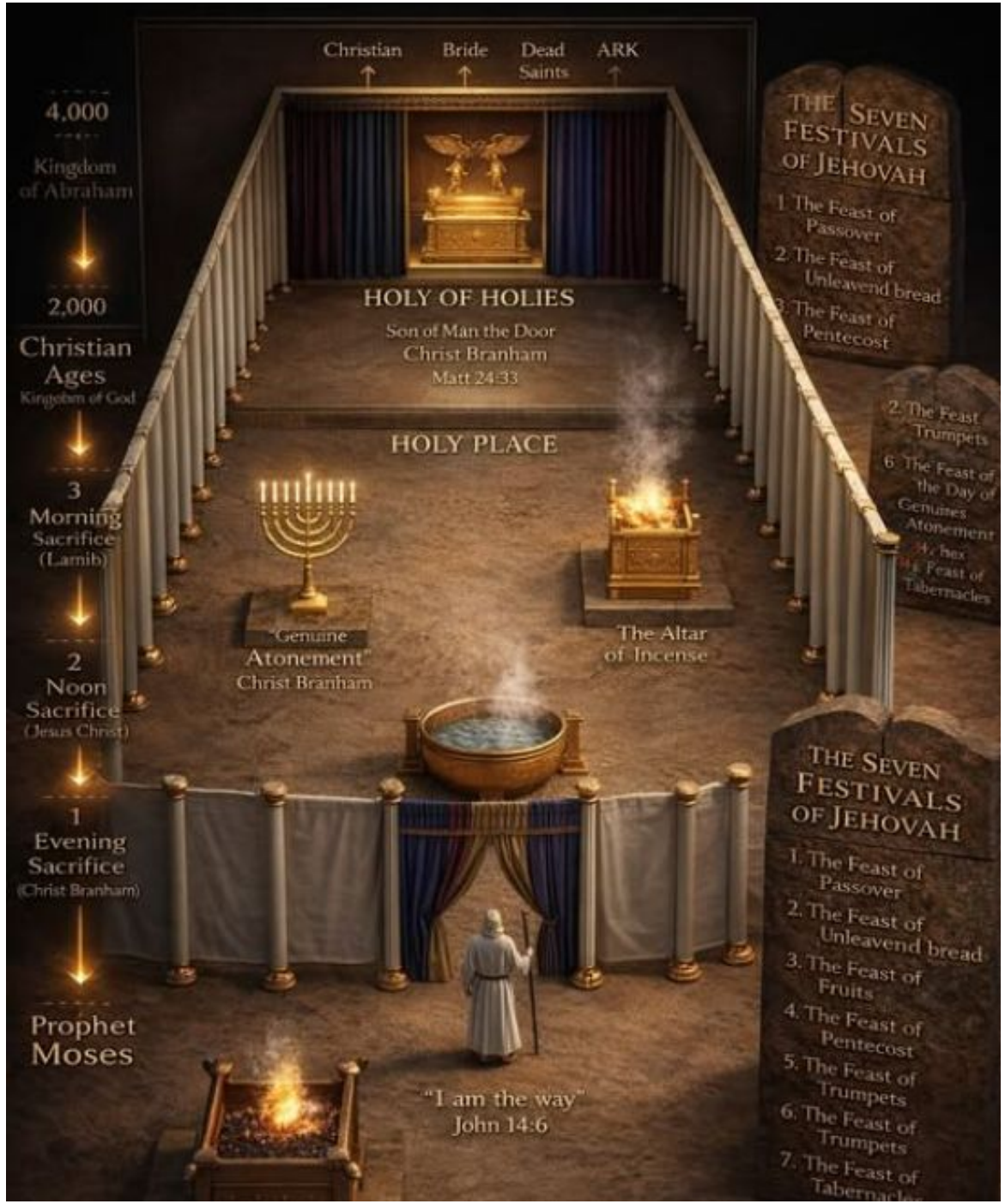
Arise in God's Presence and Power

The transformative power of welcoming God's holy presence into our homes and lives.

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.”

Isaiah 60:1




Christian
Bride
Dead Saints
ARK
4,000
Kingdom of Abraham
2,000
Christian Ages
Kingdom of God
3 Morning Sacrifice (Lamb)
2 Noon Sacrifice (Jesus Christ)
1 Evening Sacrifice (Christ Branham)
Prophet Moses
HOLY OF HOLIES
Son of Man the Door
Christ Branham
Matt 24:33
HOLY PLACE
"Genuine Atonement"
Christ Branham
The Altar of Incense
"I am the way"
John 14:6
THE SEVEN FESTIVALS OF JEHOVAH
1. The Feast of Passover
2. The Feast of Unleavend bread
3. The Feast of Pentecost
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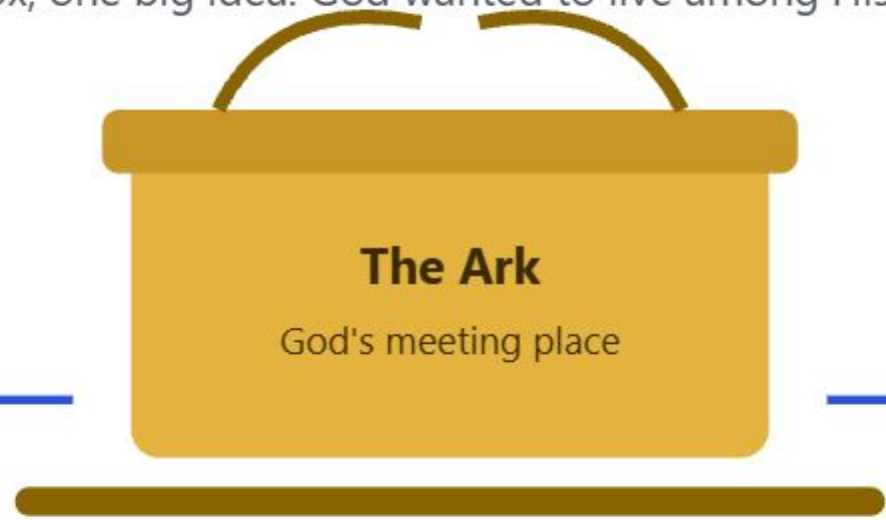
The Ark was a gold box God told Moses to make, and the place He said He would meet His people. Its whole story points to one thing: God wants to live among us.

One box, one big idea: God wanted to live among His people

THEN

The Ark went first.
The people followed
at a distance.

Only the high priest
went in, once a year.



The Ark

God's meeting place

carried on poles, on people's shoulders

NOW

Jesus opened the way.
Anyone can draw near
with confidence.

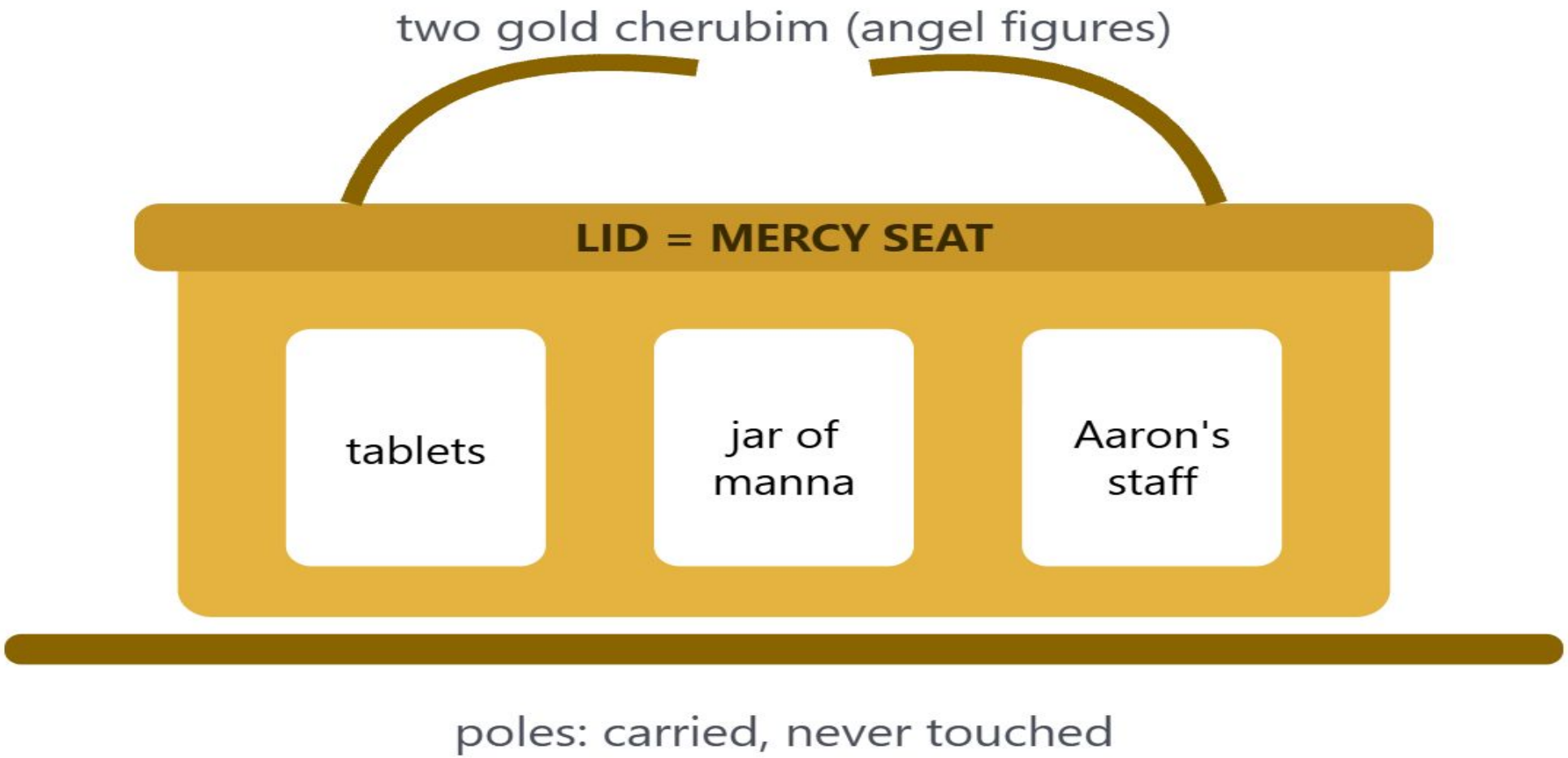
His Spirit lives in us:
we carry His presence.

What is the Ark of the Covenant?

The 30-second version

1. The Ark was God's meeting place on earth.
2. When it went first, Israel moved forward.
3. Used like a lucky charm, it brought loss.
4. Welcomed God's way, it brought blessing and glory.
5. Through Jesus, the way to God is open to all.

What the Ark was



A wooden box covered in gold, about 1.1 metres long. Its gold lid, the **mercy seat**, had two gold angel figures on top. It had poles so people could carry it on their shoulders.

The Ark: Holy Presence Among God's People

2 Samuel 6:1–5 • 1 Chronicles 13:1–5

The Ark of the Covenant represented
God's holy presence among Israel.

David desired to bring the Ark to Jerusalem,
a good desire that still required God's instruction.

God's presence cannot be handled by
human convenience or personal preference.



Do we want God's presence on His terms or only on ours?

Holy presence, holy approach.

Why it mattered so much



God said this was where He would meet His people. Bible teacher David Guzik notes that the three things inside were reminders of Israel's failures. Yet God met them above the lid, where blood was sprinkled: mercy covered their record.

> *"There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the covenant law, I will meet with you"*
>
> **Exodus 25:22 (NIV)**

Every time the Ark moved, Moses prayed

“Whenever the ark set out, Moses said, ‘Rise up, Lord! May your enemies be scattered; may your foes flee before you.’ Whenever it came to rest, he said, ‘Return, Lord, to the countless thousands of Israel.’”

Numbers 10:35-36

TODAY

We arise when God arises.

His presence goes first. We follow in reverence and obedience. His power and glory follow.

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Why we need to arise

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How to arise

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David: fallen and raised up

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What we can do

Then a time of response

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Why we need to arise in God’s presence and power

Four reasons from the story of the Ark

Without His presence, we are no different from anyone else

“If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. … What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”

Exodus 33:15-16

Power comes from His presence, not from our strategy

The Jordan

"...as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, the water from upstream stopped flowing."

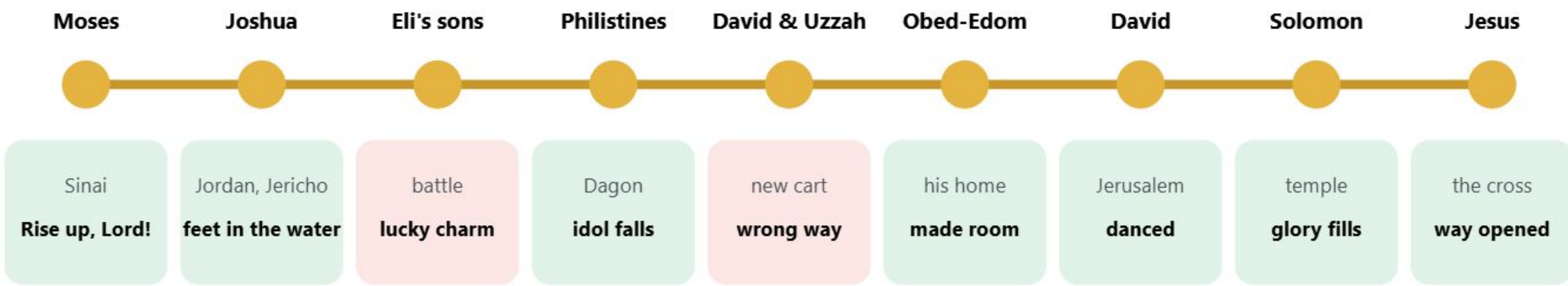
Joshua 3:15-16

Jericho

"...when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city."

Joshua 6:20

How the Bible's people fit in



green = honoured God's presence · red = mishandled it

Moses	Leaving Sinai, the Ark went ahead. Each time it moved he prayed: “Rise up, Lord!” (Numbers 10:35).
Joshua	The flooded Jordan stopped only when the priests' feet touched it. Later the Ark led the march round Jericho.
Eli's sons	Israel took the Ark into battle like a lucky charm. They lost, and the Ark was captured.
Philistines	They put it beside their idol Dagon. Twice Dagon fell on his face before it.
David & Uzzah	David moved it on a new cart, not on shoulders. Uzzah touched it and died.
Obed-Edom	It stayed in his home three months. God blessed his whole household.
David	Second try, God's way: carried on shoulders, and David danced with all his might.
Solomon	It was placed in the temple. As they praised, God's glory filled the house.
Jesus	Hebrews says His blood opened the way to God for everyone.

> *“as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water’s edge, the water from upstream stopped flowing.”*
>
> Joshua 3:15-16 (NIV)

When we use His presence instead of honouring it, the glory departs

“Let us bring the ark of the Lord’s covenant from Shiloh, so that he may go with us and save us from the hand of our enemies.”

1 Samuel 4:3

“She named the boy Ichabod, saying, ‘The Glory has departed from Israel’”

1 Samuel 4:21

Use it, or honour it

USE IT

"Bring the Ark so
we win" (1 Sam 4)

→ defeat, Ichabod:
"the Glory has departed"

HONOUR IT

Obed-Edom made
room at home (2 Sam 6)

→ whole house blessed,
8 sons, 62 descendants

The same Ark brought loss to one group and blessing to another. The difference was the heart: using God for our plans, or making room for Him.

> *"She named the boy Ichabod, saying, 'The Glory has departed from Israel' ..."*
> **1 Samuel 4:21 (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)**

A Good Goal, a Wrong Approach

2 Samuel 6:3–9

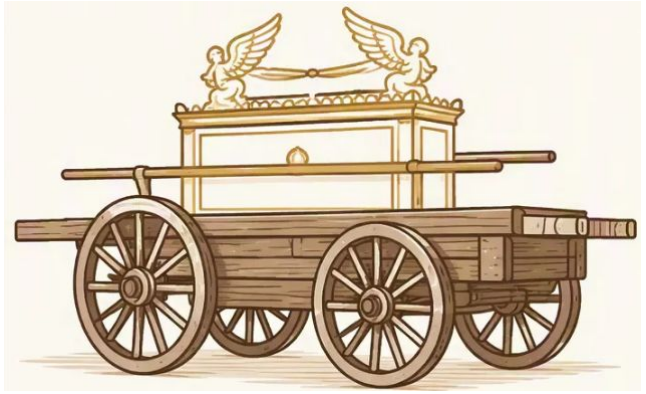
Good Goal

Bring the Ark to Jerusalem



Wrong Approach

The Ark was placed on a new cart



Good intentions never replace reverence and obedience.

“How shall the ark of the Lord come to me?” — 2 Samuel 6:9

The world is dark, and we are sent with His power

“See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.”

Isaiah 60:2

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses …”

Acts 1:8

02

How to arise in God’s presence and power

Four lessons from how the Ark came home

Consecrate yourself first

“Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you.”

Joshua 3:5

Do it God's way, not on a new cart

"Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. The Lord's anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down …"

2 Samuel 6:6-7

"We did not inquire of him about how to do it in the prescribed way."

1 Chronicles 15:13

HOW · 3

Make room for His presence, like Obed-Edom

“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

3 months

of welcome

8 sons

“For God had blessed Obed-Edom”

62

capable descendants serving

Obed-Edom Makes Room

2 Samuel 6:10–11 • 1 Chronicles 13:13–14

When others stepped back in fear,
Obed-Edom opened his home.

“If this is the presence of God, I will make room for Him.”

What part of my life needs to make room for God’s presence?



A Household Blessed by God’s Presence

2 Samuel 6:11–12

And the Lord blessed Obed-edom, and all his household.

— 2 Samuel 6:11

The same presence that brought judgment upon irreverence brought blessing to a household that received God with honour.



2 Kings 8:1-2 New King James Version

The King Restores the Shunammite's Land

8 Then Elisha spoke to the woman whose son he had restored to life, saying, "Arise and go, you and your household, and stay wherever you can; for the LORD has called for a famine, and furthermore, it will come upon the land for seven years." **2** So the woman arose and did according to the saying of the man of God, and she went with her household and dwelt in the land of the Philistines seven years.

Another who arose: the Shunammite woman

The same pattern as Obed-Edom: make room, and keep trusting



Made room	Laid him down	Held on	Obeyed	Restored
a room on the roof	on the prophet's bed	"I will not leave you"	left when told to go	land + 7 years' income
2 Kings 4:10	2 Kings 4:21	2 Kings 4:30	2 Kings 8:2	2 Kings 8:6

She was not near the Ark, but she shows the same heart. She made a room in her home for God's prophet Elisha, and God gave her a son. When the boy died, she did not plan a funeral; she ran to God's servant and would not let go.

> *"Let's make a small room on the roof and put in it a bed and a table, a chair and a lamp for him."*
>
> **2 Kings 4:10 (NIV)**

> *"As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you."*
>
> **2 Kings 4:30 (NIV)**

She made room for God in her home

“I know that this man who often comes our way is a holy man of God. Let’s make a small room on the roof and put in it a bed and a table, a chair and a lamp for him.”

2 Kings 4:9-10

“the next year about that same time she gave birth to a son, just as Elisha had told her.”

2 Kings 4:17

When all seemed lost, she arose in faith

Laid him down	*She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then shut the door and went out.*	4:21
Spoke faith	*“Everything is all right,” she said.*	4:26
Held on	*“As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.”*	4:30
Received	*The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes.*	4:35

She obeyed, and God restored everything

“Give back everything that belonged to her, including all the income from her land from the day she left the country until now.”

2 Kings 8:6

Made room	Held on	Obeyed	Restored
a room for God's servant	“I will not leave you”	left when God said go	land, plus 7 years’ income

Arise in praise, and the glory comes

“Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might …”

2 Samuel 6:14

“the singers raised their voices in praise to the Lord and sang: ‘He is good; his love endures forever.’ Then the temple of the Lord was filled with the cloud …”

2 Chronicles 5:13

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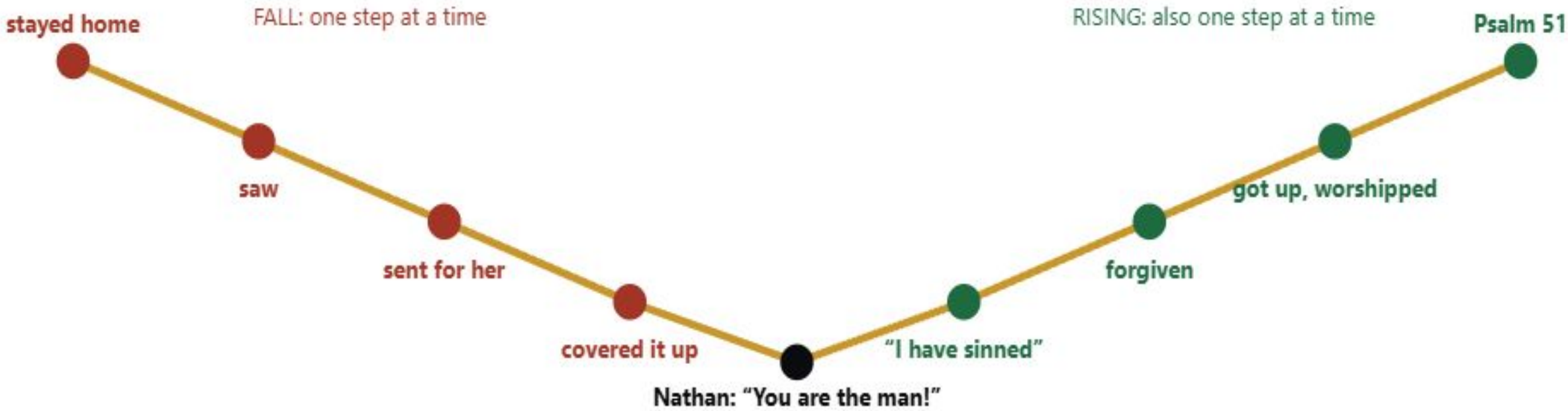
2 Chronicles 5:13

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When David fell, and how God raised him up

2 Samuel 11–12 and Psalm 51

David fell, and God raised him



The man who danced before the Ark later sinned with Bathsheba and had her husband killed. He hid it until the prophet Nathan confronted him. His rising began with two honest words.

> *“Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” Nathan replied, “The Lord has taken away your sin.”*
>
> **2 Samuel 12:13 (NIV)**

> *“Then David got up from the ground. After he had washed, put on lotions and changed his clothes, he went into the house of the Lord and worshiped.”*
>
> **2 Samuel 12:20 (NIV)**

> *“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.”*
>
> **Psalm 51:10-11 (NIV)**

▼ More: grace after the fall

God gave David and Bathsheba another son, Solomon. Solomon built the temple where the Ark was placed and God's glory came. Consequences still came, but the failure did not have the last word.

The same man who danced before the Ark

“I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.”

Acts 13:22

The fall did not happen in one step

Stayed	“But David remained in Jerusalem.” (11:1)
Saw	From the roof he saw a woman bathing (11:2)
Sent	He found out she was Uriah’s wife, and sent for her anyway (11:3-4)
Covered	He tried to hide it, then arranged Uriah’s death (11:6-17)

Hidden sin cuts us off from His presence and power

“But the thing David had done displeased the Lord.”

2 Samuel 11:27

“When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.”

Psalm 32:3-4 (David)

God sent Nathan

“You are the man! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul.’”

2 Samuel 12:7

Two words that began his rising

“Then David said to Nathan, ‘I have sinned against the Lord.’ Nathan replied, ‘The Lord has taken away your sin.’”

2 Samuel 12:13

David got up and worshipped

“Then David got up from the ground. After he had washed, put on lotions and changed his clothes, he went into the house of the Lord and worshiped.”

2 Samuel 12:20

Psalm 51: the prayer of a man rising again

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.”

Psalm 51:10-12

The path back into His presence

Mercy	*“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love” (51:1)*
Honesty	*“For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.” (51:3)*
New heart	*“Create in me a pure heart, O God” (51:10)*
Presence	*“Do not cast me from your presence” (51:11)*
Joy & witness	*“Restore to me the joy of your salvation” (51:12) … “Then I will teach transgressors your ways” (51:13)*

What God will not despise

“My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.”

Psalm 51:17

God was not finished with David

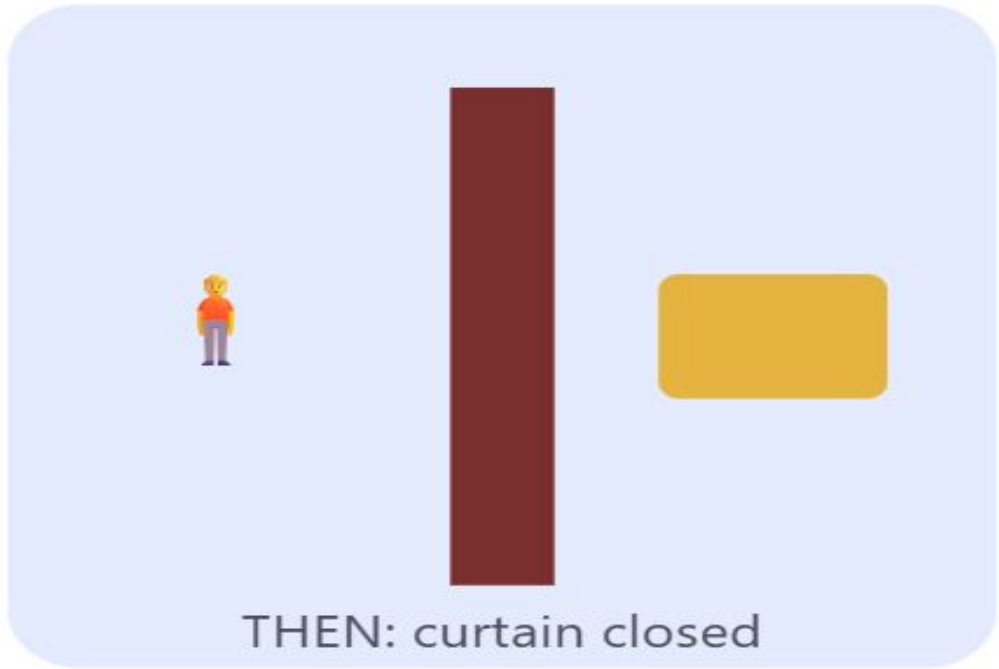
“She gave birth to a son, and they named him Solomon. The Lord loved him; and because the Lord loved him, he sent word through Nathan the prophet to name him Jedidiah.”

2 Samuel 12:24-25

Solomon built the temple, carried the Ark into it, and saw the glory of the Lord fill it.

2 Chronicles 5:7-14

How we enter God's presence today





Long ago only the high priest could go near the Ark, once a year. Through Jesus, anyone can come near to God, any day, with confidence.

> *“since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus”*
>
> **Hebrews 10:19 (NIV)**

> *“Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst?”*
>
> **1 Corinthians 3:16 (NIV)**

04

What can we do to arise in God’s presence and power?

Five steps: A·R·I·S·E

How to arise in His power

A	R	I	S	E
Acknowledge name your sin	**Return** come near	**Invite** make room	**Set apart** do it His way	**Exalt** praise, then go

- **Acknowledge:** name your sin plainly, like David (1 John 1:9).
- **Return:** "Come near to God and he will come near to you" (James 4:8).
- **Invite:** make room for Him at home, like Obed-Edom.
- **Set apart:** consecrate yourself and do it His way (Joshua 3:5).
- **Exalt:** praise Him, then go out in His power (Acts 1:8).

> *"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you."*
>
> **Isaiah 60:1 (NIV)**

ARISE is a memory aid made from these passages, not a Bible term.

ARISE: five steps for this week

A	**Acknowledge**	Confess specifically, without excuses	Psalm 51:3 · 1 John 1:9
R	**Return**	Come near to God and he will come near to you	James 4:8
I	**Invite**	Make room for His presence, like Obed-Edom	2 Samuel 6:11
S	**Set apart**	Consecrate yourself; do it His way	Joshua 3:5 · 1 Chronicles 15:13
E	**Exalt**	Praise Him, then go out in His power	2 Chronicles 5:13 · Acts 1:8

REFLECT

Questions to sit with

1. **Where am I waiting for a dry riverbed** before I obey? (Joshua 3)
2. **Have I used God like a lucky charm,** calling on Him only to rescue my plans? (1 Samuel 4)
3. **What "new cart" am I using:** a good thing done my own way? (2 Samuel 6)
4. **Is there a hidden sin** God is asking me to name today? (2 Samuel 12; Psalm 51)
5. **What would it take for my home** to be an Obed-Edom home? (1 Chronicles 26)

RESPONSE

Come near

“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

Hebrews 4:16

Three ways to respond today

Come to Jesus

for the first time

“If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Romans 10:9

Come back

like David did

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1:9

Arise

be filled to carry His presence

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses …”

Acts 1:8

A prayer from Psalm 51

Lord Jesus, “have mercy on me, O God”.

I name my sin before You. Thank You that You forgive and cleanse.

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”

“Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.”

“Restore to me the joy of your salvation”.

Fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Rise up, Lord, in my life. Amen.

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Numbers 10:35

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