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SERMON ON THE MOUNT

MATTHEW 6:25-34 | DO NOT BE ANXIOUS

THESIS:

Do not be anxious, but seek first God's kingdom & righteousness, and he will care for you.

INTRODUCTION

"The reason why worry kills more people than work is because more people worry than work" – Robert Frost, poet.

"I'm an old man and I've known a great many troubles, but most of them never happened." – Mark Twain

Mortgage. Kids. Student Loans. Car Payments. Health Insurance. Life Insurance. Car Insurance. Groceries. Electric Bill. Phone Bill. Clothes.

Are you feeling overwhelmed yet? Maybe even anxious and losing sleep? Jesus has an important message for you and for me.

DO NOT WORRY (VV. 25-30)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN NOT TO WORRY?

- Does not mean do not be aware or don't do your part
- Anxiety/Worry is different. Trusting in yourself, not God.

ARGUMENT FROM THE GREATER TO LESSER

- Is not life more than food? Or body more than clothing?
- The creator of your very life & body can sustain them

ARGUMENT FROM THE LESSER TO THE GREATER

- God feeds the birds – are you not of more value than they?
- God clothes the flowers – are you not of more value than they?

O YOU OF LITTLE FAITH

- Worrying about it doesn't make them appear, trusting God does
- God will provide what you need, maybe in unexpected ways
- If God can make water come from a rock . . . (Phil Knight \$\$\$)

SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM, HE WILL PROVIDE

THE GENTILES SEEK THESE THINGS

- Have no God in whom to place their trust, reason to worry
- Psalm 37:25 – we should not act like the atheist

SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM, ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE ADDED

- Set your focus on serving him first, he will take care of the rest
- Doesn't mean don't do your part. Means don't try to do his!
- Promise not for all – but for those who seek him!
- Leave tomorrow for tomorrow. Focus on today!