

PERSONAL REFLECTION

The SHADOW KING

2 Samuel 6
Dangerous God

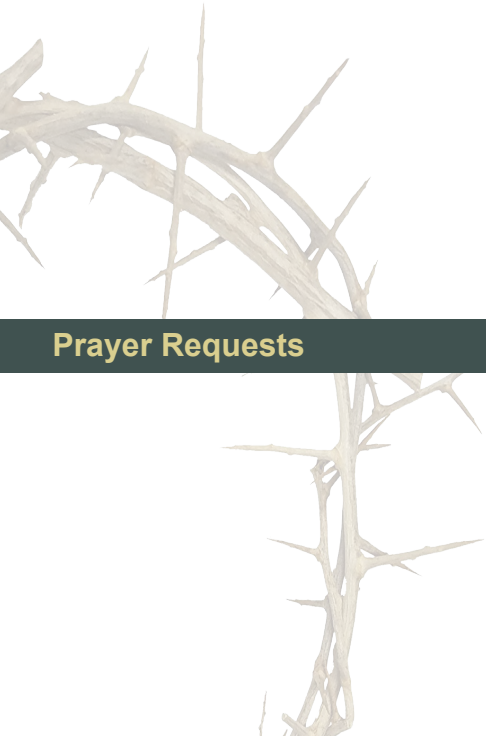
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Personal Reflection Question

READ Psalm 145. Read this Psalm slowly and out loud, all the while taking notice of the direction of David's tone. What do you notice is at the center of his affection? Then read the Psalm again, slowly, and out loud, this time with your *mirror Bible*. Do you feel the same way as David? Is the direction of your affection going the same way? Where are you challenged?



Prayer Requests

Weekly Bible Reading Plan

Used from the *READ SCRIPTURE* app. Available for both Android and Apple devices.

- January 28: Exodus 32-34 | Psalm 28
- January 29: Exodus 35-40 | Psalm 29
- January 30: Leviticus 1-4 | Psalm 30
- January 31: Leviticus 5-7 | Psalm 31
- February 1: Leviticus 8-10 | Psalm 32
- February 2: Leviticus 11-13 | Psalm 33
- February 3: Leviticus 14-15 | Psalm 34

Grab your copy of **The Shadow King** series introduction booklet from the lobby, or find it online at the livestream page of gatewaycrc.org!



2 Samuel 6: 6-22

THE PLAIN MAIN THING

- God is _____, but He is not _____
1 Samuel 8:19-20, 2 Samuel 5:19-20, 2 Samuel 6:1-7

THE SIN PROBLEM

- The punishment _____ is not more severe than the crime
Exodus 25:10-22, Numbers 4:20, 7:6-9, Deuteronomy 4:24

THE ULTIMATE QUESTION

- Before a Holy God, how can anyone _____ in his presence?
1 Samuel 6:20, 2 Samuel 6:9-13

BEFORE A HOLY GOD, HOW CAN ANYONE STAND IN HIS PRESENCE?

- Through _____
Exodus 12, 2 Samuel 6:13

HOW ,THEN, SHALL WE LIVE

- Worship the Lord with your _____, your _____, and your _____!
Hebrews 12:28-29, 2 Samuel 6:14-23
- Worship = to put the _____ of something on display

GETTING PRACTICAL - QUESTIONS ON WORSHIP

- In your worship, do you bring you _____ or your _____?
2 Samuel 6: 16
- Do you care more about _____ honour or _____?
2 Samuel 6: 20
- Whose opinion matters most to you - _____?
Deuteronomy 6, Psalm 134:2, 1 Timothy 2:8, 2 Samuel 6:21-22, Luke 7:47

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Which do you prefer, salty or sweet, treats?
2. What is the most out-of-character thing you've ever done?

QUICK REVIEW

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. This past weekend, Pastor Justin gave a definition of worship as "*Putting the worthiness of something on display.*" What do you think keeps us as Christians from displaying the worthiness of God to others?

SCRIPTURE REVIEW

READ 2 Samuel 6

1. What does this passage say about the character of God?
2. What does this passage say about fallen humanity and the world we are in?
3. Where does this passage specifically expose sin or unbelief in my own life? How does it specifically call me to change my thinking, redirect my affections, replace behaviors, and trust in my Savior?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. **READ 2 Samuel 6:5-7, Exodus 25:14, Numbers 7:9.** This certainly is a striking scene to come across in scripture. What was Uzzah's failure? How do you think King David failed here?
 - **READ Colossians 1:15-20.** Reflecting on Uzzah's tragic death, Tim Chester writes, "*God is not here for us, we are here for God.*" How do Paul's words and Chester's thought strike you?
 - **READ Psalm 145:8-9.** How do we reconcile David's words in this Psalm, with God's actions against Uzzah?
2. **READ 2 Samuel 6:12-13.** No one dies in the second move of the Ark of God. What is the difference between this move and the first attempt?
 - **READ 1 Chronicles 15:1-3, 13-15, 25-28.** A fuller picture of the second move of the Ark of God is recorded here. What is different about David's actions and leadership here? Why is this significant to the whole story?
3. **READ 2 Samuel 6:14-15, Colossians 3:22-24.** Is there a time in your life where you, or someone else you saw, served the Lord "*with all our might*" or "*with all our heart*"? What was that like?
 - As David's community here responded in corporate worship of God, how did the community around you the above moment respond?

TAKING IT HOME

READ 2 Samuel 6:20-22, Mark 10:43-45. As David shed his kingly robes, what might we need to adjust in our patterns of living that will reorient our worship directly to the Lord as opposed to whatever earthly distraction we might have? Whose audience are you working or striving for, earthly or heavenly?