

Confronted by Calvary Part 3: Every 6 Steps

Discussion Guide – April 6, 2025

Now David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. 2 And David departed from Baale-judah, with all the people who were with him, to bring up from there the ark of God which is called by the Name, the very name of the Lord of armies who is enthroned above the cherubim. 3 They had mounted the ark of God on a new cart and moved it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were leading the new cart. 4 So they brought it with the ark of God from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill; and Ahio was walking ahead of the ark. 5 Meanwhile, David and all the house of Israel were celebrating before the Lord with all kinds of instruments made of juniper wood, and with lyres, harps, tambourines, castanets, and cymbals. 6 But when they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out toward the ark of God and took hold of it, because the oxen nearly overturned it. 7 And the anger of the Lord burned against Uzzah, and God struck him down there for his irreverence; and he died there by the ark of God. 8 Then David became angry because [f]of the Lord's outburst against Uzzah; and that place has been called Perez-uzzah to this day. 9 So David was afraid of the Lord that day; and he said, "How can the ark of the Lord come to me?" 10 And David was unwilling to move the ark of the Lord into the city of David with him; but David took it aside to the house of Obed-edom, the Gittite. 11 The ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite for three months, and the Lord blessed Obed-edom and all his household. 12 Now it was reported to King David, saying, "The Lord has blessed the house of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, on account of the ark of God." So David went and brought the ark of God up from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with joy. 13 And so it was, that each time those carrying the ark of the Lord marched six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened steer. 14 And David was dancing before the Lord with all his strength, and David was wearing a linen ephod. 15 So David and all the house of Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with joyful shouting and the sound of the trumpet.

2 Samuel 6:1-15

Quotes:

"A dog says 'You feed me, you pet me, you love me. You must be God.' A cat thinks: 'You feed me, you pet me, you love me. I must be God.'" Skye Jethani

"In our worship, we do not just praise God for what he's done for us, but we're actively laying down our wills, our desires, the path of convenience in order to properly honour the God revealed." - Pastor Steve

Discussion Questions

1. Where do you see the tension in your own life between convenience and obedience when it comes to following Jesus? Can you think of an area where you've been tempted to worship or follow God on your own terms rather than his?
2. How do you tend to approach God in worship? Be honest: Do you ever catch yourself treating God like a "good luck charm" or someone who exists to bless your plans? What might it look like to reorient your worship around God's holiness instead of your expectations?
3. David learned that reverence and obedience are costly and inconvenient. What's one "every six steps" kind of discipline or sacrifice you might need to build into your spiritual life—something slow, inconvenient, but deeply intentional?
4. Pastor Steve drew a contrast between "consumer faith" and "cruciform faith." What does cruciform faith look like in everyday life? How can we tell when we've slipped back into a more self-centred or transactional relationship with God?
5. What does "taking up your cross" mean in your context right now? What part of your life is Jesus inviting you to surrender in order to make him—not yourself—the centre?