

## New life Christian Fellowship.

Do you feel God's presence has left your life, but you can't think why?

The Ark of the Covenant, containing the 10 commandments, represented the presence of God in Israel in King David's time. David wanted to live with a very near sense of the presence of God. He knew The Ark was Holy so wanted to bring it to Jerusalem, the centre of Jewish life.

He, with the priests, moved The Ark, on a cart, using Oxen. It slipped. Uzzah reached out and was struck down dead!

David had pure motives, but he failed to ask God *how* to transport The Ark properly, bringing death to Uzzah. David referred to The Law concerning movement of The Ark, followed it, and God's presence and blessings fell upon them.

There is a message for us here. Are we following God with the right motives, but in the wrong way? Have we fallen away from God's teachings, followed traditions, with good intentions, that have blocked God's blessings in our lives? This story reinforces the importance of asking God to examine our hearts, showing if we are not pleasing Him, so we can turn around and receive God's blessings again.

In a letter to the Corinthian's, Paul wrote: "We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself."

When life kicks us in the teeth, if we feel like Paul, all we can do is put our trust in God. God is the only one who can rescue us from despair, give us hope. "But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again" Paul continued.

If you have a gnawing anxiety that will not shift and you have tried everything; it is time to turn to God. Sometimes we have to pour it all out, telling God we can't cope anymore, asking Him to handle it and give us His Peace.

Perhaps God wants us to do things differently? Ask Him for direction. It is time to hand over our Monday morning blues, our feelings about work, life, our thoughts; confessing if we have been living life our way, and not Gods.

God blessed David and Paul in hard times, He will bless us too.

New Life Christian Fellowship meet in Kilgetty Community Centre, 10.45am Sundays, all welcome. Call 01834 831533/07827293781 if you want to talk or would like us to pray.