

LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE **OLD TESTAMENT**

# **AFTER THE OX CART**

## HOW TO STAND CORRECTED



**2 SAMUEL 6**

David didn't always follow  
directions the first time,



**but he knew how to  
stand corrected.**

# THE ARK

represented



**GOD'S PRESENCE**

1 CHRONICLES 28:2



# THE ARK

LOST & FOUND & LEFT



1 SAMUEL 4 - 6



# **GOOD INTENTIONS, BAD FORM**

## **[2 SAMUEL 6:1-11]**



# **WHAT WENT WRONG?**

**GOD GAVE SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS:  
THE ARK WAS NOT TO BE TOUCHED**



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# GENESIS 4:6-7

Then the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you so angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it.”



# **GOOD INTENTIONS, BAD FORM**

**[2 SAMUEL 6:1-11]**



It matters **how** we carry  
out a God-approved  
goal. Glorifying God is  
a matter of





## **CORRECTING “OX-CART RELIGION”**

**“It’s a more formal way to do it.”**



## **CORRECTING “OX-CART RELIGION”**

**“Others used an ox cart and God was fine with it.”**



## **CORRECTING “OX-CART RELIGION”**

**“God didn’t say NOT to use an ox cart.”**





# EXODUS 25:12-15

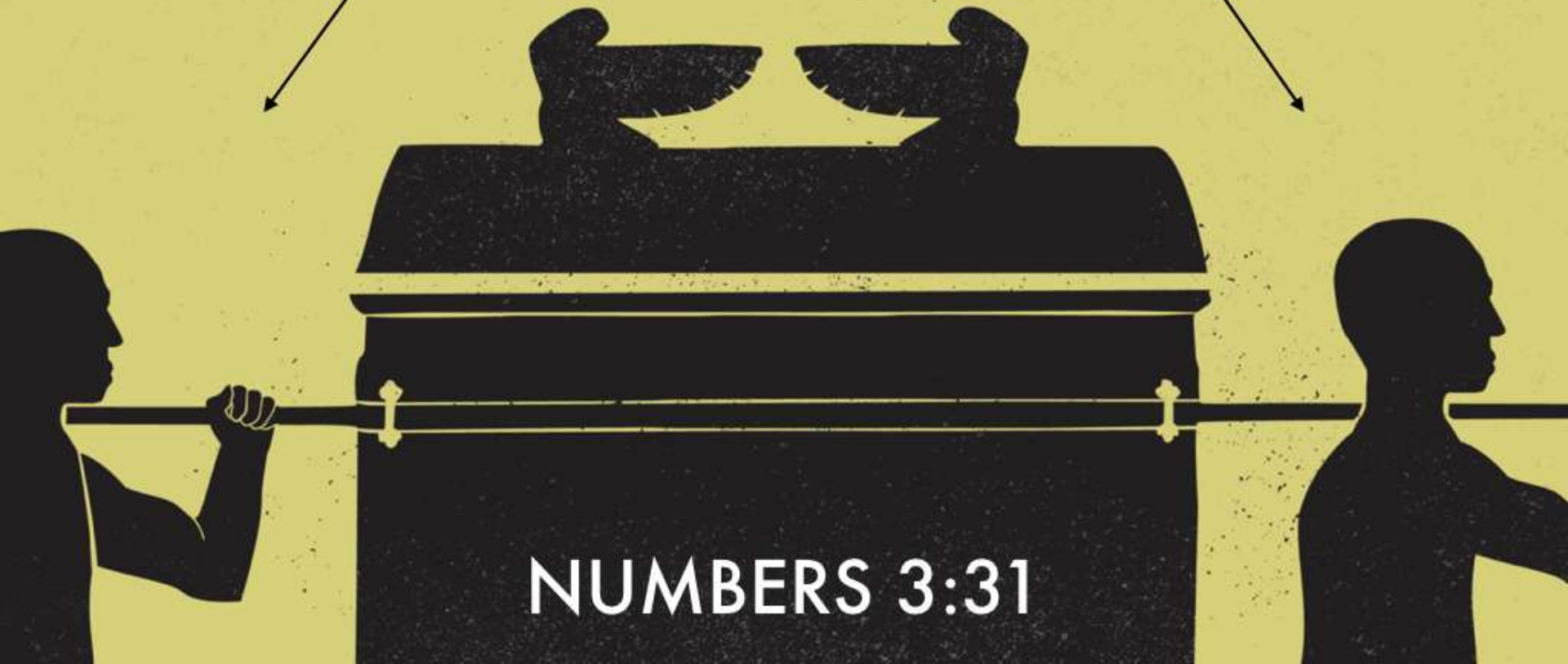
“And you shall cast four gold rings for it, and fasten them on its four feet, and two rings shall be on one side of it and two rings on the other side of it. And you shall make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold.



# EXODUS 25:12-15

“And you shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, **to carry the ark with them.** The poles shall remain in the rings of the ark; they shall not be removed from it.”

# KOHATHITES



NUMBERS 3:31





# 1 CHRONICLES 15:2

Then David said, “No one is to carry the ark of God but the Levites; for the Lord chose them to carry the ark of God, and to minister to Him forever.”





# 1 CHRONICLES 15:13-15

“Because you did not carry it at the first, the Lord our God made an outburst on us, for we did not seek Him **according to the ordinance.**”



# 1 CHRONICLES 15:13-15

So the priests and the Levites consecrated themselves to bring up the ark of the Lord God of Israel. And the sons of the Levites carried the ark of God on their shoulders, with the poles thereon as Moses had commanded according to the word of the Lord.

# IT MATTERS **HOW**



**RIGHT LEADERS**

**RIGHT MEANS**

**RIGHT MUSIC**





## **CORRECTING “OX-CART RELIGION”**

**“An ox cart is better & easier.”**



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# DEUTERONOMY 4:2

“You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God, which I commanded you.”



# COLOSSIANS 3:17

And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.



# 1 PETER 4:11

Whoever speaks, let him speak, as it were, the utterances of God ...

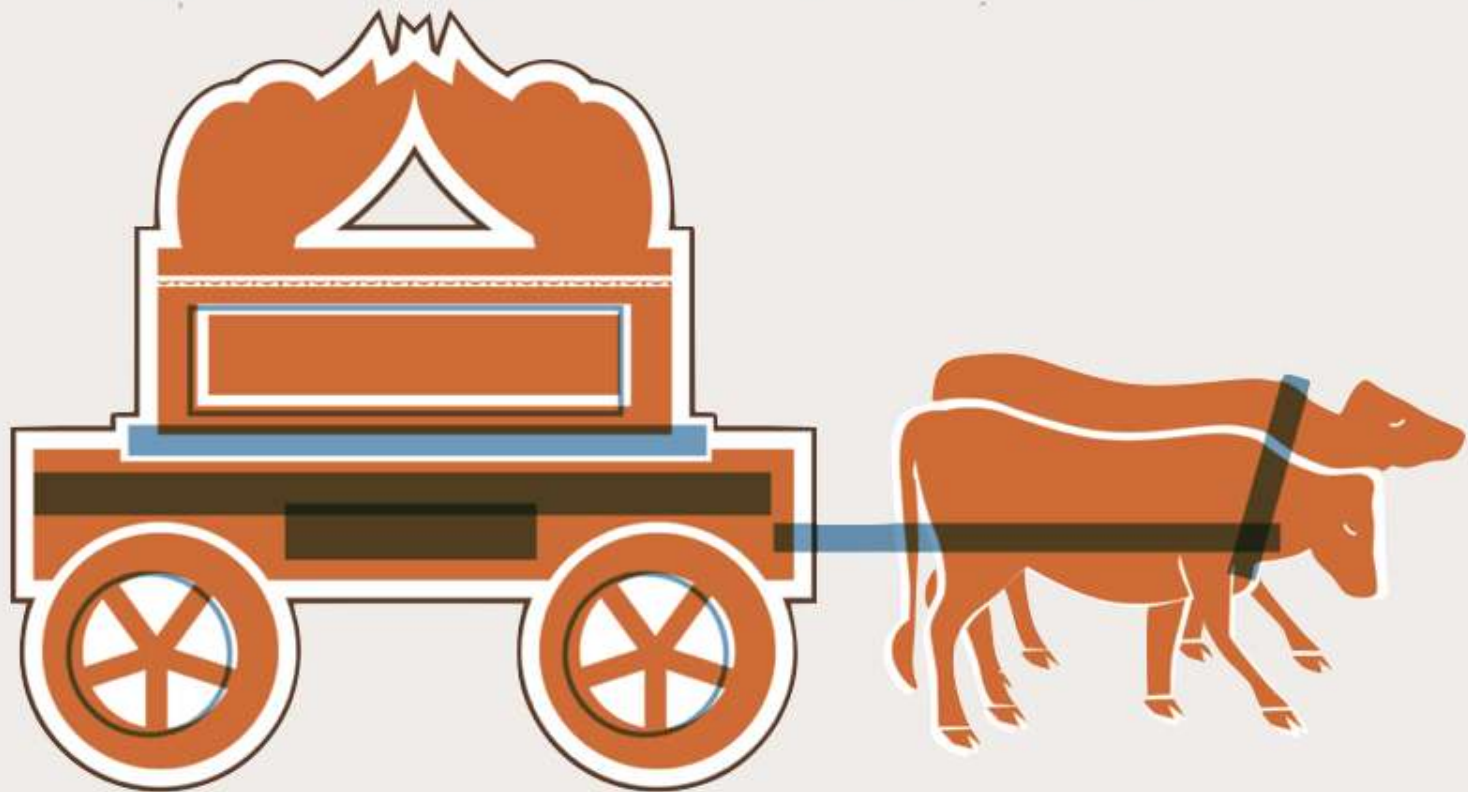




# ROMANS 11:34

“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?”

**FROM HEAVEN or from men?**





**“What do you expect us to do at this point?”**





“What do you expect us to do at this point?”

**LET IT FALL.**

GOOD FORM  
**AND**  
GOOD SPIRIT



2 SAMUEL 6:12-23

Right worship is  
structured,  
*but it must not be  
heartless.*



2 SAMUEL 6:12-23



Serve God with  
**warmth & joy,**  
not sidetracked  
by bitterness.



2 SAMUEL 6:12-23



**Good intentions can't make wrong religion right.**

Good intentions should  
help us, when we see that  
we are wrong,



**to stand corrected &  
follow God's way.**



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**warmth & joy,**  
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# GOD'S WAY



2 SAMUEL 6