Pastor: Jonathan Rayder Sermon Title: **"WHAT ARE YOU DOING?"** Judges 18:14-31

- Having previously stayed at the house of Micah, the 5 men remember what they saw there & report that to their tribemates
- With the intel they just received, the 600 armed men go to the house of Micah
 - "Turning aside" = suggests that this house was apparently a little out of their way (but it was deemed worth the detour)
- The 5 men, who previously stopped by this house, go in & take the ephod & the graven image & the molten image
- Watching ALL of this transpire (blatant theft), the young Levite priest asks the people, "What are you doing?"
 - Their response, "Shut your mouth & come with us"
 - Hearing this offer, the young Levite priest was pleased. The offer made him feel important; it made him happy.
- After traveling a little while, Micah (with some help), catches up to the Tribe of Dan
- ALL of Micah's life was consumed with the religion he made up (it blinded him to the God he originally claimed to serve)
- Seeing that the Tribe of Dan was too powerful for him, Micah sadly resides himself to going back home
- Eventually, the Tribe of Dan reach Laish & attack them & set their city on fire
- Because of the speed in which the Tribe of Dan came in there was NO help given to these people of Laish
- & after they destroyed Laish, Dan rebuilt the city & lived in it
- The text seems to suggest that one of the very FIRST things that the Tribe of Dan does is to find a good spot for the graven image
- It appears that the name for the young Levite, who was a personal priest for Micah (now the Tribe of Dan) was Jonathan

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