

Potholes

Maneuvering the **Potholes** of Life

2 Samuel 6:1-22

2 Samuel 6:1

David again brought together
out of Israel chosen men, thirty
thousand in all.

2 Samuel 6:2

He and all his men set out from Baalah of Judah to bring up from there the **ark of God**, which is called by the Name, the name of the Lord Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim that are on the ark.

2 Samuel 6:3

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

2 Samuel 6:4

with the ark of God on it, and Ahio
was walking in front of it.

2 Samuel 6:5

David and the whole house of Israel were celebrating with all their might before the Lord, with songs and with harps, lyres, tambourines, sistrums and cymbals.

2 Samuel 6:6

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

1. Decide **one pothole** won't
ruin my **whole** life.

2 Samuel 6:7-9

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The Lord's anger burned against Uzzah
because of his irreverent act;
therefore God struck him down and he
died there beside the ark of God.

2 Samuel 6:8

Then David was **angry** because the **Lord's wrath** had broken out against Uzzah, and to this day that place is called Perez Uzzah.

2 Samuel 6:9

David was **afraid** of the Lord that day
and said, “**How can the ark of the Lord
ever come to me?**”

2. Decide to not **focus** on
the pothole.

2 Samuel 6:10-11

2 Samuel 6:10

He was **not willing to take the ark of the Lord to be with him** in the City of David. Instead, he took it aside to the house of **Obed-Edom** the Gittite.

2 Samuel 6:11

The ark of the Lord **remained** in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for **three months**, and the **Lord blessed him and his entire household.**

3. Decide to get your **joy** back.

2 Samuel 6:12-15

2 Samuel 6:12a

Now King David was told, “The Lord has **blessed** the household of **Obed-Edom and everything he has,** because of the **ark of God.**”

2 Samuel 6:12b

So **David went down** and brought up
the ark of God **from the house of**
Obed-Edom to the City of David with
rejoicing.

2 Samuel 6:13-14

When those who were carrying the ark of the Lord had taken **six steps**, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf.

¹⁴ David, wearing a linen ephod, **danced** before the Lord with **all his might**,

2 Samuel 6:15

while he and the entire house of Israel
brought up the ark of the Lord with
shouts and the sound of trumpets.

4. Decide everyone **won't**
celebrate your victories.

2 Samuel 6:16

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As the ark of the Lord was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David **leaping and dancing** before the Lord, **she despised him in her heart.**

5. Decide to **share** your pothole victories with others.

2 Samuel 6:17-19

2 Samuel 6:17

They brought the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the LORD.

2 Samuel 6:18

After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he **blessed the people** in the **name of the Lord Almighty**.

2 Samuel 6:19

Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to **each person** in the whole crowd of Israelites, **both men and women**. And all the people went to their homes.

6. Decide no pothole will ever
separate me from God's
love.

2 Samuel 6:20-22

2 Samuel 6:20a

When David returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said,

2 Samuel 6:20b

“How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, disrobing in the sight of the slave girls of his servants as **any vulgar fellow would!**”

2 Samuel 6:21

David said to Michal, “It was **before the Lord**, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the Lord’s people Israel—I **will celebrate before the Lord**.

2 Samuel 6:22

I will become **even more undignified** than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes. But by these slave girls you spoke of, I will be held in honor.”

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Greater is **Jesus**
Than All My **Potholes**