Give Anxiety Away

Greg Kline · 2 Chronicles 16:1–12

INTRODUCTION

- Even good people who know God, who know what God has done for them, and have even blessed them, can struggle to rely on God when it gets hard.
- Because you relied on the king of Syria and did not rely on the Lord your God, the army of the king of Syria has escaped you.
- Not that Asa was just good or that Asa was just bad, but that even good people struggle when there's pressure put on us.

1 We Don't Like to Give Up Control

Genesis 12:1–4; Hebrews 11:8; Hebrews 11:13–16

- We don't like to give up control because we like to know what's going to happen.
- It's easy to be with God when we're on the same track. When what I want is what God wants.
- By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.
- He wants us to stop saying, Here's where my will is, and here's where God will is, and say, God, your will be done.

2 Do Not Be Anxious About Your Life

Matthew 6:25–34

- Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life.
- It is a faith problem when we worry. It's not a cute little problem. It's a faith problem.
- Worrying doesn't do any good. Jesus said very clearly, you can worry about your life all you want, but you won't add a single hour to your span of life.
- How strong our faith is determines who will we rely on.

3 We Think We Know What We Need

1 Samuel 8:4–22; Isaiah 55:8–9

- The truth is we think we know what we need.
- For they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.
- Anytime we know what the will of God is and we make excuses, or we give an example of how it doesn't apply to me, or how other people live worse than me, we're saying, I know best.
- As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are God's ways higher than our ways. God knows best.

4 Take Perspective of This Moment in Life

- We have to always remember, even in times of darkness, what God has already shown us in the light.

- God is the same God before I was in the cave as he will be when I'm inside it.
- We have to see our whole life picture and not key in on this one tiny moment.

5 Trust That God Truly Brings Victory and Peace

Philippians 4:4–13

- Trust that God truly brings victory and peace.
- 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 minds in Christ Jesus.
- I have learned to be content because who is there for me? Jesus Christ my Lord.

6 Take Perspective of Eternity

Mark 9:43–47; John 14:6

- We have to take perspective of eternity.
- It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell to the unquenchable fire.
- I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- You may have a pathway, but what I want you to stop and look at this morning and examine is your way worth it?

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If there's distance between you and God that didn't used to be there, who moved? Who put that distance there? Who made it to where God feels so far away? Did God move or did I?**

MY NOTES