



Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School



Episode 068 - A New City, A Bitter Wife 2 Samuel 6

Jerusalem was a lot like our nation's capital, Washington, D.C. Washington is not located in any single state, but in a "district" formed from land ceded or given over by Maryland and Virginia. Since the capital doesn't lie within any one state, it's considered neutral and does not give priority or more power to one state over any other. David chose to do the same with his capital. He achieved this by not taking the land from any of the Israelite tribes. Instead, it was captured from the Jebusites.

- How can a pastor and congregation keep from showing favoritism to wealthy or prominent families in a church?

David's wife, Michal, daughter of Saul, was not happy about the way David set aside his kingly dignity and humbled himself before God as the ark was brought into Jerusalem.

- Why do you think David carried on this way?
- Was God pleased that David humbled himself?
- Bruce Wurdeman proposes the reason Michal never had any children is because David ceased sexual relations with her. Do you think this could have been God's punishment for her pride as well?

Many times throughout His life Jesus humbled Himself.

- List and describe as many of these times and circumstances as you can.
- What part did His humility play in turning God's wrath away from us?
- What part did it play in turning away our hostility towards God?

Read James 2:1-13.

How can we overcome partiality and division in our congregations?