



"That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? 27 Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? 28 'And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field

Matthew 6:25-34 (NLT)

and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, 29 yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. 30 And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? 31 "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' 32 These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your

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heavenly Father already knows all your needs. 33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. 34 'So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today.'"

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Our Prayers Sound Like a Shopping List:

- "Provide this..."
- "Bless that..."
- "Give me this..."
- "Make sure such and such happens on my behalf..."



Jesus Was Surrounded by People with Huge Felt Needs

Matthew 6:25 (NIV84) — "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 important than food, and the body more important than clothes?"

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- Recognizing what we do in present has eternal consequences

TO TALK ABOUT WORRY

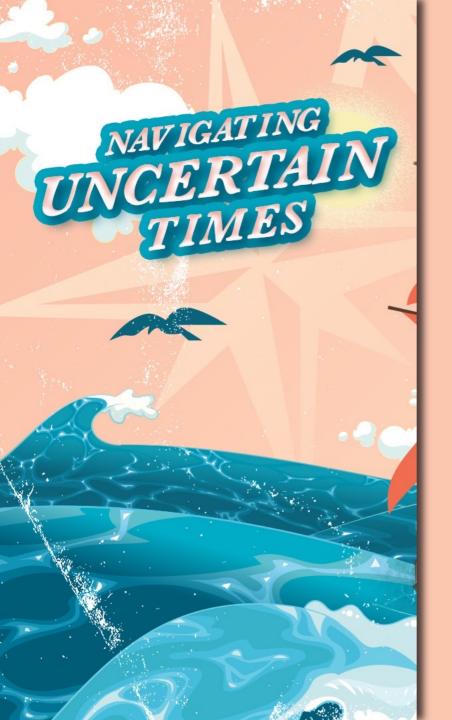


JESUS TALKED ABOUT MONEY



worry

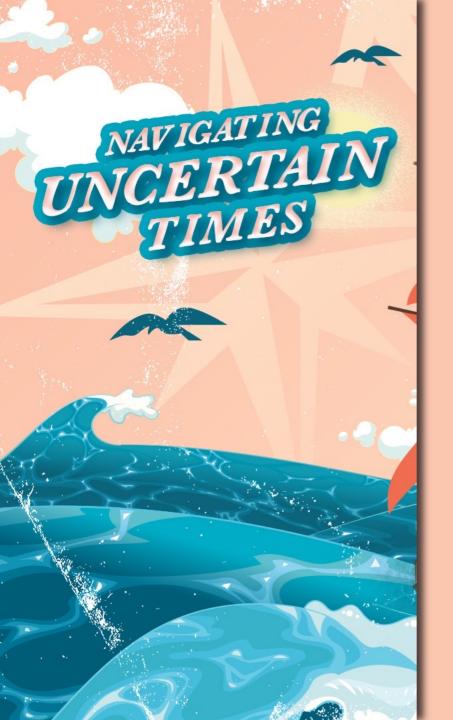
- to be anxious
- fear of the future
- fear of the unknown



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2. Non-Critical Needs

- your body
- pertaining to your looks

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WHAT IS

REMORSECONTENTMENT

DREAM WANITY & MEAUTY & MEAUTY

ALL ABOUT?



1. BIRDS OF THE AIR

- Represent <u>CRITICAL</u> needs
- Our Heavenly Father feeds them
- God cares about <u>YOU</u> more!

Matthew 6:27 (NLT) — "Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?"



2. LILIES OF THE FIELD

- NON-CRITICAL needs
- Not about survival, but appearance
- God is an EXPERT at making things look GREAT!
- God is not VANILLA!



Matthew 6:30 (NLT) — "And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?"

The Problem: We Don't Trust Him.

Matthew 6:32 (NLT) — "These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs."

Uncertainty Provides an Opportunity for Believers to Shine.



Matthew 6:25 (NLT) — "...Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing?"

Matthew 6:33 (NIV84) — "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."



seek

- (Does not mean "to look for")
- To concern yourself with
- To focus on





Matthew 6:33 (NLT) — "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need."



Priorities:

-Cood's Agenda, Not Ours

Make the SWAP. What do we do?



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