

NOT MY GOD

WEEK THREE - KILLJOY GOD

What if “my god” is not “the God”?

On Demand god: “A good god does what I want, when I want.”

Killjoy god: “A good god does not have tons of rules.”

Heartless god: “A good god does not allow pain.”

Goosebumps god: “A good god always makes me feel something.”

Psalms 23:4 (NIV) Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for You are with me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

Psalms 119:51-52 (NIV) The arrogant mock me unmercifully, but I do not turn from your law. I remember, Lord, your ancient laws, and I find comfort in them.

A Killjoy approach to God leads us to think God is irrelevant.

Top reasons people do not attend Church:

Church is Irrelevant

Hypocrisy

Moral Failures of the Leadership

God is missing in the church

Legitimate doubt is prohibited

Lack of community in church

Matthew 23:2-4 (NLT) “The teachers of religious law and the Pharisees are the official interpreters of the law of Moses. So practice and obey whatever they tell you, but don’t follow their example. For they don’t practice what they teach. They crush people with unbearable religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden.

Religion has complicated what God has made simple.

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The purpose of the law is to show our need for a savior.

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Romans 3:22 (NLT) We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

Relationship With Boundaries = **Healthy**

Relationship Without Boundaries = **Rebellion**

God’s relevance is found in His pursuit of us.

Romans 5:8 (NLT) But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

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Become A Student of God’s Law: Read • Write • Ask • Pray

Help me to find protection and comfort in your law through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ my Savior.