

# Undignified

Undignified - appearing foolish

## **2 Samuel 6:12 (NKJV)**

Now it was told King David, saying, "The Lord has **blessed** the house of Obed-Edom and all that belongs to him, **because of the ark of God.**" So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with gladness.

A little backstory for you...David had already set out to bring the ark back to Jerusalem once. This ark of the covenant was the place where the presence of God rested.

David tried to bring the presence of God back to God's holy city. But David was careless with God's presence. He had it transported incorrectly and because of that, it began to fall over, Uzzah touched it and struck him dead.

Now before you think God is the bad guy...David didn't follow the rules for transporting the ark. And neither did Uzzah. Even though it seemed like a good idea to save the ark, Uzzah directly violated the law by touching it.

So because David was not reverent with God's presence, Uzzah was killed and David was scared. He took the ark to Obed-Edom. Then David gets word that God's presence is blessing Obed-Edom...and this is where we pick up the story..David bringing the ark home with gladness!

***The Lord has blessed \_\_\_\_\_ because of His presence!***

Why does He bless you? Because of His presence! Just because He's here!

You've heard me say that God rewards obedience but He blesses just because He's present.

Reward is something of value given in return for an act. Blessing is supernatural aid/assistance!

Do you see why David was bringing the ark back home with gladness?

## **2 Samuel 6:13 (NKJV)**

And so it was, when those bearing the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, that he sacrificed oxen and fatted sheep.

This time around, David finds the proper way to transport the ark...the way God said to do it...not on a cart but on poles resting on the shoulders of the priests.

This symbolizes the fact that God's presence is to be carried by **people** not things! Amen?

I want you to see where worship begins...they get 6 steps...they aren't home, they are just outside of Obed-Edom's house...But there they are carrying the presence of God and they only get 6 steps before David stops to give thanks!

David offers a sacrifice to the Lord to honor His presence and thank Him for it. Worship always begins with a heart of thanksgiving!

Aren't you thankful for His presence? Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom! In His presence there is fullness of joy!

David's people carry God's presence with gladness. He stops to recognize the blessing of His presence and thanks the Lord for it...

### **2 Samuel 6:14-15 (NKJV)**

Then David danced before the Lord with all his might; and David was wearing a linen ephod. 15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.

God's presence brought David so much joy that he danced before the Lord.

You might be thinking "what's the big deal?". The big deal is that this Hebrew word for dance is karar which means whirling. David was spinning around and doing it with all his might!

Men did not do this! It was normal for women to do...but not men...and certainly not the king!

What's even more shocking is that it says David was wearing a linen ephod. Now most of us probably know this as David almost dancing naked but it doesn't say ONLY and ephod, in fact in 1 Chronicles it mentions other garments. But what's key is that David apparently removed his royal robes to dance before the Lord.

Whatever he is wearing is not really the issue...it's that he stripped off his royalty to dance for Jesus! Because even though David was a king, we're all the same in the eyes of God.

God doesn't care about your title when you worship. It's not about who you are but who He is!

And with this worship...David whirling around with everything he's got, in his normal people clothes, he finds himself in this place of humility...just enjoying the presence of the Living God!

### **WHAT HAPPENED?**

Everyone joined in worship! There was shouting and the sound of the trumpet!

They began to worship like a king...a king who knew the King of kings and loved His presence more than dignity, more than title, more than reputation, more than people's side eye....

David took this opportunity to worship the Lord and show that even the king is just a man in the presence of God! No matter what people thought, no matter what was acceptable or normal. It was like only he and Jesus were present...and it gave freedom to everyone else to worship!

With his actions, David says "it's OK to worship the Lord in whatever way you feel like!"

And they continued worshipping all the way to Jerusalem. (6 miles? 12 miles?) Can you imagine worshipping like you just don't care down the highway from here to Altamont or Beecher City?

### **2 Samuel 6:16 (NKJV)**

Now as the ark of the Lord came into the City of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David leaping and whirling before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

Michal is David's wife...but the scripture describes her as **Saul's daughter**. Ever heard one parent tell the other "she's your daughter!"? What's that mean? She's acting just like YOU!

As David is coming with God's presence, Michal acts just like her father. Her father was a very prideful man. And he did not have much spiritual discernment. He was a natural thinker, practical, logical. And his pride cost him everything.

Michal acts in the pride of her father (who she used to belong to) instead of the humility of her husband (who she now belongs to). In this moment she sees with her eyes, not with her spirit and she abandons who she is for who she was.

Church this is a trap the enemy uses to get you stuck in religion. Stuck in how it "should be" or "used to be". When true worship is spirit led...it's not intellectual! You shouldn't have to THINK about how to worship.

David didn't...that's why he flung off the king's robes!

But his wife didn't get it...and she despised him in her heart! She lost respect for him and thought he was a disgrace.

### **2 Samuel 6:17 (NKJV)**

So they brought the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it. Then David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord.

Then he blessed the people, gave them all bread, meat, and cake, and everyone went home.

### **2 Samuel 6:20 (NKJV)**

Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How glorious was the king of Israel today, uncovering himself today in the eyes of the maids of his servants, as one of the base fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!"

David comes home to bless his household...knowing the presence of God is here...knowing the blessing that comes with the presence. But Michal didn't even give David the chance.

She meets him outside with sarcasm..."How glorious was the king of Israel today, uncovering himself today in the eyes of the maids of his servants, as one of the base fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!"

"I saw what you did...you looked foolish. You're the king! You acted shamelessly like a regular guy. What a disgrace!"

Church can I tell you that when you worship Jesus...when you come with gladness, when you thank Him just because He's here, when you are willing to lay down every title and expectation and get so lost in the Holy Spirit that it's like no one else is in the room....somebody is going to look at you and think you're crazy...like Michal.

Who looked with her natural eyes...she didn't see the heart of worship, nor did she see her husband as he was...full of joy with blessing on his lips...and her attitude prevented the blessing...David's house was not blessed at that time (although it was later)

Did you catch that church? Here attitude prevented the blessing. The supernatural aid.

See there's so many times where people come to church and without gladness, without thanksgiving, without a heart of worship and blessing...but instead one of judgement with their walls up...thinking natural thoughts...they don't experience the blessing because they aren't immersed in His presence!

### **2 Samuel 6:21 (NKJV)**

So David said to Michal, "It was before the Lord, who chose me instead of your father and all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the Lord, over Israel. Therefore I will play music before the Lord.

God chose me! He appointed me and anointed me. I did this for Him because He's worthy!

Can anybody here testify that Jesus chose you? That the Holy Spirit chased you down and turned your life around? Look at what He's done for you! It's a big deal!

The fact that He's with you is all the reason you need to celebrate!

David says not only will I worship the Lord...

**2 Samuel 6:22 (NKJV)**

And I will be even more undignified than this, and will be humble in my own sight. But as for the maidservants of whom you have spoken, by them I will be held in honor.”

It's like David said, “oh you ain't seen nothing yet!”

***“I will be even more undignified than this”***

You think taking off the royal robes was humiliating? You think my dancing was embarrassing? You think my praise was too loud? That what I was doing will damage my reputation?

I'm getting ready to get undignified!

Don't start thinking we're gonna let you dance in your underwear here...but hear the heart of a king here...by undignified he means going to make himself so small, of such little account...it's going to appear foolish...to the world...

But WHEN HE DOES...God's presence will be even greater!

**John 3:30-31 (NKJV)**

He must increase, but I must decrease. 31 He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.

**WHO AM I...COMPARED TO THE LORD?**

What is my life without His presence...I'm not worthy but He still calls me friend. And when I make less of myself in worship...when I abandon my natural thoughts and feelings and I come with gladness, thanksgiving, and dance, sing, shout...

the lower I get in earthly standing...the greater the presence...

And the greater the presence...the greater the blessing...

And the greater the blessing...the greater things I can do for the kingdom

And the greater things I can do for the kingdom...the greater Jesus is glorified!

And it's all to Him I owe my life for HE has SAVED ME!  
He has given me purpose, gladness, value!

We've got to be more exposed before the Lord...as in bearing our heart before Him.

Can I tell you that your worship reflects your heart?

You can't be concerned with your dignity. The Pharisees were concerned with their dignity. But they are not our example...Jesus is! And He was concerned with responding to His Father's voice regardless of what it meant for His dignity.

## **As the church of Jesus Christ, we spend far too much time caring about what we look like to the world.**

It's time to get undignified and worship like a king.

### **Revelation 1:6 (NKJV)**

and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

You are a king...but He's the King of kings...the one we bow before, the one we worship.

His presence changes atmospheres. We are so blessed to have it...

Do you have gladness? Thanksgiving? Ready to disrobe and get real with God? It's time to get undignified...

Worship is not just what we do here in this place together...it's not just the singing and dancing...it's being a self humbler and Christ exalter in every aspect of our lives.

But this is the training ground...if you can't learn to worship Him freely with no regard to what others think here in this place...a safe place...with less (I hope) judgement from others...how will you do it out there?

Let your worship suher in the very presence of the Living God.

**HOLY SPIRIT COME! YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!**