

1 & 2 SAMUEL

THE LIFE OF DAVID



Sermon Outline

Key verses

Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might,¹⁵ while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

2 Samuel 6:14-15

David didn't dance to show off (he danced in response to God showing up)

1. God's Presence Must Be Approached God's Way

I hate, I despise your religious feasts; I cannot stand your assemblies.²² Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them...

²³ Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps.

Amos 5:21-23

2. God's Presence Produces Joyful Worship

You fill me with joy in your presence.

Psalms 16:11

3. God's Presence Frees Us from Needing Human Approval

Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Galatians 1:10

DAVID DANCES BEFORE THE LORD

FEBRUARY 15
DISCUSSION GUIDE

Opening Thought

Real worship isn't about looking impressive — it's about responding to God's presence. When we truly grasp who God is and what he's done, dignity often gives way to joy, humility, and freedom. Just like David danced as the ark of the covenant came into Jerusalem, we ought to *"praise him for his acts of power and surpassing greatness."* (Psalm 150:2)

Ice breaker

- Share about something that you got excited about — a game, concert, wedding, Olympics, etc. — where you probably didn't look very "dignified?"

Dig Deeper

- In 2 Samuel 6, Uzzah died as a result of touching the Ark of the Covenant. Why do you think God took the improper handling of the ark so seriously? What does this teach us about approaching God?
- Although the Lord struck down Uzzah, he blessed the house of Obed-Edom (v. 10-11). What does this say about inviting the Lord into our homes?
- What was Michal's response? Why do you think she felt this way?
- Read Psalm 150. What stands out to you?
- John shared three truths this morning. Which one do you sense the Lord is asking you to grow in right now?
- Have you ever hesitated to express your faith openly because of what others might think? What helped overcome that?
- Scripture describes believers worshipping God forever (see Revelation). How does that future hope affect how you worship now?

Closing

God isn't looking for polished performances — he's looking for hearts that delight in him. This week, worry less about appearances and more about presence. Worship freely, obey faithfully, and remember: you're not showing off — you're responding to God showing up.