



2 Samuel 6

This week

- A guy gets struck down and killed by God
- How do minor decisions lead to major consequences?

What happened last week?

- David is now king
- David has made Jerusalem the capital of Israel

2 Samuel 6:2

- David decides to bring the ark of God to Jerusalem

-What is the ark of God?

- a fancy box with some historical artifacts in it

-Why is the ark of God important?

- it symbolized God's presence with the people of Israel
- because it represented God's presence, they were to treat it as they would treat God

-How was the ark to be transported?

- they were to use poles and carry it on their shoulders
- no one was to touch the actual body of the ark

*the ark of a lesson to the people of Israel on the amount of respect you need to show to God

*Do we treat God just like a common thing?

2 Samuel 6:3

- instead of carrying the ark they put it on a cart
- they aren't trying to be disrespectful but they still aren't showing the ark the full respect it deserves

2 Samuel 6:6-7

- the oxen stumble and Uzzah grabs the ark to steady it
- God immediately strikes him dead

This seems really harsh but we need to keep in mind that Uzzah choose to put himself in this bad situation

-Isaiah almost falling off the cliff

*we make decisions in our life that may not be bad in themselves but put us one stumble away from disaster

-watching a movie alone with your girlfriend

*we need to think, not just is this decision bad in itself but is it going to put me on a cliff where one little stumble could lead to disaster

Small Group Questions

- 1) What does it mean to treat God with respect?
- 2) What are some guidelines you have put in place in your life so you don't end up in a place where one slip leads to disaster?