

Southside Baptist Church  
Sunday Morning – 3-12-23  
Christianity 101 – Message 27 Part 8  
“Can you really serve two masters?”

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look Back:

1) The slow fade of faith:

- a) Friendship with the world – James 4:4
- b) Spotted by the world – James 1:27
- c) Love for the world – I John 2:15
- d) Conformed to the world – Romans 12:2

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) This brings us to an obvious question – Can you really serve two masters?
- 2) Building upon the firm foundations of God’s Word by teaching chronologically through the Bible.

c. So far, we have seen –

d. Where are we today?

- 1) Some Israelite tribes obeyed while others disobeyed.
- 2) Judges 2:11-19 – an outline of the book of Judges.
  - a) Verse 11 – Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord.
  - b) Verse 15 – God who was once with them is now against them.
  - c) Verse 16 – While God was chastening them, He was also showing them mercy.
  - d) Verse 17 – The people would not listen to the judges.
- 3) What would we see if we took a closer look into this?
  - a) This reality series is called – Micah doesn’t know best.

2. Without a strong foundation, everything is fragile. The Home – Judges 17:1-6

a. The Home – what a gift but what a responsibility.

- 1) God set forth 3 important institutions – Home, worshipping community and Government.
- 2) The home, the family is where the foundation for all of this is laid.

b. Reality show – Micah doesn’t know best.

- 1) Do you see any confusion here?
  - a) Mom is missing money.
  - b) Micah returns it, but why?
- 2) Mom – dedicates the money to the Lord and then gives money to make an idol for Micah.
- 3) Micah makes an Ephod and Teraphim and appoints his son as his priest.

c. What do you see here?

- 1) Can you pick out the hypocrisy?
- 2) Micah is trying to mix faith and the flesh and live life.
- 3) Today – we understand this as the battle of Spirit versus the flesh. Gal. 5:17

d. A lesson to learn from:

- 1) What was at the core of their disobedience?
  - a) Trying to serve/worship two masters.
  - b) They were treating God like just another deity.

e. What were they doing?

- 1) Did you notice what verse 6 said?

3. Without a strong foundation, everything is fragile. The Church. Judges 17:6-13

a. What’s going on with the Priests?

- 1) A young Levite named Jonathan.

b. What’s the big deal?

- 1) What is missing here?
- c. Why does God include this story for us?
  - 1) Jonathan may represent the typical mindset at this time.
- 4. Today's Take Away:
  - a. Without a strong foundation, everything is fragile. The Home...
    - 1) What do all of these leaders have in common?
      - a) We are seeing in our leadership today in government the impact of the home and what is being taught.
    - 2) Without a strong foundation, everything is fragile. The Church
      - a) In many ways the strength of the Church is related to the strength of the home.
      - b) The fall and rebellion of the Israelite nation happened from what took place within the four walls of the home.