

CAN YOU FEEL THE ZEAL?

2 Samuel 6

What does real
zeal look like?
What is ZEAL?

2 Kings 10:16 Jehu said, "Come with me and see my zeal for the LORD." Then he had him ride along in his chariot.

**ZEAL IS LIVING TO
PLEASE GOD**

**Q) So how do we live lives that please God?
IF WE WANT TO LIVE LIVES THAT PLEASE GOD WE NEED
TO.....**

**1) KNOW HOW TO
PLEASE GOD
2 Samuel 6: 1-11**

Proverbs 19: 2-3... Zeal without knowledge.... David is angry with God and blames him, but David wasn't trying to please God, but Himself.....How Israel used the Ark
How Uzzah grew up with the blessings for 20 years
Romans 10:1-4.... When we try to establish a righteousness of our own we cannot please God, no matter how zealous we are.....

QT STUDY: Israel and the Ark

Exodus 25:10-22, Moses commanded to make the Ark. That was the place where he spoke with God (Nu 7:89). Bezalel made the Ark (Ex 37:1-9).

Lev 10: 2, 16: 1-2: People died approaching the Ark in the wrong way. Even Aaron had to follow the rules!

Joshua 3: 14, the Ark led Israel into the promised land. It remained in Shiloh (Josh 18) and through the priesthood of Eli. The Israelites took the Ark into battle with the hope it would help them defeat the Philistines, but they lost the Ark (1 Sam 4). Eli died on hearing this news. Wherever the Ark went plague followed, so the Philistines gave it back. It remained in the house of Aminadab on the hill for 20 years. (<https://goo.gl/maps/WarfxnqwKATPpE829>) very close to Emmaus!

**2) CHOOSE TO
BE BRAVE
2 Samuel 6: 12-19**

David has 3 months to figure out: Exodus 4: 1-16, 25:14-15... Only Levites to carry...
Nu 7:6-9: Not transported on vehicle

David steps back into the area, not about Him but about God: this time, we see in parallel passage 1 Chronicles 13 he does it right, and God blesses Him

There is no courage without vulnerability, risk!

John 2:17 disciples are amazed at Jesus zeal: Zeal for youe House consumes me....
From Psalm 69:9

When we step out in faith, we are vulnerable, and we will get hurt, attacked, BUT the only way to be brave is to take that step... Without faith it is impossible to please God...

Q) What steps have you been afraid to take for God?

3) GET IN ON THE ACTION

2 Samuel 6: 21-23

Michal was youngest daughter of Saul: Only place in the Bible where it says a woman loves a man! 1 Samuel 18:20

She had helped David escape and stayed to buy him time...(using Household Gods in Bed.... Why did she have household Gods?)

BUT: She hadn't gone with Him... ended up being given to Paltiel by SAUL

When David becomes King he sends Abner, general of Saul's army, to get her... she is, after all, his wife....

In David's crowning moment She is not with him, but watching from a window.....

She despises David in her heart..... Q) What about me? Q) You are not acting as a King should? Q) You are mixing with common people.. Slave girls, and really out of control (passion for all to see). Other people's zeal.... Easy for us to be critical, cynical, negative, especially when we are not in the action... GOSSIP! Maybe she resents David for not putting her first... doing things her way.... The way its always been done!

Romans 12:11-13.... NEVER BE LACKING IN ZEAL.... How do we do that?

- A) Joyful in Hope
- B) Patient in affliction
- C) Faithful in Prayer
- D) SERVE others

Q) Who are you serving? Yourself? The world? Or Jesus....

4) COMMUNION

Phillipians 2: 5-8

QT Study: Michal and David

Michal was Jonathan's younger sister: her dad was Saul (1 Sam 14:49)

Michal loved David (1 Sam 18:20)

David paid a strange price to marry Michal: (1 Sam 18:20-25)

Michal helped David escape Saul but didn't go with him (1 Sam 19:11-17)

Saul gave Michal to another man: (1 Sam 25:44)

Q) Why did Michal despise David?

Q) What was going on in her heart?

COMMUNION: JESUS was the ultimate King who didn't act like everyone thought he should, and he was despised for it!

He broke from tradition, He poured Himself out openly, mixing with the people no one else would! Who were considered unclean in the eyes of the World!

Ps 69: goes on to describe how people treated Jesus, a messianic psalm, that ends in a choice to act.. Despite the world! V30-33.... I WILL PRAISE GOD'S NAME IN SONG AND GLORIFY HIM WITH THANKSGIVING.... THE POOR WILL SEE AND BE GLAD..... THE LORD HEARS THE NEEDY

If we want to Live lives that please GOD, then we too need to choose, not to use God to please ourselves BUT to seek to know what pleases God (WORD)

We need to choose to be brave, to be vulnerable..... To get back up when it hurts!

We need to choose to get in on the action, not be critics from afar... there are too many of them (armchair critics) and if we listened to them, we would never do anything...

Phil 2: The mindset of Christ:

Not to be equal to God (that only leads to anger when we realise we are not!)

To empty ourselves... don't be afraid of what others think, but be brave, even when it hurts

To take the form of a servant: meet the needs of God's people

To chose to obey God, whatever the cost....

WHY? BECAUSE JESUS HAS LED THE WAY, making himself obedient, even to death on the cross..... If you want to feel the zeal, you only have to stand at the foot of the cross and be amazed!