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David tried to transport the ark just like the Philistines did - on a cart. In what ways might we be tempted today to use ungodly methods to worship or serve God?

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