Sermon Series: RED

Today's Message: No Worries
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## Matthew 6:25-34 (NIV)

25 "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 than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? 28 And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **34** Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Worry- to *choke*, *strangle*; to *torment* oneself with disturbing thoughts; to give way to anxiety

worrying is an <b>EXHAUSTING</b> , completely	
<u>UNPRODUCTIVE</u> exercise.	

**Worry Demonstrates Our:** 

- 1. **DESIRE** for **CONTROL**
- 2. LACK of FAITH

Worry indicates we may doubt the **SOVEREIGNITY** and **GOODNESS** of God in certain areas of our lives.

Center your attention not on your <u>CIRCUMSTANCES</u>, but on <u>CHRIST</u> who has <u>POWER</u> and <u>CONTROL</u> over your <u>CIRCUMSTANCES</u>.

## **Steps to Attack Worry:**

- 1. <u>IDENTIFY</u> your <u>WORRIES</u>, and ask if they are due to LACK of FAITH.
  - 2 Corinthians 10:5, 2 Timothy 1:7
- 2. **PRAY** regularly thereby **SUBMITTING** your worries to God.

Philippians 4:6-7, I Peter 5:7

3. <u>REDIRECT</u> your thought patterns. <u>SEEK</u> First <u>HIS</u> kingdom.

**Proverbs 3:5-6, Romans 12:2**