What do you need to hear from God through His word? What part of God’s character do you need to acknowledge?
- ◆ What is God’s role in the relationship? What is ours?
- ◆ Describe a life that is pleasing to God.

Pray

- ◆ For each other to receive God’s wisdom and peace in your current life circumstance.
- ◆ For each other to come honestly before God... no matter the emotion.
- ◆ For each person to have an open heart toward God.

“May the Lord lead your hearts into a full understanding and expression of the love of God and the patient endurance that comes from Christ.”
~2 Thessalonians 3:5 (NLT)

