

•6And when they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. 7And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah, and God struck him down there because of his error, and he died there beside the ark of God. 2 Samuel 6:6-7

•Wherever the ark was, God's presence was there. But Israel allowed the Philistines to steal it. **There's an important lesson here. Satan is out to rob you of your sense of God's presence!**

•*The mercy seat was also upon the Ark (of the Testimony). When you share your testimony, you usher in the mercy of the Lord on their life.*

Israel lost the ark for one reason — disobedience. You always lose your sense of God's presence at the point of disobedience.

God has been absent for 20 years. And no one went to bring Him back?

•**Lose the PRESENCE and you don't know how much danger you're in.** -Where the Spirit of the Lord is thee is freedom. There's also **CONVICTION!**

•**Lose the PRESENCE you don't know where you are going.**

•**Lose the PRESENCE and you'll trade what's important for what's popular.**

•The devil is fighting us over PRESENCE. **IN YOUR PRESENCE!!!**

•**David is in a new season, moment, and he recognizes he doesn't have the Presence.** *What good is it to have success without God?*

David sends 30k. All the music. And they built a NEW CART.

•**New but not RIGHT-** *We gather around songs. We gather around sermons. We gather around ministries. But all of those are supposed to do one thing- Invite PRESENCE.*

•**It stumbled at the THRESHING FLOOR. The place of separation! Place of Decision.**

•***They get Uzzah (name signifies strength)***

•We have become people who glorify gifts OVER CHOICES.

•We've allowed people to minister to us, usher us into, lead us, who don't live it off the platform.

•***He thinks he is supposed to save GOD with his strength.***

•Too many people are **churching** and not changing.

•***Doing it in their own strength.***

• **We can't be more focused on the cart than we are the ark.**

•***We've traded in what's RIGHT for what's NEW.***

•We're missing something when we think NEW methods are the remedy for the problems of a culture. **WE DON'T NEED NEW WE NEED RIGHT!!!!**

•We're getting a place right not people right!

•Focused on the shiny over the spiritual.

•***You can't OUTGROW the HOLY GHOST!***

•Back to- **Passionate Prayer. Powerful Praise. Purified Worship**

•Maybe there was something to Granny's shout. Yeah it wasn't dignified, wasn't cool, nobody posted it. But when she praised people got healed!!!

•We shine it light it decorate but when culture shifts it starts to tip. That church lost the presence. It was on the wrong thing!!

☑ **God killed Uzzah to get David's attention.**

•We've got the things that enhance our experience but they do not change our condition. *You can have the best... and leave broken, bound and bruised. But when the presence shows up, OIL, Anointing...*

•A frightened David decided not to bring the ark any further. He asks Obed-Edom if he would keep it. He was not a mighty man. He was not a king. **He was a 'nobody'**. But he had an **I WANT IT** attitude.

- One of the meanings of the name **Obed-Edom** is **worshipper**.
- **Worship separates the spectators from the participators.** The first want a show. They're satisfied with sights, sounds. But worshippers- They want GOD. They want a move.
 - **Praise is what we do to get Jesus' attention. Worship is what we do when he gets here!**
- This became a generational blessing. ALL 8 sons...
 - **Could it be that God is blessing Obed to PROVOKE YOU? He's trying to tell you don't stop just because you stumbled.**
- **David figured it out.-Ever 6 paces SACRIFICE- TRUMPETS- PRIEST/David tore of his ROYAL apparel.** Got down to a linen ephod. That's what the Priest wore. We need to strip off the titles, Strip off our influence, Strip off our ways and go back to the understanding- My FIRST calling is to be a minister to HIM!!
- **Power requires sacrifice- 7500 Stops. over 30k animals.** Presence has a price. Change comes with a cost.
- You think that was bad?! Wait until the next time I get in His presence.
- **No More Cart-** You can't push/pull presence. You carry it.
 - **The presence of the Lord was never supposed to rest on something we create.**
- The presence of the Lord does not rest on ministries, it rests on people.
- **Sacrifice brings PRESENCE!**
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