



MOUNTAIN STREAM NEWS

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DOING RIGHT WRONG

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*2 Samuel 6:9-10
And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and he said, "How can the ark of the LORD come to me?" So David was not willing to take the ark of the LORD into the city of David. But David took it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.*

King David was ecstatic. He was bringing the Ark of God home to the Royal City of Israel after a twenty-year error-induced absence (See 1 Samuel 4-6). It was a wonderful day of joy and festivity until tragedy suddenly struck (2 Samuel 6:1-7). The oxen drawing the cart on which the Ark was being transported stumbled and the ox-driver reached out

his hand to steady the Ark and prevent it from falling. God struck him dead! This day designed to honor and please God abruptly ended with an act of Divine judgment. What went wrong?

Certainly Uzzah, the ox-driver, meant well. He only intended to help, but God had decreed that no one but priests could touch the Ark. Uzzah was not a priest so his attempt to help actually violated God's clear command. Uzzah ended up in this situation because of a decision David made earlier. David had decided to transport the Ark on a cart. It was a new cart (verse 3). Maybe even a specially built cart. Maybe it was made of the finest lumber, with the greatest care. But it was still a cart. According to God's command, however, the Ark of God was only to be transported on poles on the shoulders of the Kohathites – a specific Levite family (Numbers 4:5-6, 15). Even though they carried the Ark, the Kohathites were not allowed to touch it on pain of death (Numbers 4:17-20). David's decision to by-

pass God's command by transporting the Ark on a cart created the circumstances that led to poor Uzzah's death.

David was overcome with fear, and even a little anger at God (verse 8), but the fault was his. He had tried to do the right thing in the wrong way. Even though he desired to honor God by returning the Ark to Jerusalem, he dishonored Him by disobeying His guidelines about how to move the Ark.

How are you pursuing good goals in your life? Are you seeking to accomplish good in the way God says you are to do it, or are you devising your own ways? As David so painfully discovered, God's blessing rests only on God's purposes done God's way. May God help us to honor Him not only with what we do, but how we do it.

God bless you,
Pastor James

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CORPORATE PRAYER
TUE @ 7 PM

MAY 17

Join us via Zoom video
Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP
FRI @ 6:45 PM

MAY 20

In-person at church.
For teens ages 13 and over

EVENING SERVICE
1st & 3rd
SUN @ 6 PM

JUN 5

Join us in-person at church

KIDZONE & NURSERY
SUN @ 11 AM

MAY 22

These ministries are available every Sunday during the morning service
Kidzone for ages 6-12 yrs. old.

GROWTH GROUPS
THU & FRI @ 7 PM

BEGIN JUN 9 & 10

In-person at church.
Plan to attend one convenient to you.
sign-up on our website or the Info. Ctr.

WORSHIP SERVICE
SUN @ 11 AM

MAY 22

In-person service & livestream
Livestreaming is only on Facebook and our church's website.

LET LOVE BE WITHOUT HYPOCRISY. ABHOR WHAT IS EVIL. CLING TO WHAT IS

Good.
ROMANS 12:9



- **Growth Groups begin June 9 & 10.** Sign up at the Information Center or online to attend one convenient to you.
- **All Nursery and Kidzone workers** are reminded to attend **Virtual Training each Monday night in May from 6-7:30 pm.** Others interested in children's ministry are also welcome!
- There are about 9 Pregnancy Resource baby bottles outstanding. If you have an empty one, please return it asap. No guilt. No shame. We just don't want to lose the bottles.
- Ladies Meeting May 28, 10:30 am
- **VBS is coming soon!** Members, would you prayerfully consider serving in this exciting ministry to children during the week of **July 18 -22, 2022 from 9:30am - 12:30pm** each day? The volunteer sign-up sheet is located at the Information Center.
- Bible Reading plans for 2022 are now available at the Information Center. Also, read Pastor Jimmie's daily blog on the readings via the link on our website.

QUICK TIPS ON WAYS TO GIVE YOUR OFFERING

Traditional during the Sunday morning service, with a check by mail or through our secured website. Please remember to hit "SAVE" after you give if you did not set up an account so the church can have a record of who gave for tax purposes. Thank you!