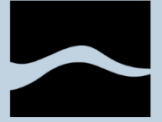


SERMON NOTES

A STRANGE DEATH (1 CHRONICLES 13:1–14)

STRANGE STORIES, PECULIAR GLORIES



BIG IDEA: The holiness of God is your wake-up call

APPLICATION GUIDE

July 27, 2025

DISCUSS

In your own words, why is the ark of the covenant significant?

In what ways does the ark symbolize God's **relationship** with His people? What about His **rule**?

How does the ark communicate God's **righteousness**? What about His **redemption**?

How does the ark foreshadow Jesus? How does Jesus fulfill and surpass the shadowy symbolism of the ark? (cf. Hebrews 9).

Read 1 Samuel 5 and discuss what happened when the Philistines foolishly captured the ark. What does this story communicate about God's presence?

APPLY

Are there areas in your life where you're "on spiritual cruise control"? What warning lights are you ignoring?

Are you repeating patterns of disobedience from your past or previous generations? How can that stop with you?

Do you find yourself assuming that good intentions justify disobedience? Why is that dangerous?

In what ways have you become numb to the seriousness of sin in your life? What might God be doing to wake you up to His holiness?

Can you identify any "new carts" (methods or shortcuts) that you might be using to shortcut your spiritual responsibilities and skimp on obedience?

COMMIT

Gather your family this week and declare a renewed commitment to seek God together and begin worshipping the holy God in your home.