

Devotional #2 For the Week of March 22, 2020

Worry. With the events of recent weeks, it can be easy to allow our minds to be overly worried about all kinds of details. If you tend to worry, Jesus has some great encouragement for us, as recorded in Matthew's gospel.

Read. Matthew 6:25-33.

²⁵ “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 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 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.

For Thought.

For Personal Reflection: Does worry distract me or my thoughts too much? What do you think about what Jesus has to say about worry?

For the Body: How can I alleviate the worry of someone in the congregation? How can God use me this week to help meet the needs of someone in the congregation that is worried? ...about having enough food, or some other need?

For Others: How can I bless someone in my circle of friends or in my neighborhood to help them overcome a worry?