

Friday January 22, Day 19 Prayer Intention:

For the Pastoral search to be swift and effective.

For wisdom in the waiting, and not rushing ahead of what God is doing in
Crosswalk and Sunnyvale Christian School

Scripture:

¹David again brought together all the able young men of Israel—thirty thousand. ²He and all his men went to Baalah in Judah to bring up from 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. ³They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart ⁴with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it. ⁵David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the Lord, with castanets, harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrums and cymbals.

⁶When they came to the threshing floor of Nakon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. ⁷The Lord's anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down, and he died there beside the ark of God.

⁸Then David was angry because the Lord's wrath had broken out against Uzzah, and to this day that place is called Perez Uzzah.

Exodus 6:1-8

Things we are praying together:

(you can pray for all of these or choose a few)

- That we would be a campus unified in trusting the process with this Pastoral search
- To give us grace and wisdom to wait
- For our next pastor to be a person of high character and the leader God has chosen for us
- Wisdom for Pastor Gilbert and the Church Council with the Pastoral search

Reflection

When I first read these scriptures, I immediately thought, “Why did you kill Uzzah? He was only protecting the Ark.” I was confused and unsure of how to process this story. But actually it was King David’s fault for the death of Uzzah. Even though his anger was directed at God, it doesn’t mean it was God’s fault.

King David desired to have the Ark of the Covenant in his hometown, and in his excitement he rounded up people and rushed the process, and did things irreverently. He wanted the right thing but did it in the wrong way. And because of that, it not only affected Uzzah, but affected a whole nation.

Even when God was calling the Israelites into the Promised land, God told them that He could not drive all the people that were living there out all at once.

But I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals too numerous for you. Little by little I will drive them out before you, until you have increased enough to take possession of the land. Exodus 23:29-30

God saw the process and He saw why it was wise not to rush it. Let us also have a heart that not only desires the right things, but trusts the process.

We as a campus community are in need of a Pastor, and our desire is right and Godly. But if we rush things or skip over critical processes it could affect thousands of people.

Our God wants us as a church and school to thrive under the right God-given leadership, and not to go ahead of what the Holy Spirit is doing in this process. Let us be a Church that is unified in this season of waiting and trusting.

Prayer

Father is says in Your word

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*

Proverbs 3:5-6

We also read

*“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,”
declares the Lord. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways
higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”*

Isaiah 55:8-9

Let us be a community of believers who trust You at all times, in all processes, and that You Father want the right Pastor for us more than we do. Give us the grace to trust and believe.

You make everything beautiful in Your own timing

Ecclesiastes 3:11a