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MESSAGE NOTES - MAY 3rd, 2026

KING DAVID (pt. 4)

GOD THE TRAVELING ARK

It's one thing to bring God's presence into our city (lives), but it's another thing entirely to His presence change how we actually behave (live)

THE AUDIENCE OF ONE

2 Samuel 6:12-15 NIV

12 Now King David was told, "The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God." So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. 13 When those who were carrying the ark of the Lord had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. 14 Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might, 15 while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets. When we stop worrying about our own sacrifices, we often start worrying about what other people think.

THE DANGER OF A WINDOW

2 Samuel 6:16 NIV

16 As the ark of the Lord was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she despised him in her heart.

It's easier to judge those who are "all in", than to get in the street and join the celebration

SACRIFICE OVER SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS

2 Samuel 6:17-19 NIV

17 They brought the ark of the Lord and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the Lord. 18 After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord Almighty. 19 Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes.

THE PRICE OF PASSION

2 Samuel 6:20-23 NIV

20 When David returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, "How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, going around half-naked in full view of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!" 21 David said to Michal, "It was before the Lord, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the Lord's people Israel—I will celebrate before the Lord. 22 I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes. But by these slave girls you spoke of, I will be held in honor." 23 And Michal daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.

True passion requires true humility

Matthew 6:21 “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

What is one “rule of dignity”, you hold onto that keeps you (or others) from being fully present with God?

When might you be watching from the window, being critical and even in disgust because you don't approve?

“Lord, make me even more undignified for your sake”.