Jesus Gets Us: Got the King?
Matthew 6:24-34
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Matthew 6:24-34: "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. [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? [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. _____ with allegiance

_____ loyalty: Where the storehouse of your most prized possession is, that is where your heart will be.

Matthew 6:21 (JOT)

_____ or thriving reign: You cannot serve two Lords. 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 6:24 (JOT)

2. _____ our trust in the King

_____ single-mindedness: The lamp of the body is the eye. If your eye is sincerely seeking genuine truth, then the entirety of your life will be bright and joyful! Matthew 6:22 (JOT)

_____ to trust: Learn from the lilies…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)

_____ faithfulness: Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Matthew 6:33-34 (NLT)

3. _____ for greater peace

_____ the opportunity: But the other criminal protested. "Don't you even fear God when you are dying? We deserve to die for our evil deeds, but this man hasn't done one thing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." And Jesus replied…. Luke 23:40-43a (TLB)

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!"* (Isaiah 55:6) 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 with your life and let go of things you are clinging to for security. This week read, Matthew 6-7 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; NLT: New Living Translation; TLB: The Living Bible.