

*Recap of 12/14/25 message by Pastor Joe Ricchuiti
("The God Who Will Not be Taken Lightly") 2 Samuel 6:1-23:*

- 1. David has made Jerusalem the political center of Israel. And he now wants to make it the religious center by moving the Ark to Jerusalem. The government and worship would be centralized in Jerusalem.*
- 2. The Ark of the Covenant, more than any other furnishing in the tabernacle, represented God's presence with His people, Israel, thus David wants to bring the ark to Jerusalem.*
- 3. His first attempt was unsuccessful and cost a man's life because David failed to inquire about the Lord through His Word about how to move the ark. Though his preparation was extensive, it lacked one important ingredient, obedience.*
- 4. If we are to be successful in our Christian life, worship and service we must begin with obedience to the Lord, not just good intentions.*
- 5. Failure caused David to seek the Lord (as it does with us) and it is then that he was able to successfully move the ark to Jerusalem.*
- 6. Some lessons from 2 Samuel 6:1-23: God and His Word are not to be taken lightly.; Doing things God's way brings God's blessing.; God uses crises to get our attention; we ignore God's Word at our peril.*
- 7. "It is still a temptation for God's people to suppose that He is at their beck and call, and that His thinking is sure to correspond with their thinking." (Payne)*
- 8. "The sequence is important. There was a disaster. David was angry and frightened. But he went home and searched for the Scriptures. God's Word offers more than comfort. It provides correction and guidance. Let's look there before we act and avoid the king of disaster that confused David.*