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#### How are we like Micah in this narrative?

- 1. He wants to worship God on his own terms:
  - Judges 17:4-5
  - Micah's is a religion that is not about God and His truth and will, but about Micah's own ideas and preferences.



How are we like Micah in this narrative?

- 2. He's spiritually arrogant:
  - Judges 17:5
  - He ignores God's commands/Word as authoritative.



#### How are we like Micah in this narrative?

- 3. He is deceived about his relationship with and devotion to God:
  - Judges 17:13, "Now I know that the Lord will prosper me, because I have a Levite as priest."
  - Micah just wants God's blessing without relationship or being obedient to God's commands.

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- 1. The **REASON**
- 2. The **RESULT**
- 3. The **REMEDY**



# The **REASON** we do what is right in our own eyes:

 "And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed."

—John 3:19-20



The **REASON** we do what is right in our own eyes:

"Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment." —Proverbs 18:1



"Our sin is the constant belief that God is not good, His word is not true, and disobeying Him isn't a big deal."

Todd Wagner



# Proverbs 28:26a

"Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool . . . ."



The **RESULT** of doing what is right in our own eyes:

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death." —Proverbs 16:25



The **RESULT** of doing what is right in our own eyes—we experience:

- Cycles of sin and judgment like we see in Judges
- Separation from God and the good life He wants for us
- Becoming hardened and hollowed



#### Matthew 19:8

"Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so."

#### Hebrews 3:13

"But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called 'today,' that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin."



## Proverbs 19:3

"When a man's folly brings his way to ruin, he rages against the Lord."



#### **Proverbs 5:22-23**

"The iniquities of the wicked ensnare him, and he is held fast in the cords of his sin. He dies for lack of discipline, and because of his great folly he is led astray."



# The **REMEDY** for doing what is right in our own eyes:

- Humility
- Confession
- Repentance
- Daily abiding with Christ
- Living authentically in community



### Matthew 5:4

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."



#### Isaiah 66:2

"But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word."



"In those days there was no king in Israel. . . ."

- Points us to our ultimate need: a Good King to rescue us and rule us.
- We don't need to focus on following rules; we need to be ruled.
- "What we need is a King who will rescue us, rule us, and change us." —Tim Keller

"True Christianity will cost a man his sins. He must be willing to give up every habit and practice which is wrong in God's sight. He must set his face against it, quarrel with it, break off from it, fight with it, crucify it and labor to keep it under control, whatever the world around him may say or think. He must do this honestly and fairly. There must be no secret truce with any special sin which he loves. He must count all sins as his deadly enemies, and hate every false way." —JC Ryle, Holiness



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- Be sure to fill out our Summit survey that will be emailed to you today. Your feedback makes us better!
- Please be sure to sign in and print a name tag. It has your small group room in the corner.
- If you do not have a small group, stay in here and come to the front where Hil Bowman and Rob Heath will lead the Open Group.

