

Davidic Covenant
Freedom to Worship

Sunday, July 5th, 2026

2 Samuel 6:12-23 NIV

¹²Now King David was told, “The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God.” So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. ¹³When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. ¹⁴Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the LORD with all his might, ¹⁵while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets. ¹⁶As the ark of the LORD was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despised him in her heart. ¹⁷They brought the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the LORD. ¹⁸After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD Almighty. ²⁰When David returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, “How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, going around half-naked in full view of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!” ²¹David said to Michal, “It was before the LORD, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the LORD’s people Israel—I will celebrate before the LORD. ²²I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes.

1. Freedom Centers on God.

2. Freedom Worships Boldly.

3. Freedom Fears God, Over People.

Conclusion: The greatest expression of freedom is not doing whatever we want; it is delighting in the God who has made His dwelling among us.

LIFE GROUP LESSON

Freedom to Worship

Week of July 5th, 2026- July 11th, 2026

Ice Breaker: Where or when do you feel most free to worship? Why?

Read 2 Samuel 6:12-23.

1. Who was being blessed by the Lord and why? (v.12)
2. Why was the ark there? Read 6:1-11. What happened? Why would God respond in that manner?
3. Read Deuteronomy 10:8, Numbers 4:15, Exodus 25:12-15. What were the commandments concerning the ark?
4. What did David do during the next attempt? Why? (v.13)
5. What was David wearing this time? What was he making known to the people? (v.14)
6. How did Israel respond? (v.15)
7. How did Saul’s daughter respond to David’s dancing? (v.16)
8. What did David do as they set the ark in its official place? What was important about what he did? (vs.18-19)
9. What did Michal say to David when he came home? (v.20) What was she focused on? How did she expect David to behave?
10. How did David respond to her? Who was he focused on? (vs.21)
11. What did David declare about his freedom to worship? (v.22)
12. Read Galatians 1:10. How does this truth align with David’s worship? *Who are we seeking to please?*
13. How do we better engage our heart and mind in worship of God?
14. What was Michal’s lot in life? (v.23) Where was her heart?
15. Read Exodus 33:15. What did David remember from Moses?
16. Read Psalm 16:11. What did David profess? When did he likely write this? What did David know about how worship preserves his life?
17. Why do you think God called him “a man after my own heart”?
18. Read Psalm 73:26. What did Asaph learn about freedom and worship?
19. What does freedom in Christ mean for you? Freedom from what? How is this different or not than freedom we have in the world?
20. Read Galatians 5:1. What does this mean?
21. Read John 8:36. What are we free from?
22. Read 2 Corinthians 3:17. This is said a lot, what is the truth?
23. How might you look at freedom differently?

Point to ponder: In every generation true freedom is found when God becomes our portion.