

Ridin' High Cowboy Church

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Brother Steve opened this message this morning with a hair raising story ☺... When he was 16, a lady had 2 two year old colts she wanted halter broke, and she'd pay \$250 each for completing the task = \$500! He unloaded them at his grand dad's cow working pens and thought this was going to be so easy...just run them into the chute and straight into the head gate...☺ The first colt in a matter of 20 seconds, lifted the head gate off the posts and took off running with the head gate firmly attached on his head. With the weight, it flipped the colt end over end and Steve thought surely the colt had broken it's neck...after the colt got up, Steve had a loose horse, so he decided a good cowboy would go and rope it...☺ ☺ Well, he roped it and when his horse stopped, and the colt hit the end of the rope, it broke the tree in his saddle. The shock wave of the tree breaking caused his horse to start bucking, throwing Steve about 10' in the air! He did clearly state that no horses were hurt during this learning experience! ☺

Thinking about how we sometimes think we have a better idea than God.

2 Samuel 6:1-7 1 David again brought together all the able young men of Israel, thirty thousand. 2 He and all his men went to Baalah in Judah to bring up there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the Lord Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on the ark. 3 They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Ussah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart with the Ark of God on it. Ahio was walking in front of it. David and all of Israel were celebrating with all their might before the Lord, with songs and harps, lyres, tambourines, sistrums and cymbals. 6 When they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Ussah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. The Lord's anger burned against Ussah because of his irreverent act, therefore God struck him down and he died there beside the ark of God.

The ark was meant to be carried only by hand and only Levites family of Koath. The Philistines had captured the ark and kept it for 20 years. When Israel got it back, they kept it for 70 years at Abinadab's

Uzzah made a decision to disregard God's rules and do what seems right to him, the ark was in his house before he was born, he KNEW not to touch it.

David then made a RIGHT decision and took the ark to a Levite's house and left it for 3 months (God blessed that man and his family in a way that was obvious. David saw the blessing and wanted the ark back with him.)

This time, they carried it the right way with the right people.

14 Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might, 15 while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and sounds of trumpets, 16 as 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.

20 When 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!"

21 David 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 of the Lord's people – I will celebrate for the Lord. 22 I 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,

23 and Michal, daughter of Saul, had no children to the day of her death. (Not that God made her unable most likely David did not sleep with her anymore)

1 Peter 5:6-7

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you

6 Humble yourselves (aka, obey Him there is a close relationship between humility and obedience. We shift our focus from the things I want to be or want to do, to God, saying I trust you, God.

Example of disobedience causing stress...

If we live our lives completely inside God's boundaries for life, we would cut out more than half of our stress or said the other way... to live outside the boundaries of God adds unnecessary stress.

If a man refuse to love his wife the way God tells us to there will be stress in the marriage. If a woman refuse to show her husband the respect God calls her to, there will be stress in the marriage.

If children don't obey their parents, there will be stress in the family.

If we don't follow God's rules for finances (give, save, live – we will have stress financially..

What about the stress of being found out! – You've been having an affair and you have added tremendous stress to your life hoping nobody finds out.

You're not getting where you want to go in business, so you start cutting corners and taking shortcuts that may be illegal.

You lower your standards for who and what you do with who you date because the desire for a relationship is stronger than the desire to obey God.

therefore, under God's mighty hand (God has told us how to do things and we have to follow it to the letter)

that he may lift you up (what you want is what he wants, God is as interested in you maximizing your potential as you are.

God wants you to be free of the weight you're carrying around, and that starts with humility.

in due time This is the part we don't like. We want a fix NOW (when God is ready he will lift you up past the things that keep you down if you humble yourself) there is a right and a wrong time for these desires to go away...

We buy houses, cars, get married, move, quit jobs, take jobs without focusing on obeying God first...he wants you to have those things *in due time*.

God wants to use it to grow you into what he wants you to be. It's up to God when we are able to get past...

Cast (NASB says casting, the word casting is a participle in Greek that is used in a tense that is in relationship with the word humble) so the words go together, while you're doing the above, Humbling, you can cast...

all your anxiety on him (the word translated anxiety always refers to the unavoidable stresses of life – you have to pay taxes, you have to live indoors, you have to eat, you have to take care of your family) when you humble yourself you have the permission to hand God all the stress related to those things.

because he cares for you

(word cares conveys the idea YOU matter to God. He is truly concerned about your life and what you need.

The idea is that if you and me focus on obeying God, then God will take care of the rest.

We have two options ...

We can try to take care of it ourselves, knowing we can't or

We can let God handle it, knowing he can.

There is a huge relationship between Humility – Obedience and Trust

Doing things the right way

At the right time

Always ends in the right results

God's way

God's time

God sized results