

## Am I Problematic? Judges 17:1-6 Jared Mehrle

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*"There was a man named Micah, who lived in the hill country of Ephraim. One day he said to his mother, 'I heard you place a curse on the person who stole 1,100 pieces of silver from you. Well, I have the money. I was the one who took it.' 'The LORD bless you for admitting it,' his mother replied. He returned the money to her, and she said, 'I now dedicate these silver coins to the LORD. In honor of my son, I will have an image carved and an idol cast.' So when he returned the money to his mother, she took 200 silver coins and gave them to a silversmith, who made them into an image and an idol. And these were placed in Micah's house. Micah set up a shrine for the idol, and he made a sacred ephod and some household idols. Then he installed one of his sons as his personal priest. In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes" (Judges 17:1-6,NLT).*

God, why is this in the Bible? What am I supposed to learn from this passage?

**How many things did they do wrong?**

**So, why was this passage in the Bible?**

Judges 17:6

**This passage is the theme of the book of Judges.**

**In the history of the church, we can see this happen time and time again!**

**How are we problematic? How are we letting the world hijack the Gospel?**

**How do we keep ourselves from letting the world mutilate our faith?**

Romans 12:1-2

**Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you!**

**Jesus' words give us some helpful instructions.**

Matthew 22:37-40

**Reading the Old Testament, we're struck by the offenses that God condemns.**

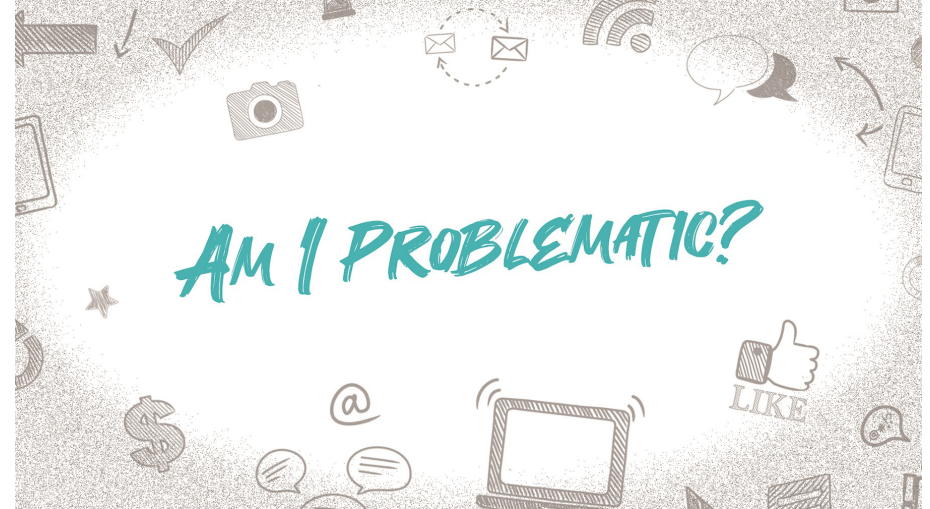
**Next Step:**

Spend 15 minutes this week reading Matthew 22:37-40.

Ask God:

How am I failing to love you?

Who is my neighbor that I need to love better?



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## Welcome to Living Creek!

It's a joy to have you worshipping with us.

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## TODAY

Join us for **Pre-Service Prayer**, **15 minutes before each service**, in the Church Office kitchen.

It's **Coffee Corner Sunday!** Join us for fellowship in the Church Office between/after services.

This month we would like to encourage you to lift up in prayer our partners at **American Border Ministries**. Located in Eagle Pass, Texas, this group is working with Iglesia de Cristo. We specifically pray for Phyllis Garza, the late Ranulfo's wife, as she continues his ministry legacy. More information can be found on our website under the Ministries tab.

## CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Jordan and Amy Mosel on the birth of their daughter, Violet May, born on March 13 at 7:58 AM. Also, congratulations to grandparents Bob & Kim Mosel and aunt Savannah Mosel.

## LOOKING AHEAD

The **Monee Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on **Saturday, March 28** at Firemen's Park. Refreshments will be served at 10 AM followed by the Egg Hunt at 10:30 AM. We have been asked to **donate completed, ready-to-go Easter baskets** for ages 1-12. The deadline for basket donations is **TODAY**.

**Good Friday** is **April 3**. The livestream and in-person service will be at **6:30 PM**, with Birth-PreK Ministry available.

**Easter** services on **April 5** will be at **8, 9:30** (livestream) & **11 AM**. The 9:30 & 11 AM services will have full Children's Ministry.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**The Well** meets **TONIGHT**, from **6-8 PM**. The new two-week series is **Influencer** and tonight's session is "Choosing New Life."

Registration for **Summer Camps at Little Galilee** is open! We're going to **HS Main 2 June 21-26** and **JH Main 2 July 5-10**. By using code **LCCC75D** when registering, you will save \$75. Go to <https://littlegalilee.org/registration> to register **NOW!**

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

**For more on our Building Updates** visit [livingcreek.org/our-future](http://livingcreek.org/our-future).

**For more on our Pastoral Search Updates** visit [livingcreek.org/lead-pastor-search](http://livingcreek.org/lead-pastor-search).

## FINANCIAL UPDATES

Our weekly budgeted need for the General Fund is \$9,724. The average weekly giving for February was \$9,351. The Welcome Home fund balance is \$574,875.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Smart Phone & Tablet Users** can follow today's message and scriptures on the **Bible** app. Click on More > Events and Search for Living Creek to follow along.

Have you joined our online directory: **Church Community Builder (CCB)?** Visit [livingcreek.ccbchurch.com](http://livingcreek.ccbchurch.com) to take a look!

### **The Lord's Supper**

If you are a Christian, we invite you to join us in receiving the Lord's Supper (gluten-free communion is available). There are two stations in the back of the room. We use a two-cup system. The bottom cup contains the bread and the top cup contains the juice.

### **Giving**



*We also invite you to continue in worship with your giving as a sign of support for our ministry. You may mail in or drop off your gifts at the Church Office. Online giving is available by scanning the QR code or via our website at [livingcreek.org](http://livingcreek.org) > Contribute or by texting **GIVE** to 833.245.8300.*

### **What's your Next Step?**

Find it at [livingcreek.org](http://livingcreek.org) > Welcome > Your Next Step.



### **Communication Link**

Do you have a **prayer request, praise or comment?** Are you ready to take your **next step?** Would you like more information about **baptism or membership?** We'd love to hear from you! Scan the QR code to connect with us.

### **Worship Service Experiences**

- **Livestreaming** at 9:30 AM on YouTube
- **Online** at [livingcreek.org](http://livingcreek.org)
- **Children's Worship Service** at 11 AM (Birth - 5th grade) at The Wave, 4854 W Court ST, Monee
- **Worship Service** at 9:30 & 11 AM at The Well, 4840 W Court ST, Monee

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