

## Moments of Beauty Week 6 - Dance

**Saturday, October 17**



**Zach & Kim La Rue, ballroom dancing. Zach, street dancing. Photo credit: Katlin La Rue**

So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the LORD with all his might, while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets. As the ark of the LORD was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despised him in her heart. They brought the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the LORD. After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD Almighty. Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes. 2 Samuel 6:12-19

There are times when we need to realize that the way we do things is not the only way. When my son, Zach, was in high school. He was learning to break-dance. He loved it! He practiced all the time, doing things on his head, holding his body up with just his arms. But it was embarrassing to me when he started to do some crazy move on a statue in the park or on lampposts. And yet, he was so joyful and dedicated to learning this new dance for him. Eventually, I saw beauty in the way he was able to do difficult things that looked effortless. A

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few years later, he fell in love with ballroom dancing and took lessons from him and danced in several competitions with him. I was finally able to understand the joy of dance. Now I try to find beauty in what others see beauty in. It has expanded my joy and my appreciation of others. I pray that all of us can do this in small and large ways.