**2 Samuel 6:16-22**

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. 19Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes.

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. But by these slave girls you spoke of, I will be held in honor.”

**The Ark of the Covenant**

The Construction – Exodus 25 (“There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the testimony, I will speak with you about all that I will give you in commandment for the people of Israel” 25:22)

Its Placement

Entering the Promised Land – Joshua 3

Captured by the Philistines for 7 months – 1 Samuel 4

Toppled Statues, Tumors and Death – 1 Samuel 5

20 Years at Kiriath-jearim

**Other Examples of God Calling For Indignity**

Genesis 6-9 – Noah

Jeremiah - thrown into prison (Jer. 17), thrown into a cistern (Jer. 38), taken into Egypt against his will (Jer. 43), rejected by neighbors (Jer. 11:19-21), family (Jer. 12:6), false priests and prophets (Jer 20:1-2, 28:1-17), friends (Jer. 20:10), his audience (Jer. 26:8), and the kings (Jer 36:23), having his life work destroyed (Jer. 36:20-24)

Ezekiel – Required to lie down on one side for 430 days on his sides, cook his meals over burning excrement

Hosea – Required to marry an unfaithful woman

**God Demonstrates Indignity**

Luke 15:11-32 – The Parable of the Two Lost Sons

**Christ Demonstrates Indignity**

[**1**](http://biblehub.com/philippians/2-1.htm)Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, [**2**](http://biblehub.com/philippians/2-2.htm)then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. [**3**](http://biblehub.com/philippians/2-3.htm)Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, [**4**](http://biblehub.com/philippians/2-4.htm)not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

[**5**](http://biblehub.com/philippians/2-5.htm)In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

[**6**](http://biblehub.com/philippians/2-6.htm)Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

[**7**](http://biblehub.com/philippians/2-7.htm)rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

[**8**](http://biblehub.com/philippians/2-8.htm)And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death—

even death on a cross!

**Rules for Improvisational Comedy – “Say yes to keep the situation going”**

The world’s a better place because Michelangelo did not say, “I don’t do ceilings.”

The world’s a better place because a German monk named Martin Luther did not say, “I don’t do doors.”

The world’s a better place because an Oxford don named John Wesley didn’t say, “I don’t do preaching in fields.”

The world’s a better place because Moses didn’t say, “I don’t do Pharaohs or mass migrations.”

The world’s a better place because Noah didn’t say, “I don’t do arks and animals.”

The world’s a better place because Rahab didn’t say, “I don’t do enemy spies.”

The world’s a better place because Ruth didn’t say, “I don’t do mothers-in-law.”

The world’s a better place because Samuel didn’t say, “I don’t do mornings.”

The world’s a better place because David didn’t say, “I don’t do giants.”

The world’s a better place because Peter didn’t say, “I don’t do Gentiles.”

The world’s a better place because John didn’t say, “I don’t do deserts.”

The world’s a better place because Mary didn’t say, “I don’t do virgin births.”

The world’s a better place because Paul didn’t say, “I don’t do correspondence.”

The world’s a better place because Mary Magdalene didn’t say, “I don’t do feet.”

The world’s a better place because Jesus didn’t say, “I don’t do crosses.”

And the world will be a better place only if you and I don’t say, “I don’t do ...”

**That Dreaded Time Of Year**

With a vacant Associate Pastor position…

21 Positions that Need to be Filled – 15 Filled

Missions Board needs 1

School Council still needs 2 (been running short for a year)

Deacon Board still needs 3 (been running short for a year)

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Luke 10:2)

**God’s Call To An Undignified Life**

Regarding Peter: “Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.” (John 21:18-19)

Regarding Paul: “For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” (Acts 9:16)

On your life?