

7 Powerful Graces for Living: Seek

Matthew 6:25-34

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Matthew 6:25-34 "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? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? ²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If 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?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. (NIV)

Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church and Community

1. _____struggle

_____loyalty: You cannot be a slave to two owners. You will cling to one for survival and the other you will consider worthless. You are not able to worship both God and materialism! Matthew 6:23 (JOT)

_____: Let a person ask for wisdom from God in faith not doubt, because a double-minded person is like the waves of the ocean being driven by the wind and being tossed about by every thought!

James 1:7:11 (JOT)

2. _____to God's clarity

_____care: Therefore, I tell you, go all in for God! Your life is more than what you have, it is who you trust...you are of great value to God! Does anxiety add value to your life? Are you in absolute control?

Matthew 6:25-27 (JOT)

_____trust: If this is how God clothes the grass of the fields...will he not also clothe you, why do you have such little trust? Isn't God trustworthy? Stop letting anxiety rule you...your heavenly Father knows all of your needs and is committed to helping you.

Matthew 6:30, 31,32 (JOT)

_____the chaos: But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

Matthew 6:33-34 (NRSV)

3. God's constant _____

_____to restore: Jesus said, "Today is salvation day in this home! Here he is: Zacchaeus, son of Abraham! For the Son of Man came to find and restore the lost."

Luke 19:9-10 (MSG)

Spiritual Action Step:

Where are you struggling to trust God in your life? Have you lost your way in fear and despair? God in Jesus Christ wants to love you, help you, and earn your trust. The prophet Isaiah says: "Seek the LORD while he makes himself available; call to him while he is nearby!" Hear the earnest desire of our Lord to speak into your anxiety and calm your spirit. Listen to God's voice! It is calling you to trust him and not the things of this world. This week, read Matthew 5 and 6 and allow the Holy Spirit to share with you the presence and power of Jesus Christ.

Translations: NIV: New International Version; JOT: Jon's Own Translation; NRS: New Revised Standard Version; MSG: The Message.