

# 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)

<sup>3</sup>*It is time to bring back the Ark of our God, for we neglected it during the reign of Saul.*

<sup>4</sup>*The whole assembly agreed to this, for the people could see it was the right thing to do.* <sup>5</sup>*So David summoned all Israel, from the Shihor Brook of Egypt in the south all the way to the town of Lebo-hamath in the north, to join in bringing the Ark of God from Kiriath-jearim.* <sup>6</sup>*Then David and all Israel went to Baalah of Judah (also called Kiriath-jearim) to bring back the Ark of God, which bears the name of the Lord who is enthroned between the cherubim.* <sup>7</sup>*They placed the Ark of God on a new cart and brought it from Abinadab's house. Uzzah and Ahio were guiding the cart.* <sup>8</sup>*David and all Israel were celebrating before God with all their might, singing songs and playing all kinds of musical instruments—lyres, harps, tambourines, cymbals, and trumpets.*

<sup>9</sup>*But when they arrived at the threshing floor of Nacon, the oxen stumbled, and Uzzah reached out his hand to steady the Ark.*

<sup>10</sup>*Then the Lord's anger was aroused against Uzzah, and he struck him dead because he had laid his hand on the Ark. So Uzzah died there in the presence of God.*

<sup>11</sup>*David was angry because the Lord's anger had burst out against Uzzah. He named that place Perez-uzzah (which means "to burst out against Uzzah"), as it is still called today.*

- 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?

### **1 Chronicles 15:13-15 (NLT)**

*“Because you Levites did not carry the Ark the first time, the anger of the LORD our God burst out against us. We failed to ask God how to move it properly. So the priests and the Levites purified themselves in order to bring the Ark of the LORD, the God of Israel, to Jerusalem. Then the Levites carried the Ark of God on their shoulders with its carrying poles, just as the LORD had instructed Moses.”*

- 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?
- 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 assumptions 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.