

## Part 7

### God's Wrath & Blessing

#### 2 Samuel 6:1-23

1. When you think of God's holiness, what ideas or images come to mind?
2. Read [2 Samuel 6](#). What words would you use to describe the mood of those bringing the ark to Jerusalem ([2 Samuel 6:1-5](#))?
3. Why do you think David and the people of Israel viewed this as an occasion to celebrate with all their might ([2 Samuel 6:5](#))?
4. Uzzah's act of taking hold of the ark seems well intentioned ([2 Samuel 6:6](#)). Why then did the Lord's anger burn against him ([2 Samuel 6:7](#); see also [1 Chron. 15:11-15](#))?
5. Why are sincerity and good intentions sometimes not enough to please the Lord?
6. After Uzzah died, David became both angry and afraid of the Lord ([2 Samuel 6:8-9](#)). How would you evaluate his emotional response?

**7.** Although the Lord had struck down Uzzah, he blessed the house of Obed-Edom ([2 Samuel 6:10-11](#)). What was the Lord saying about himself through these events?

**8.** What new precautions does David take as he moves the ark to Jerusalem ([2 Samuel 6:12-15](#))?

**9.** In what other ways was this event marked by celebration?

**10.** Do your times of worship tend to be somber or joyous? Explain.

**11.** In what ways might we make our times of worship more of a joyous celebration?

**12.** How does this chapter help us to understand God's holiness?