

For the week of January 31, 2016
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Arms Wide Open

24th week in the series "A Life of Passion: The Story of David."

2 Samuel 6:1-23

David is finally king over all Israel. One of his first thoughts is to center the people of Israel around the God of Israel by returning the ark to the nation's capitol. But, it turns out the presence of God can lead to vastly differently responses with significant consequences. In this story, four different responses to God force us to ask the question: How do we respond to God?

Discussion Questions:

1. How have you seen the presence of God result in the blessing of God? When have you missed out on one or the other?
2. In what ways are you like Uzzah in this story? How do you try to manage God and rely on your competence?
3. In what ways are you like David when he is afraid of the ark and pushes the presence of God away? Are you worried about where following God will actually lead you?
4. How are you like Michal in this story, whose jealousy and pride causes her to isolate herself from God and His people?
5. What would it look like for you to worship God in freedom and abandon as David did in this story when he danced before the ark?