

- 8) The second time, the Levites purified themselves, used the proper carrying poles, and did things just as the LORD had instructed Moses — and it worked. What does this tell us about the importance of doing things God’s way rather than our way, even when our intentions are good?
- 9) David’s curiosity drove him back to the Scriptures Moses had written. What does it look like for us to “remain curious” about God and His Word — especially in seasons when we feel like we already know what we need to know?
- 10) Here is a list of things David did in response to his curiosity. How are they different than 1 Chronicles 13?
 - Built a special TENT for the Ark.
 - The Levites (Priests) were responsible for the Ark’s move.
 - They purified themselves before moving the ark.
 - David and all the Levites wore white linen symbolizing purity.
 - It was NOT on a new cart... carried by the Levites on long poles so they would not ever touch it...as it was designed to be carried.
 - Sacrifices were offered in great reverence
 - Worship and praise were offered before, during and after.
- 11) Are there things in your relationship with Jesus that you have made assumption about? Are there areas that you need to renew your curiosity about Jesus?

CHAIR TIME TOOLS



- 1) Pray Psalm 80:17-19 slowly, in your own words, each morning this week. Don’t rush it — let the prayer become yours, line by line, until you start to mean every word.
- 2) Pick one passage of Scripture you think you already know well, and quietly ask the Lord, “What have I been assuming about this? Show me something fresh.” Then read it slowly and write down what He shows you.
- 3) Think of one person in your life — in your home, your small group, or this church — and ask God how you can turn toward them this week in a fresh way. Then do that one thing, without telling them why.

Revive

First Love

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Thread: Without love, the relationship is hollow.

Love, “Agape”, Brotherly affection, not based on feeling. Motivated by what is best for the other person.

“Write this letter to the angel of the church in Ephesus. This is the message from the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand the one who walks among the seven gold lampstands: I know all the things you do. I have seen your hard work and your patient endurance. I know you don’t tolerate evil people. You have examined the claims of those who say they are apostles but are not. You have discovered they are liars. You have patiently suffered for me without quitting. But I have this complaint against you. You don’t love me or each other as you did at first! Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. If you don’t repent, I will come and remove your lampstand from its place among the churches.” **Revelation 2:1-5 NLT**

The lampstands’ flames and light represent the work of the Holy Spirit.

The Power and the Presence of the Holy Spirit diminishes.

- **The power to press on, take hold, overcome.**

“you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.”
Acts 1:8a NLT

“I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.”
Philippians 4:13 NLT

The power to stand as witness to the work of Jesus.

“you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere.”
Acts 1:8a NLT

The presence of God’s Spirit that brings PEACE and COMFORT diminishes.

“I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.”
John 14:27 NLT

What are they repenting for?

Breaking the commandment.

“Jesus replied, ‘The most important commandment is this: Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. The second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment is greater than these.’”

Mark 12:29–31 NLT

“In the spring of the year, when kings normally go out to war, David sent Joab and the Israelite army to fight the Ammonites. They destroyed the Ammonite army and laid siege to the city of Rabbah. However, David stayed behind in Jerusalem.” **2 Samuel 11:1 NLT**

- **This was new, he had not done this before.**
- **Indifference changed David’s behavior.**
 - David was NOT where he had been.
 - David was NOT doing what he had done.
 - He was no longer CURIOUS.

Indifference dulled David’s sense of shame.

Indifference changed David’s feelings/emotions towards those closest to him.

What did the return look like?

Psalm 51

“Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me.”

Psalm 51:10 NLT

Challenge:

- Do you recognize the loss or sense diminishing?
- Is there anything in your life that calls for repentance?
- Do you want to offer God your broken heart and spirit?

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Homework

Revive, First love pt 2

Spring 2026 | Week 7

Message Date 5/17/2026

MY STORY

- 1) If you had to eat one gas station food for every meal for a month, what are you grabbing
- 2) You wake up tomorrow as the world's leading expert on something — but you don't get to pick what. What would be the worst possible thing to be the expert in?

QUICK REVIEW

- 3) What caught your attention from Sunday’s message?

DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME

Read 1 Chronicles 13:3–11 (NLT)

- 4) David and Israel were “celebrating before God with all their might.” On the surface, this looks like passionate worship. So, what was actually missing here, and why wasn’t enthusiasm enough?
- 5) Uzzah reached out to steady the Ark — a small, well-intentioned move — and yet the consequence was severe. What does this teach us about familiarity with sacred things, and why does God take how we approach Him so seriously?
- 6) The verse says David was “angry because the LORD’s anger had burst out against Uzzah.” Why is it often easier to be frustrated with God when something goes wrong than to ask whether we were the ones who got something wrong?

READ: 1 Chronicles 15:13-15 (NLT)

- 7) David’s confession in verse 13 is striking: *“We failed to ask God how to move it properly.”* How does this admission reflect the heart of a man returning to his first love, and why is this kind of humility so hard for us?