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Joyful Reverence

from our series, *Powerful: Stories from 1 & 2 Samuel*

Warmup: *What is one thing you've been trusted to handle that made you think, "I really don't want to mess this up?*"

READ 2 Samuel 6:1-15, 2 Samuel 5:17-22

- Why was the Ark of God so important?
    - Why was it significant to the people of Israel?
- Compare David's communication with the LORD in these two passages. What differences do you notice? Why do you think David responded differently in each situation?
- What does David do differently the second time as he brings the ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem?

REFLECT

- The first time David tried to transport the ark, he overlooked God's instruction and chose convenience by placing the ark of God on an ox cart. What difference does this make in terms of accomplishing the task, and in revering the name of God?
- When have you put much time and effort in "doing something for God" instead of asking for His direction and listening?
- In the sermon, a major theme was: God's power shows up in reverence for His name. When have you experienced this truth?
    - Treasure hunt: take 3 minutes to identify a Scripture passage in the Old or New Testament that supports this truth—God's power shows up in reverence for His name.

RESPOND

- Spend one minute in silence asking God how to reveal one way to grow in reverence for His name in this week.
- As a Life Group, brainstorm ways to demonstrate reverence for the LORD during worship services. Which one will you intentionally implement next Sunday?
- Whether in private worship or worshiping with the body of Christ, how do you desire the Holy Spirit to work in your heart?
- Pray with another person in your Life Group asking the Holy Spirit to cultivate a heart that is humble, surrendered, and responsive to His leading.