

WITHOUT A KING – Week 07

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Judges 17:1-12

1There was a man of the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Micah. 2And he said to his mother, “The 1,100 pieces of silver that were taken from you, about which you uttered a curse, and also spoke it in my ears, behold, the silver is with me; I took it.” And his mother said, “Blessed be my son by the LORD.”

3And he restored the 1,100 pieces of silver to his mother. And his mother said, “I dedicate the silver to the LORD from my hand for my son, to make a carved image and a metal image. Now therefore I will restore it to you.” 4So when he restored the money to his mother, his mother took 200 pieces of silver and gave it to the silversmith, who made it into a carved image and a metal image. And it was in the house of Micah.

5And the man Micah had a shrine, and he made an ephod and household gods, and ordained one of his sons, who became his priest.

6In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

7 Now there was a young man of Bethlehem in Judah, of the family of Judah, who was a Levite, and he sojourned there. 8And the man departed from the town of Bethlehem in Judah to sojourn where he could find a place. And as he journeyed, he came to the hill country of Ephraim to the house of Micah.

9And Micah said to him, “Where do you come from?” And he said to him, “I am a Levite of Bethlehem in Judah, and I am going to sojourn where I may find a place.” 10And Micah said to him, “Stay with me, and be to me a father and a priest, and I will give you ten pieces of silver a year and a suit of clothes and your living.” And the Levite went in.

11And the Levite was content to dwell with the man, and the young man became to him like one of his sons. 12And Micah ordained the Levite, and the young man became his priest, and was in the house of Micah. 13Then Micah said, “Now I know that the LORD will prosper me, because I have a Levite as priest.”

1. **Keeping Something Back**
2. **Homemade Religion**

Questions to Consider-

1. Which parts of God’s word would you most like to be different?
2. Are you ignoring them, or wrestling through them?
3. How are you, or how could you be, in danger of holding back an area of your life from God?
4. Are you experiencing real blessing in that area?

Recommended Resources for this sermon:

Bible Study

Judges (LifeChange) Study <https://www.amazon.com/Judges-LifeChange-Navigators/dp/1615217371>

Books

The Christian Atheist by Craig Groeshel

https://www.amazon.com/Christian-Atheist-Believing-Living-Doesnt/dp/0310332222/ref=sr_1_1?crid=NJMBMPTJUN2E&keywords=christian+atheist+book&qid=1688679099&s=books&sprefix=christian+athe%2Cstripbooks%2C91&sr=1-1

Knowing God by J.I. Packer

https://www.amazon.com/Knowing-God-J-I-Packer/dp/0340863544/ref=sr_1_4?crid=3MZRJ0AMLMLYT&keywords=knowing+god+by+j.i.+packer&qid=1688679365&s=books&sprefix=Knowing+God+%2Cstripbooks%2C83&sr=1-4

Rightnow Media Resources

- **Holy Habits by Derwin Gray**
- **The Real God by Chip Ingram**
- **All the Places to Go... How Will You Know? By John Ortberg**