Anxious For Nothing

Greg Kline · Matthew 6:25–33

INTRODUCTION

- The problem was that Israel already had a divine leader.
- We look at Israel and we say, hey, that's pretty foolish. After all God has done for them, after all he's shown them, you can't trust in him.
- God will provide all of our needs, not all of our greeds. He has promised to provide. So the question that's left is do I trust him?

1 Recognize That We Have a Faith Problem

Philippians 4:4–7; Philippians 4:10–13

- To recognize that we have a faith problem if we struggle with worry.
- Does that mean that if I struggle with worry, I don't have faith that I'm not faithful? No. It means that I, like everybody else, have a struggle, a temptation.
- Do not be anxious about anything. But in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God.
- And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- That's the problem with anxiety and worry. It treats God as if he can't or won't help.
- I can do all things through Him, Christ, who strengthens me.

2 Draw on God's Plan for Strength

1 Peter 5:6–7; James 5:16; Matthew 6:32–33

- Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so at the proper time he may exalt you.
- Casting all your anxieties on him because he cares for you.
- Always remember, God knows your needs and He cares for you.
- If God's not answering my prayer in the way I have designed, it very well may be that my plan doesn't align with God's plan.
- Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another that you may be healed.
- Part of God's plan for overcoming worry and overcoming what we're worrying about is that we trust other people. Not random people, but God's people.

3 Don't Look Back

Philippians 3:12–13; Ephesians 4:31; Matthew 25:14–30

- We do not have to be controlled or held back by what happened in the past.
- Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead.
- Don't let worry paralyze you. God will overcome it with you.

- Your brothers and sisters who are around you this morning will help you through it.
- We can't pull back and remove ourselves from help.
- Don't let the devil use somebody else's raw deal to pull you away from him.

THE CHALLENGE

Don't let the devil separate you from who you're meant to be with to propel you forward. Don't look back. Press on towards the goal of the prize that's found only in Christ Jesus.

MY NOTES