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Sermon Notes

“Do Not Worry” – Matt 6:24-33

²⁴“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Do Not Worry

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life^e?”

²⁸“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Phillipians 4

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

1. We serve a faithful and trustworthy God.
2. Sometimes we don't take advantage of His presence and His willingness to help us.
3. We need constant care. Our sufficiency is really in Jesus Christ.
4. God is not only near us, but in us.

Mark 11:22

“Have faith in God,” Jesus answered.²³ “Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them.”²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

1. In whom do we trust?
2. God is trustworthy and reliable. He offers safety and security.
3. God is immutable – He cannot change. He loves us with an everlasting love.
4. “I rather walk with God in the dark, than go alone in the light”.
5. Where He leads me, I will go.
6. God wants total dependence.
7. He will never leave us or forsake us. Heb. 13:5
8. Relying on God has to begin all over, everyday. ~ CS. Lewis

Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
⁶in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight. Prov. 3:5-6

9. The more we depend on Him (God); The more we depend on HIM.
10. The more we depend on Him, He doesn't become more dependable, but we learn to constantly depend.
11. God has provided for us all that we need and we don't take advantage of it.

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
1 Peter 5:7

12. “Some people worry about 3 kinds of trouble – All that they've had; all that they have; and all that they will have”.
13. Definition of Trust: the reliance on and confidence in the truth, worth and reliability of a person or thing!