

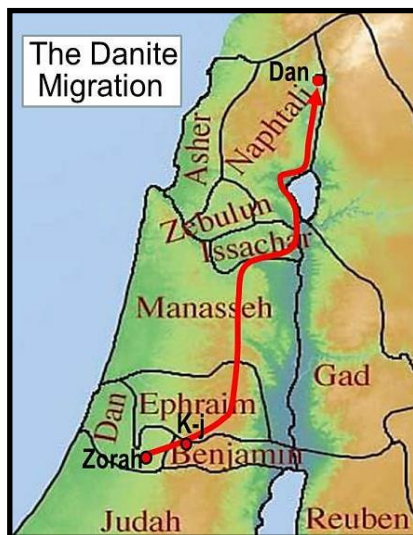
## Taking the Path of Least Resistance Judges 18

### ***A spy mission that defied God's will, 1-10***

- 18:1 = land had been allotted to Dan but had just not fallen under Danite control yet. NLT is best here. See 1:34, Josh 19:40-48. Why was it so wrong for the spies to seek God's guidance (v. 6).
- Compare/contrast this spying episode to Num. 12-14, Dt. 1:19-45.
- Can you spot all the biblically absurd things going on here?
- What is the rationale for the decisions all these people are making?

### ***A tribal migration that succeeds where it shouldn't, 11-31***

- Why does this "son-like" Levite dump Micah for the Danites?
- So much for Micah's confidence (17:13); note confession in 18:24a.
- Bombshell—this Levite is Jonathan, son of Gershom, see Ex. 2:22.
- The Danites' idolatrous religion will rival God's house at Shiloh and have a huge later impact, I Kgs. 12:29. Consider Revelation 14.



When facing decisions which may present real obstacles, is it tempting to convince ourselves that the path of least resistance is actually God's will?

What type of resistance should we often expect to face when we seek to do God's will?