

**Living Word Fellowship Church
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The Cure

Matthew 6:25-34

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A. *The issues of worry; verse 25*

1. The word worried here means **“to be anxious, to care for”**
2. Jesus gives a command, and his commands are for the benefit of those the command are giving to and ultimately for his glory.
3. The usage here is someone who is so overly anxious to the point they become distracted.
4. In context, worry about things concerned with this life can distract us from looking at things from a Kingdom perspective.

B. *The issues of life verse 26*

1. The Word ‘life’ here refers to breath, the soul.
2. The soul is the seat of our affections. The will, the self, the person as an individual.
3. Jesus’ audience are those who are poor, and many of them are living day to day with barely much bread, money, or clothing and many would wear the same two pieces of clothes day to day until they waste away. So, when Jesus prayed for daily bread in verse 11 this resonated with them.
4. The people Jesus is speaking to may have affections that are focused on how they would simply just survive. Husbands, Wives, children who are consumed daily with wrestling with life’s common woes.
5. When our affections are limited to the survival of the things, we worry and become distracted from the fact that God is our provider.
6. *“Birds in the sky”* Birds may seem as some of the simplest creatures, but God cares for them. Birds are not involved in the process of sowing and reaping the food. They go and search and take what is needed. It is provided.
7. Our Heavenly Father provides our needs. Just as the birds seek for the provisions already provided. We are to seek God for whatever provisions we are in need of.

C. *The issues are you can’t add a day verse 27-29*

1. Are you not much more important than they? There has to be a sense of remembering how much Our Heavenly Father cares for us.
2. 1 Peter 5:6-7 states that because we have a father who cares for us, we are able to “cast” or “throw upon” him.
3. It takes humility to realize we are not able to carry our own weight.

4. When we feel the need to take things into our own hands and allow ourselves to make decisions of how we will handle troubles in our life without seeking the Lord first and that is prideful. Our job is not to pray to God about how we choose to handle our life but give our life to God as ask Lord how would you want me to live it.
5. Even as God takes care of the Lilies and their beauty and even the grass of the field he takes of us.
6. Here today and gone tomorrow. Many of the things we worry about are temporary and many things are more demanding and draining. Even those things compared to eternity are here today and gone tomorrow. God will sustain you for you are more important to him.

D. *The Issues of a Little Faith verse 30-32*

1. “You of little faith” refers to lacking confidence.
2. As we gaze on the birds that fly, the lilies and their vibrant beauty, and the clothing of the grass of the field we should be able to approach God with full confidence that he will provide and sustain us.
3. The father is not ignorant to your needs.
4. Gentiles seek these things- Jesus makes another comparison of the non-believers who worry about these things as one who doesn’t know the provider, the almighty God. As believers we know who God is and know he has the power to provide and the care for us that he will provide.

E. *The issues of the Kingdom verse 33-34*

1. Seek first the kingdom- When ordering our priorities in life, God’s purposes must be the goal line.
2. Culture teaches us that Jesus or “religion is a pathway or tool to reach our goals in life. The problem with this is when Jesus or the church don’t align anymore or no longer works the way we see fit we dispose of it. We then turn to alternative devices in life that bring worry or strife and we become self-dependent.
3. The scriptures teach us that Christ is the center from which ever goal in life branches from.
4. When we seek God first, not only will our desires be driven in righteousness, but in that God will provide all our needs.
5. What are some things in your life that have you worrying and are distracting you from seeking God first?
6. Do we need to repent and commit to undistracted devotion to God?