

David - Failure and Effectiveness

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The sermon explores the dual nature of David's life, highlighting his failures and effectiveness in fulfilling God's purpose.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker shares a story about a group of people who were enthusiastic about evangelizing and helping forgotten people in their country. They set up their own bakery and laundry and even bought a whole abandoned city. However, their unity began to crumble, and one by one, families left. The speaker's father-in-law, who had a close relationship with God, shared a message from 1 Chronicles 13 that shed light on their situation. The sermon then explores the concept of failure and effectiveness in the life of David, emphasizing the importance of cooperation and abiding in God's anointing.

Transcript

I'm always looking for some new friends, some new faces that I have promised to come, and I keep looking each day, wondering if you're here. God said of David, the man after my heart who will fill all my will in his generation. Next day we went on, and the Lord says of David, he's the man after my heart whom I have found, and I have raised him up, or I've positioned him.

Next day we went on, and the Lord says, David, a man after my own heart, whom I have not only raised up, but I have anointed with holy oil. I think it is possible, in what we have said thus far, to cast David into a position where it would seem that he has grown up into the position, and he is now anointed as a lovely olive tree, and he's pretty much arrived. Well this morning we are going to not contrast him with Saul, but we're going to see the difference between David and the greater David, and in that light, David falls short.

However, wonderful a representation, and a shadow, he's a dim shadow, and I must remind us, I like to picture David in the very best and highest light, always the ideal, always see him as the fruitful, the one who is sensing the olive tree, the anointing within. But we must see David in two different casts this morning. First of all, we're going to see failure, because he did not know how to cooperate or how to abide, how to enjoy the reality of this inward anointing, and then we're going to see David in effectiveness, going to see God accomplishing what he wills.

I'd like, before we turn to the particular incident we're to use, I'd like to lay some background, and I know you'll have to bear with me for a while, because I want to just get some natural laws before us. I'm more and more convinced that so many of God's children do not grasp spiritual things because they fail to realize that the spiritual is built on the foundation of natural. First, that which is natural, and afterward, that which is spiritual.

Now, let's take an unveiling of some of these natural laws, and so what I'm going to share for a little bit is going to seem quite natural, but I trust it'll take on some meaning in a little bit. Now, I wonder if you have considered what really is necessary before something can be efficient. We say machines are efficient, basically.

We say people are effective. What is the controlling or the governing law or factor behind? You said it would do that, and it did. First, let's just say effective.

I had that thought for a hard hand. Effective or efficient, what is the controlling thing behind being efficient? In the natural, efficiency basically flows out of two things. You fellows who are mechanics, who know how a car operates, you know that the flywheel, when you're going to get the thing to running efficiently, you make a mark on the flywheel, that is, you used to on the old Model Cs.

I guess you still do that when you're going to bring it into efficient running, get a mark on the flywheel, and when it's at the right place at the right time. We say it's efficient, right? Now, this is a natural law. I like to say that which is in the right place, the placing, at the right time, the right timing, it brings about, in the realm of the inanimate at least, an efficiency.

Now, that's true in the realm of life. It's true in our effectiveness also. Oh, how often through the years have I observed when the anointing of the Lord was upon a servant, God was speaking through him, he may have come into a situation totally unaware of the problems or the needs or the circumstances.

Everyone sits there as the Lord speaks, and all they can say is, here's a man in the right place at the right time. How effective a word, a word in thinking, how effective it was. I am tempted, yet it would be improper, I suppose, to go back through the years at some of the times when I've stumbled into effectiveness.

That's about all I can say. Totally ignorant of the needs of life. And I've had people come up almost fighting mad and say, young man, I know the pastor told you all about me.

I know that nobody could unveil or expose in such intricate detail all of the things I've done in the last couple weeks unless somebody told you. And who are you? Well, I'm just wanting to say that, and we'll see it in the scripture in a little bit, in the realm of machines, in the realm of the natural, there is an efficiency, there's an effectiveness, but it flows out of being in the right place at the right time. Well, I hear someone say, I agree, that's very simple.

How do you get in the right place at the right time? What does it flow out of? How do you get in the right place at the right time? I'm not going to spend much time in it right at the moment, but I will say that placing and timing grows out of order. It's true in the natural, and there is a divine order that can never be bypassed or overlooked. Absolutely essential.

Somebody says, well, how do you get in order? The order flows out of something that we must learn to reckon with or consider. I'll just put it down, and we'll let it unfold as we go along, but I'll say for right now that order grows out of priority. Where there is the proper priority, the due recognition of all that priority

means, order will follow.

Now, there are variations we could call this sequence. You can put a bunch of matchsticks in order from the biggest to the smallest. That's an order, isn't it? Whatever the order might be, the sequence that follows.

Each thing's in its right place, at least. But it's very interesting, when you get a hold of some of this, that function, just playing in the natural order of things, then you begin to see how God has so constituted things that they follow this natural law, but in a spiritual way, and we'll get to that. Have you followed me thus far? Does it mean anything? Well, you've been in some homes, maybe, and someone has said, oh, the disorder.

I sure know a lot about some of these laws, but I tell you, getting them really operated is another thing, especially if you look at my tool. I know absolutely that if you take time to put the tool right back in its spot, you know what I mean? Then the next time, you can save so much time, because you don't have to look through this drawer, or through that spot, or go to the trunk of the car, or some other place. You were saving time, but you didn't save time.

A thing that's out of its place, and so forth. No order. And of course, the priority of the moment seems to be, well, I'm through with the job.

The tool's just false. Let me see, where was I working last? No efficiency. No effectiveness.

Well, come around, I can tell you all about it. And then I want you to pray for me, that I'll know how to be a little more operative in it. I have a lung, a real desire.

I have a deep admiration for some of my friends who are so utterly meticulous. And I walk into their shop, and I see the most organized, ordered arrangement of things. I do whisper under my breath that it's all order.

They don't get much done, because they're just spending all their time in the order. But maybe I'm only controlling myself in my... Anybody have, do I have any friends? It's a wonderful thing to be organized. It's a wonderful thing to be organized.

I've sat down on a few occasions with men and women, especially businessmen, and tried to help them see this thing we call how priority brings about order. And I have thought this myself. As we face a day, and I think it's very helpful.

You can do it in your mind, or you can do it on a piece of paper. But you start with number one thing that has priority all the way down until you've got the ten things today that you feel need to be accomplished. And you put the one at the top that is to have high or top priority.

Now if you go by your feelings, and you sort of drift along through the day, you pick the thing that you like to do. You follow me? You pick the thing out of your emotion, out of your feeling that, oh I've been wanting to read this book for a long time, I'll just read this. So whatever, you start and you move on a totally different basis.

And so your priorities may not necessarily, the order that you get through the day may not be the kind of order that you need. Because there's something wrong with priority. And so someone says, and I don't

want to jump ahead now, how do you find priority? Well, we're going to get to that.

How do you find the priority? How is it determined? The thing I started out with at the top of my list today, I was so sure it was number one. Have you ever wasted a whole day? Ever been off on a tangent going someplace? Only to waste hours? And oh, how our effectiveness and how our, well, there's an awful emptiness within the life. There is something that I believe God would have us discover as we, as we get attuned and we begin to operate with him and we learn how to cooperate with the anointing.

I'm not off the theme, may seem like it. It's possible for folks to have the anointing or to sense the anointing and yet not know how to cooperate with the anointing. We've been saying now, and it'll bear out, I believe, that the anointing of the Lord, there are some things that are like the strands of a rope that are absolutely inseparable.

The will and the purpose of God cannot be separated from God's raising up men to fulfill it. Nor can the raising up, that issue we call authority, be separated from the anointing or the wherewithal, the means by which it is to be done. God leaves nothing to human ingenuity or devices.

Would you like to see this in the life of David? Well, there's a portion that you've probably been in so many times, you know it better than I do. But I would like for you to turn with me this morning to 1 Chronicles, chapter 13. 1 Chronicles, chapter 13.

You have, Schofield Bible, have a caption at the top of it which says, doing a right thing in the wrong way. David has been brought into the place where, as the leader of his people, he has one tremendous desire, and it's a good desire. I think he looks out amongst all of the people in their scattered condition and he realizes there must be something of a unifying factor.

I want to get into that, that's what we're working toward this week. We said you remember that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in their founding place had a unique position to fulfill. We spoke of Moses as the deliverer.

We spoke of Joshua as the captain of possessing, the possessor. We went through the period of the judges that first night and we came on to Samuel as the voice of the Lord, the seer, and now we're focusing on the unique thing that God was doing through David, the unifier. Taking a motley, motley crowd of tribes and people and he's going to bring them to the place where there'll be something to build and the building, well, we'll get to it.

But here's David in deep, inward sense that there must be a unifying factor. And he's been longing, he's been longing for something and so finally he goes about to do a thing that's very good. He's in a religious program right now.

He's going to do something for God. Let's read it. Chapter 13, 1 Chronicles.

And David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds and with every leader and David said unto all the congregation of Israel, If it seem good unto you, and that it be of the Lord our God, let us send abroad unto our brethren everywhere that are left in all the land of Israel and with them also to the priests and Levites which are in their cities and suburbs that they may gather themselves unto us and let us bring again the ark of our God to us for we inquired not at it in the days of Saul. I like this democratic spirit. Counseling with all of the men, finding out just what we should do and then being sure of course, concerned that the Lord will be with us in it.

And the congregation all voted. You ever been in this kind of a situation? Imagine the congregation all voted and said that they would do so for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.

Now you folks from Britain and other places can't appreciate our democracy in America and I'm a thorough going American but I know that it has its limitations and I know that God's order and I speak this way, sometimes people sometimes wrinkle their brow and raise their eyelid I'm a thorough going American yet I realize that God's order of government and all that he is involved as we were saying the other day Israel was to be a theocracy God ruling here you have the leader of the people not really fulfilling the position that he should be fulfilling he's needing to be established I said the other day and I think it needs to be clarified don't wait now when we speak of moving into the place of the position God is working in our inner being he is bringing about experience and out of it

there comes a position each time but don't sit back now and say well I'm not prepared if there's one thing that is the proneness of the male faction it's the tendency when they are not in the spirit to become passive they tend toward passivity and I need to be careful because while we've been speaking of God raising and God bringing an individual into the position that he intends you don't need to get your eye on this position but start with letting God bring you into this position and this position and this position man, man God needs heads of the home men who know the anointing and the sense within the local function of your fellowship who know how to step in and take the place not grasping, not usurping but to take the God ordained place and the man who doesn't sense this always crawls

into passivity he'll follow temperament and by nature he will become passive I say this a man out of place always crawls in the dog house and a woman out of place always crawls in the driver's seat it's an invariable thing we get a hold of each other's verses you know in the Bible how many wives love to quote husbands love your wives but that's to the husband wife, you let him have that verse you have a verse and you know what it is let him have his and you take yours you see what I mean so this thing is a peculiar arrangement oh how often because men become so passive men become so passive is there the expedient the sort of the situation we were talking about yesterday when seems like sometimes the Lord raises up or must use comes along with a bowl for the occasion and says now don't get

this is not my high purpose this is not under the furthest thing I'm after but right in this situation all I can do is use a woman you still love me don't you I weep in lots of situations not because the women are so much out of order as the men refuse to take the order in the place that they ought to but it's a two way street so here we have David there's something of a sense that you get in this that the order is not quite right and while it's a very wonderful thing to counsel and to go to others and I believe it's good but I think it should be it should be something that we're careful about because as we'll see in this case while the thing seemed right in the eyes of all the people David, David you're on the wrong ground so he has a hundred percent both and he gathered all Israel

together from Shehor of Egypt even unto the entering of Emath to bring the Ark of God from Kirjath-Jerim and David went up and all Israel to the Ela that is to Kirjath-Jerim which belonged to Judah to bring up hence the Ark of God the Lord that dwelleth between the cherubim whose name is called Onyx I tell you I think they were thrilled I believe there was great expectation in this David no doubt with a deep intense desire within to bring this Ark into the midst of the people that there'll be a restoration of of a centrality in this sense and there will be a unifying factor there will not only be this but a restoration of worship great anticipation and it's a good desire so with great anticipation they go about to do it the thing for God well let's see how they do it verse 7 and they

carried the Ark of God in a new cart I tell you the things of the Lord are not to be done in a shabby way after all this is a precious thing and if we do anything less than have the very best so they built a new cart carrying it out of the house of Obed a house of Abinadab and two of the very prized men selected to drive the cart Uzzah and Ahiel and here all of the spectators David himself and all Israel behind here they go they're played before God now this wasn't just a very natural little thing but there's great religious psalms and so forth with all their might and with singing with harps and with psalteries and with cymbals and with cymbals and with trumpets can't you see the perfection something's going to be done for God and when they came under the thrashing floor of Sidon

Uzzah put forth his hands to hold the ark so the oxen stumbled oh we have a crisis an unforeseen thing coming in where did that stone in the way come from I never saw it why things were moving so smoothly and suddenly a crisis the old cart or this new cart we built on which the ark is resting and it must not touch the ground what will you do in an emergency call a prayer meeting there's a time the expedient thing and the thing that he does when the oxen stumble he puts forth his hands says and the anger of the Lord was kindled against us and he smote him because he put his hand to the ark and there he died before God David was displeased because the Lord had made a breach upon Uzzah wherefore that place is called Paris, Uzzah to this day and David was afraid of God that day saying how

shall I bring the ark of God home to me so David brought not the ark home to himself to the city of David but carried it aside into the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite the ark of God remained with the family of Obed-Edom in his house three months and the Lord blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that he had I wonder if you can look with me this morning through the religious scene today and you see the highways and byways scattered with people with a zeal and a desire to do something for God starting a program getting something going and yet strangely in the very moment when the things looked as though they were going to succeed and be something for God something happened I remember oh this must be twelve years ago maybe fifteen I was in Oregon ministering and a dear man and his wife came

one morning asked if I would come home after the morning service and have lunch with them I noticed something of a shadow over their expression their countenance and as we got through eating that noon the wife finally turned and said sweetheart to her husband why don't you why don't you just share what we've been through with brother Fraunke they told me a story I will never forget how some eight or ten years prior to that the Lord had moved through that particular valley and there were any number of men and women farmers in the community that had been laid hold of by the Lord they began to meet in their homes and have fellowship study together and out of it there grew a tremendous desire to have outreach and to be effective for God and to shorten the story all of them sold their farms

very very successful farmers and they pooled all of their funds and went out and I believe it was in Arizona or New Mexico went out and bought an abandoned ghost town to start a mission for the Indians of all that area oh how they went into detail I was quite enthralled as I heard the story tremendous sum of money and with what great delight and desire to go out and evangelize and to do something for forgotten people in that part of our own country they set up their own bakery and their own laundry their own they had a complete city they bought it out somebody had abandoned it and they bought it well I'll shorten the story but he said you know we hadn't been there too long before we discovered that we were not as unified as we thought we began to quarrel and some problems came in among us

and one by one the family moved out and left tears coursed down his cheek and he said we held out till the last we were the last family to leave you can buy a ghost town now there they sat with a shadow and a

cast over a countenance and a heaviness as if and I've seen it so many times in the lives of people zeal, desire to do something for God and he looked at me and these were his words as he said Brother Francis I'm almost afraid to trust or believe or to do anything anymore it isn't that we were let down we realized we realized that there were lots of things that we didn't know may I say this morning very kindly the religious scene the highways and byways are crowded with people oh they would never articulate it in words but hidden deep in the bosom there's this something of the let

down and the struggle the confusion they wouldn't say Lord you let us down but faith seems to be God and I've said so often it isn't that we need more workers that is we need to challenge more but we need to get some of them out of the ditches along the highways and byways I think I have been a part of that scene this morning I look back through the years at all of the ambitious drives and the things we started some of you have read some of the journals and the things I remember 13-14 years ago how we built a lovely boot camp to train young people 13 buildings and we were had lots of spiritual insight but lacked just that thing of priority that we're going to get to and it's quite a thing when you enthuse quite a parade of people and suddenly one day you get a telegram that the whole

thing has gone up in smoke and you come back there you stand looking at all of the ashes of several years of work well I thank God that he's able to say in those moments son your building is not to be wood hay and stubble it is not to be the things that you can siphon off glory from right here but there's something of eternal content something of eternal quality that's hidden and that's the building that there must be oh I don't want to delve into all of these personal things but this particular portion came unfolded to me we're going on to it in a moment it came at an hour of crisis some years ago and I can never get away from it we had been working with a certain mission that was very eager to get missionaries out to the field as though the need constituted a call I knew that there were

needs for qualifying and getting people prepared so we didn't send them off to Bible school but we put them in a boot camp so that we wouldn't qualify them after the flesh but put them in the most difficult grinding grueling circumstances that everything that needed to be exposed would be exposed we picked a desert in California to do it oh I could give you a long story about it well we were fellowshiping and helping train and bought a big DC6 plane surplus from the government after the war to get them down to the field faster a brand new cart I'll never forget I think we'd taken four or five plane loads down this particular time I happened to be at boot camp and we loaded the group with a twenty one missionaries and their children and baggage and started up the coast from California up

to Eugene and Portland and so on having rallies along the way before they take off for Miami I was really tempted I'd never been in South America and oh how I'd like to have gone along natural desire you don't blame me but I remember the Lord with such clarity saying no no no when we said goodbye I believe it was at Spokane and I went on to a conference in South Dakota they went on to Minneapolis and then a couple other places took off for Miami I'd learned a lot I still love that group we'd been together some of the most precious people I'd ever known and top pilots who had flown in the Berlin Airway by radio but I hadn't been in that conference all about a week and I got a call long distance from the head of the mission the other end of the line he was saying Brother Vern that plane you

were on and all those missionaries have gone into a mountain down in South America would you go and take some of my conferences and meetings when you get through I'm going to fly down and see if we can't get some of the bodies and some of the things back so close to being on it that wouldn't be so bad but I'd slept with those people I'd lived with them for weeks and weeks and I tell you when it comes to some

people with zeal some desire to do something for God to do it for God that morning I never forget hiding away for the day I guess you learn the principle after a while of saying Lord your will but you have to be honest there's always a big why that comes up here were the most dedicated people I knew why did that plane go into the mountains and I will never forget that afternoon there

was quite a stillness over the whole camp not a big group but that afternoon my father-in-law who has walked with God through the years knew that he had to have a word and I'm sure God gave it he said as we went to the service we sat down he said I want you to turn to 1st Chronicles chapter 13 and he took us through this portion and God began to answer some things he had tried to tell me for some years but I never would listen to him because he didn't have that zip and zoom you know this was so slow I couldn't question his dedication and his deal but he didn't move fast enough oh I thank God for men through the years who have just been patient and they're waiting and say well son here's the seed I'll wait for it to take root and someday you'll see but I got a hold of this and it has been

a tremendous help and an answer and I look back now to realize oh how much of the religious world today moves on expediency we see the thing that is good and right something we want to do nothing wrong with bringing the ark was there no but there was some things wrong we're going to see it fortunately now this story doesn't stop with chapter 13 we go over to chapter 15 and we begin to get a hold of actually what was wrong or what was involved in this period in between I think we do well now to remember here was something instead of effectiveness or realizing or achieving getting the ark home it was disaster the timing and placing were wrong the order was wrong we're going to read it his priority was wrong and we're going to see why the priority was wrong chapter 15 now says and David made

him houses in the city of David and prepared a place for the ark of God and pitched for it a tent I'd like to ask you a question David back here in chapter 13 when you were so ready to get the ark back into the city David where were you going to put it oh put it well let's just get it there we'll cross that bridge later you see let's just get it here first well we begin to discover already that something's out of order and I believe while I know I'm just picking something out of context but I believe that David with this sense of Lord what went wrong why we do read two things in chapter 14 and verses 10 and 14 you understand they apply to something else but they're the key to what I'm after it says and David inquired of God verse 14 therefore David inquired again of God now he was after

this but I believe in this circumstance that God is able to speak to him then chapter 15 and verse 2 then David said none ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites for them hath the Lord chosen to carry the ark of God and to minister unto him forever I ask the question again of David David surely you should have known this if you'd have been in continuity and if you'd have gone back and realized what God had said previously that none but the Levites should carry the ark those duly set apart and anointed David just where did you get the idea of a new ark where did that come from well you know how when the Philistines had looked upon the ark and they knew that it was something very precious to Israel and they thought if we could just get that ark away from them and get it in our midst

then we would be blessed we would have the same prosperity all how they wanted to get the ark and they did get it in their midst in a battle only to discover that the blessing turned out to be a lot and that's always true that's a principle you can follow if you just want the blessing it'll turn out in your hands to work something else so they had to get rid of this thing that didn't happen to be the blessing they thought it was going to be they consulted you know with some of their prophets and they said build a new cart and hook some kind that had never been used and let their God lead their kind and get it back to their country get it

out so they had to because they didn't have any Levites it was necessary for them to use a new cart well I don't know but I have reason to believe that

here's David going out to take the method of the Philistine to bring it in and harness it and use it I don't need to make any applications today I think we can look all around it and we might all of us be amazed how many new carts there are being used to do the things of the Lord for God but at those times we've been saying God puts a breach and he stops the thing mid in its tracks and the highways and byways people are filled with this sort of a disillusion that we thought it was for God what went wrong so we're getting a key now none but the Levi and verse 3 and David gathered all Israel together to Jerusalem to bring up the ark of the Lord unto his place which he had prepared for it David assembled the children of Aaron and so on David verse 11 and David called for Zadok and then verse

12 and said unto them ye are the chief of the fathers of the Levi sanctify yourself both ye and your brethren that ye may bring up the ark of the Lord God of Israel unto the place that I have prepared for it for because ye did it not at the first the Lord our God made a breach upon us for that we sought him not after the due order we sought him not after the due order well we have simply been saying that if the due order had been followed they would have had a place prepared and their timing would have been right and it would have brought about the realization that in fact it was the thing they were after but we ask why did David what happened in the order why did it fail why didn't he know the due order he got his priority mixed up priority failed what was the priority well we know who

he counseled with but I bring it back simply to this here's our lovely olive tree again deep within and here's our branch about all we can say this is we're going to get a fruit out here eventually but here's our olive tree and I think God has seemed to say to my own heart in so many ways oh in the midst of the anxiety to get things done for God we confuse the apparent need with the real need the thing that seems apparent the apparent need with the real need and I believe that it's this only God can really bring you into the real priority I can't organize my day dear Lord one two three four five every time I say that knowing that it's a wonderful thing to do it in your own mind before the Lord but to stay so very adjustable in it otherwise you'll be in complete total frustration and

confusion when the Lord flips in something else that worked out the whole thing in another way but the priority only comes by the abiding my spirit soon mingles in union with his spirit God alone knows the priority and I believe this is where David's failure comes if he had been if he had been sensitive if the flow had been there he would have heard the Lord say David first of all you must make a place and so it brings us back to principle we quote so often seek first the kingdom of God this is simple it isn't anything you don't know just trying somehow to shut us up to the fact that the due order the due order I think I think I sense in so many religious circles today that while it's very wonderful for God's children to have more and more relief what we really need is more and more

restriction in some way more and more really being shut up and brought into the sense of oh God these things are good but I must know your order here's great realization the priority was right God said this the order the time and place something of an effectiveness and I don't know you forgive my childishness but I like to think of what always comes as the fruit on this tree when the when the branch a particular branch has allowed the real flow out of a real abiding sense of being one with and this whole thing works pretty fast but out here there's one thing and it's a natural law the thing that always comes as the fruit of effectiveness or efficiency the outflow of this and I think we see it here it's a very lovely thing praise praise you look at that car and it hums with a beautiful hum

that only a mechanic could hear you say my you have that well tuned you go to the life in whom the spirit of God the anointing is working and there's that flow that brings forth effectiveness you can't help but say Lord you've done it praise we want the byproduct soul without what brings it about you see it only comes with what a difference the process the procession was this time instead of a funeral procession I don't wonder that this I don't wonder that so many religious things end in the graveyard brother we needed clothes today we got a lot of things to bury a lot of mishaps lots of times the the cart stumbles and it's a good thing the cemetery is as close as it is to the church I mean the building the building and there's something else I must say in closing it would seem that with

such a triumphant note of fulfillment and realization that everybody would be happy everyone would be rejoicing here's the cross implied implicit right here it's always true just as soon as there's something of the fruit that comes out of real anointing for God the enemy will be right there and the cross is worth it no sooner had the Lord Jesus come from Jordan anointed and an invader something that was going to realize for God but the devil slips right in and takes him to the wilderness he's right there and I think we just well be prepared that which really that which really is in the line of purpose with God that which constitutes being raised up and anointed and finally beginning to move into that which will bring praise there'll be the counterattack and here it is verse 29 you know it

it came to pass as the ark of the covenant of the Lord came to the city of David and Michal the daughter of David looking out at a window saw King David dancing and playing and she despised him I don't know what to do with something they lead me to conclusions that sometimes I wonder about but I'm rather sure that the natural will always hate that which is truly the fruit of the anointing this does not give license to start your dancing party now but if there comes something that stumbles the natural I want to stand back and be able to somehow be so aligned with David that I can rejoice in his dancing I don't know this is kind of a sifting thing there's something here God has enlarged it David that isn't of a sound mind imagine the king out there all right there are lots of things that

cross up the natural God has his way dear heart we go on tomorrow into what's really involved in the priority but I just want to say in closing this morning you may get your eyes on what you think of the needs in your home or the circumstances in your fellowship or wherever it is God wants to shut us up to himself he'll not show us needs and then let us go about to bring in the ark I've tried it I've sat down in disillusionment so many many times when I had a funeral on my hands instead of a glorious procession there's someone who's been disillusioned as though he felt like he'd been let down well oh I trust that God will build foundations that we can move with a new confidence Lord in your ways in your ways you bring about effectiveness do you believe it?

Lord we are shut up to the fact this morning that all the natural laws that we know all the philosophy all the principles we know fall short right at this point they just lack you as the root of it the source of it the supplier the sufficiency everything comes right back to this we Lord we seem keenly sensitive and aware of the fact that there's some real priority issues here this conference oh is this just another gathering to encourage and strengthen your people or are there some priorities involved the real order that you've ordained the timing and the placing we do praise that thou will hold us in your hands let us manufacture or bring upon ourselves any thing that's not really holy of thee burdens or heaviness or anything else but just hold us in that lovely flow where we sense that which is divine oh thank you Lord for the divine priority for the divine order the due order the divine placing and the divine timing and the divine effectiveness and the fruit that comes to thee out of it all we praise in Jesus name Amen

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