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Scripture

- David again brought together out of Israel chosen men, *thirty thousand in all.* (2 Samuel 6:1 NIV)
- 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 6:2 NIV)

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Scripture

- They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. (2 Samuel 6:3 NIV)
- *Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it.* (2 Samuel 6:4 NIV)

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Scripture

- 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 6:5 NIV)



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Scripture

- *When they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, **Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled.** (2 Samuel 6:6 NIV)*
- *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 6:7 NIV)*
- *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 6:8 NIV)*

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Scripture

- *David was **afraid of the LORD** that day and said, "How can the ark of the LORD ever come to me?" (2 Samuel 6:9 NIV)*
- *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 6:10 NIV)*
- *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.** (2 Samuel 6:11 NIV)*

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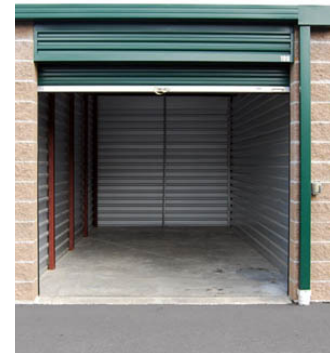
- In the past 50 years, the average size of the American home has **tripled!**
- However, more and more people seem to have difficulty storing their stuff than ever before.
- Even though many people now have two-car or even three-car garages.
- In fact, **residential streets** today have become overly crowded because people have to park their cars on the streets because their garages are so filled with **stuff.**



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- This is why **1 out of 10 Americans** rent **off-site storage**, and why there are upward of 50,000 storage facilities, and 7.3 square feet of storage space per every man, woman and child in America.
- And then, inevitably, we need to **move the stuff in the storage space.**
- How can we move our stuff?
- Let's count the ways: pods or containers, u-drive trucks, bus, car, overhead containers, air, and ship.



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- The moving industry is changing before our eyes.
- It seems like almost every day we hear about **new startups** that offer easier, cheaper and more innovative ways to move.
- Similar to what **Amazon** did with the publishing industry and then with retail, and the impact **Uber** is having on the taxicab industry, entrepreneurs are aiming to disrupt the moving industry as well.



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- There is no place in America where the Moving Industry has undergone more radical change than right here in **Lexington, Kentucky**.
- A couple of years ago **John Stossel** of Fox News featured a special “War Against the Little Guy,” where **Wildcat Moving** was highlighted as innovative in bring down the cost of moving our stuff.



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Introduction

- Today in Lexington, through deregulations cost for moving is now fairly cheap.
- Other start-ups include:
 - Two Men and a Truck
 - College Hunks Hauling
 - Little Guys Movers
 - 2 Dudes Moving, and
 - A-Plus Movers



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- What we move and the ways we choose to move are also in flux.
- For example, on-demand storage companies like **Clometbox** and **Clutter** give people the option to outsource their storage needs versus the traditional self-storage model.



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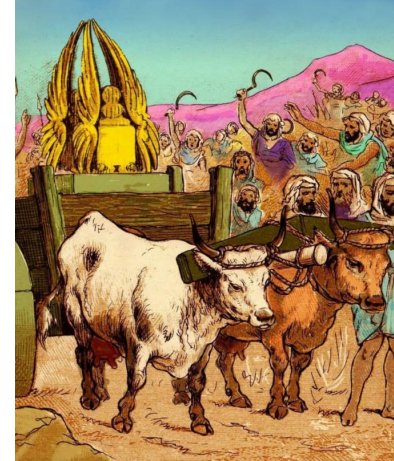
- These companies will pick up your stuff, take it away, and bring it back when you need it.
- There are also on-demand transportation and labor companies that specialize in small moves or delivering furniture bought at a local store or even via Craigslist.



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The Ark of God

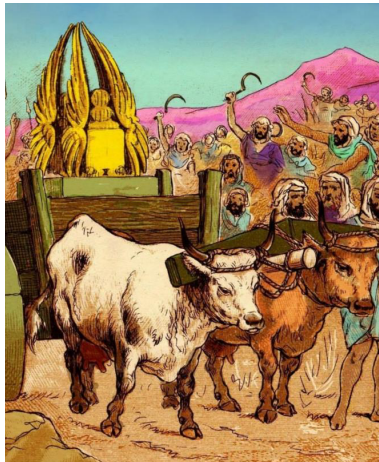
- King David once had a storage and a moving problem as well.
- Years earlier the Philistines had captured the ark of the Covenant and then ended up getting rid of it because it brought upon them pain and misery due to an outbreak of tumors.



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The Ark of God

- Placing it on a “new-cart” with two cows that have never been yoked, the ark of God was pulled along by the cows out of Philistine territory to **Beth Shemesh** in Israel.
- There the Israelites placed the Ark on a rock and offered sacrifices.



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The Ark of God

- However, no one put a guard around the Ark.
- Curiosity got the better of the people and they were tempted to take a look inside.
- *But God struck down some of the men of Beth Shemesh, putting seventy of them to death because they had looked into the ark of the LORD. (1 Samuel 6:19 NIV)*
- *“Who can stand in the presence of the LORD, this holy God? To whom will the ark go up from here?” (1 Samuel 6:20 NIV)*



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The Ark of God

- The men of Beth Shemesh messaged the people of Kiriath Jearim to come and take the Ark, which they did and placed it on a hill at Abinadab's house.
- There they consecrated Eleazar, Abinadab's son to guard the Ark of the Lord, where it stood for twenty years until David was king.



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Moving God

- Wanting to move the Ark to his new capital of Jerusalem, David assumed he could use a “cart” just like the Philistines used.
- However, at the threshing floor of Nacon, the oxen stumbled and Uzzah reached out to keep the Ark from falling off the cart.



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Moving God

- *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 6:7 NIV)
- *David was afraid of the LORD that day and said, “How can the ark of the LORD ever come to me?”* (2 Samuel 6:9 NIV)



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Uzzah's Death

- Why did Uzzah die?
- What was the “*irreverent act*” that so *provoked the Lord to anger*?
 1. According to the scriptures, *He put his hand on the ark.* (1 Chronicles 13:10)
 2. Also, David was transporting the ark on a cart rather than carrying it on the shoulders with poles as prescribed by the Law, and
 3. There was no evidence that Uzzah was a Kohathite Levite.
- The issue here is that despite both David's and Uzzah's good intentions they didn't honor the Lord's holiness and in doing so invoked His wrath.

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Mt. Sinai

- On the morning of the **third day** there was **thunder and lightning**, with a **thick cloud** over the mountain, and a **very loud trumpet blast**. **Everyone in the camp trembled.** (Exodus 19:16 NIV)
- **Mount Sinai** was covered with smoke, because the **LORD descended on it in fire**. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, the **whole mountain trembled violently**, and the **sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder.** (Exodus 19:18–19 NIV)
- The **LORD** descended to the top of Mount Sinai and called Moses to the top of the mountain. So Moses went up and the LORD said to him, “Go down and warn the people **so they do not force their way through to see the LORD and many of them perish**. Even the priests, who approach the LORD, must **consecrate themselves**, or the LORD will **break out against them.**” (Exodus 19:20–22 NIV)

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Important Point

- When we attempt to **move** God’s presence more into our lives, we might want to **pay more attention** to instruction.
- While **good intentions** are important they don’t necessarily help us if we don’t **faithfully follow** God’s word.
- David learned quickly that there is a **right way** and a **wrong way** of doing things.
- Sometimes, our **motives** might be pure and our **intentions honorable**, but the **methodology** leaves something to be desired.

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Important Point

- Below are **examples** of poor technique . . .
 - We’re impatient when patience is needed;
 - We’re unkind when kindness would be better;
 - We’re stubborn when flexibility is needed;
 - We’re more inclined to talk when listening is critical, and
 - We’re unforgiving when letting go of grudges will set us free.

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Application

- I personally don't know of any Christian who doesn't enjoy being in God's presence.
- It is such a special place that being in it can make all our problems and troubles seem very small.
- Nevertheless, some Christians struggle with having God's presence in their lives.
- If we are not ashamed to admit it, it could be something as simple as not setting apart God as holy in our lives.

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Outside Looking In

- The truth of the matter is we are most apt to grieve the Holy Spirit, when we ignore God's Word.
- Due to self-deception, the Laodicean church had moved Jesus outside where he had to knock on the door just to get their attention and let them know he was on the outside, instead of on the inside.
- Jesus goes on and tells them, "*If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.*" (Revelation 3:20 NIV)

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Moving God's Presence

So then, how do we open the door and let Jesus come in, where His presences fills our lives.

- Examine the way you are treating the Lord.
- God is a Holy God and must be handled with reverence, respect, if not healthy fear.
- Recognize that God chose you and not the other way around. **He wants to have a relationship with us.**
- His word exists so that we who are unholy and have a relationship with a holy God.

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Conclusion

- Jesus replied, "*If anyone loves me, he will **obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.***" (John 14:23 NIV)
- Therefore, let us give God our devoted respect and pay attention to His word and through the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation apply it to our lives.
- If we do, we will have his presence, and if we have His presence, we can surely face tomorrow with confidence.
- So then, let us honor God's presence in our lives and be Holy as He is Holy.

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Our Destiny

- *And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. (Revelation 21:3 NIV)*
- *They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. **He will wipe every tear from their eyes.** (Revelation 21:4 NIV)*