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2 Samuel 6:1-7 (HCSB)

David again assembled all the choice men in Israel, 30,000.
² He and all his troops set out to bring the ark of God from Baale-judah. The ark is called by the Name, the name of Yahweh of Hosts who dwells between the cherubim.
³ They set the ark of God on a new cart and transported it from Abinadab's house, which was on the hill.





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2 Samuel 6:1-7 (HCSB)

Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the cart⁴ and brought it with the ark of God from Abinadab's house on the hill. Ahio walked in front of the ark.⁵ David and the whole house of Israel were celebrating before the Lord with all kinds of fir wood instruments, lyres, harps, tambourines, sistrums, and cymbals.





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⁶ When they came to Nacon's threshing floor, Uzzah reached out to the ark of God and took hold of it because the oxen had stumbled. ⁷ Then the Lord's anger burned against Uzzah, and God struck him dead on the spot for his irreverence, and he died there next to the ark of God.





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4 LESSONS

in Contrast



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1 / FROM STRENGTH TO SACRIFICE

David again assembled all the
choice men in Israel, 30,000.

2 Samuel 6:1 (HCSB)





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For because you did not do it the first time,
the Lord our God broke out against us, because
we did not consult Him about the proper order.

1 Chronicles 15:13



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When those carrying the ark of the Lord advanced six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened calf.

2 Samuel 6:13 (HCSB)





1st attempt

moved on the **strength** of oxen.

(strength led)

2nd attempt

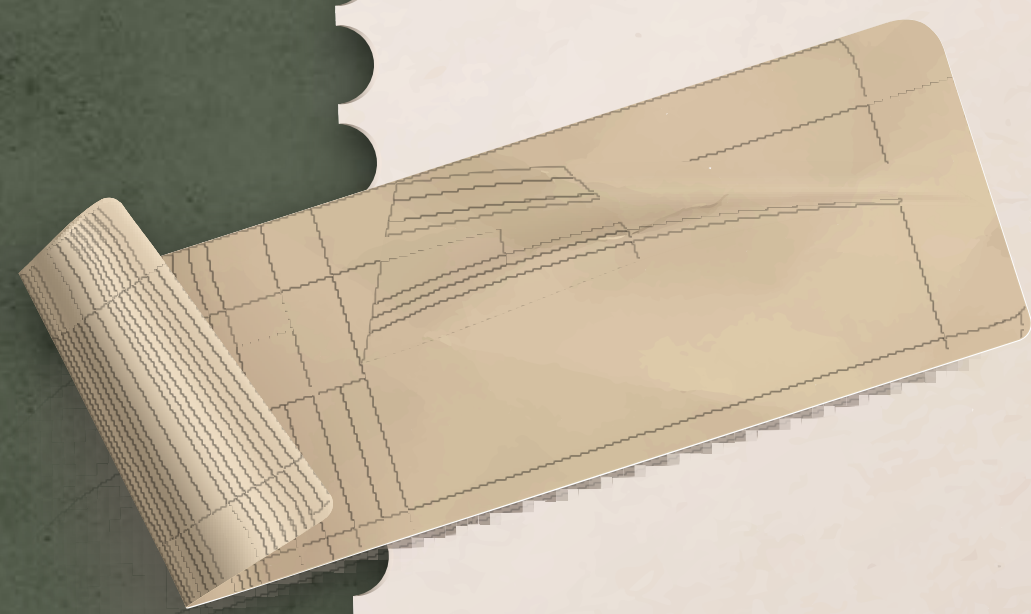
moved through the **sacrifice** of oxen.

(strength surrendered)





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The name 'Uzzah'

means

STRENGTH





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2 / FROM CONVENIENCE TO COVENANT

They set the ark of God on a new cart and transported it from Abinadab's house, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the cart.

2 Samuel 6:3 (HCSB)





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1 Samuel 6:2, 7-8

2 And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, “What shall we do with the ark of the Lord? Tell us how we should send it to its place.”

7 Now therefore, make a new cart... 8 Then take the ark of the Lord and set it on the cart... Then send it away, and let it go.





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How should the Ark of God be carried?

But to the sons of Kohath he gave none,
because theirs was the service of the holy
things, which they **carried on their shoulders.**

Numbers 7:9





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2 Samuel 6:4, 7 (HCSB)

4 ... Ahio **walked in front** of the ark.

7 ... he (Uzzah) died there **next** to the ark of God.





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The oxen stumbled, but God did not.

When they came to Nacon's threshing floor, Uzzah reached out to the ark of God and took hold of it because the **oxen had stumbled**.

2 Samuel 6:6 (HCSB)





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3 / FROM FAMILIARITY TO FEAR OF GOD

So the men of Kiriath-jearim came for the ark of the Lord and took it to Abinadab's house on the hill... ² Time went by until 20 years had passed since the ark had been taken to Kiriath-jearim.

1 Samuel 7:1–2 (HCSB)

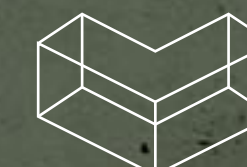




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What you handle often,
you must honour intentionally.

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Familiarity erodes reverence.



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4 /

FROM LOSS TO LESSON

David was angry because of the Lord's outburst against Uzzah, so he named that place an Outburst Against Uzzah (Perez-uzzah), as it is today. ⁹ David feared the Lord that day and said, "How can the ark of the Lord ever come to me?"

¹⁰ So he was not willing to move the ark.

2 Samuel 6:8-9 (HCSB)



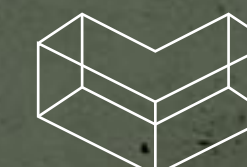


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What obedience could
have taught gently.



Loss taught painfully.



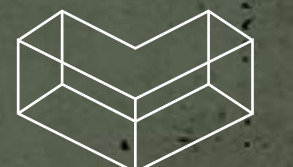
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Through Abinadab's house, we learn

- From Strength to Sacrifice
- From Convenience to Covenant
- From Familiarity to Fear of God
- From Loss to Lesson





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Abinadab's Letter to the *Next Generation*



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