God's Kingdom: It's (Still) Not What You Think
Our Passionate Pursuit

Matthew 6:25-34

## What's the BIG deal about worry?

Matthew 6:25

The impact of worry

Luke 8:11-15; Luke 10:38-42; Jeremiah 17:5-8

The choking factor

The distraction factor

The fear factor

Worry: A spiritual barometer

#### Some lessons from nature

Matthew 6:26-32

Calling for tenacious trust

1 Peter 5:7; Psalm 86:4-15

## Our passionate pursuit

Matthew 6:33-34

What God desires?

Luke 9:57-62

A prayer and promise

Philippians 4:6-7; Psalm 27:4

# Matthew 6:9-13

"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven. hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

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**Connect** Recall a worry that never came true. 3. What are some negative effects of worrying?

**Reflect** Share a thought you had from Sunday's message or Scriptures.

4. How does a focus on God's kingdom help keep us from worrying about our life (Matthew 6:33-34)?

## Explore

1. Unbelievers choose to run their own lives and therefore must be concerned about every provision. In what ways should a Christian be different?

> 5. God expects us to trust him for the practical details of life (Matthew 6:31-32). Is worry a sin? How can lack of worry be a witness to others?

2. If God is my priority, how should that influence my allocation of time and resources?

#### **Battle Belongs**

Verse 1 When all I see is the battle You see my victory When all I see is a mountain You see a mountain moved And as I walk through the shadow Your love surrounds me There's nothing to fear now For I am safe with You

#### Chorus

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees With my hands lifted high O God the battle belongs to You And every fear I lay at Your feet I'll sing through the night O God the battle belongs to You

Verse 2 And if You are for me Who can be against me For Jesus there's nothing Impossible for You When all I see are the ashes You see the beauty When all I see is a cross God You see the empty tomb

Bridge (An) Almighty Fortress You go before us Nothing can stand against The power of our God You shine in the shadows You win every battle Nothing can stand against The power of our God

#### The Way

Verse 1 Through every battle Through every heartbreak Through every circumstance I believe that You are my fortress Oh You are my portion You are my hiding place Oh I believe You are

Chorus The Way the Truth the Life I believe You are The Way the Truth the Life I believe (You are)

Verse 2 Through every blessing Through every promise Through every breath I take I believe that You are provider You are protector You are the One I love I believe You are

Bridge It's a new horizon And I'm set on You And You meet me here today With mercies that are new All my fears and doubts They can all come too Because they can't stay long (When I'm here with You) (When I believe You are)

### Your Glory

Verse My life is Yours And my hope is in You only And my heart You hold 'Cause You made this sinner holy And holy holy

Chorus 'Cause Your glory is so beautiful I fall onto my knees in awe And the heartbeat of my life Is to worship in Your light 'Cause Your glory is so beautiful 'Cause Your glory is so beautiful

> Bridge Glory glory hallelujah Jesus You are good

Verse 1 What can wash away my sins Nothing but the blood of Jesus What can make me whole again Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus Oh precious is the flow That makes me white as snow No other fount I know Nothing but the blood of Jesus

## Lay It All Down (At The Feet Of Jesus)

Verse 1 Bring your worry grief and pain Every cause you have for shame Lay it all down lay it all down When your cares have buried you And there's nothing left to do Lay it all down lay it all down At the feet of Jesus at the feet of Jesus

#### Verse 2

Carried on but your heart was tired Feared the worst and felt the fire Lay it all down lay it all down Filled with all those anxious thoughts And your doubts became your god Lay it all down lay it all down At the feet of Jesus at the feet of Jesus

> Chorus Lay it all down Lay it all down Lay it all down Lay it all down (REPEAT)

At the feet of Jesus At the feet of Jesus

Verse 3 When we've given up on better days There are memories we can't erase Lay it all down lay it all down When we've come to fear what we can't explain And there's nothing here that can ease the pain Lay it all down lay it all down At the feet of Jesus at the feet of Jesus

## Do It Again

Verse 1 Walking around these walls I thought by now they'd fall But you have never failed me yet Waiting for change to come Knowing the battle's won For you have never failed me yet

> Chorus Your promise still stands Great is your faithfulness Faithfulness I'm still in your hands This is my confidence You've never failed me yet

Verse 2 I know the night won't last Your word will come to pass My heart will sing your praise again Jesus you're still enough Keep me within your love My heart will sing your praise again

> Bridge I've seen you move You move the mountains And I believe I'll see you do it again You made a way Where there was no way And I believe I'll see you do it again

Ending You've never failed me yet I never will forget You've never failed me yet I never will forget