



LIVING OUT A GENUINE FAITH IN A FALLEN WORLD WEEK 5 - PASTOR BEN RAINEY

Main Scripture - MATTHEW 6:24-34

v24 “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

v25 “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?

v26 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?

v27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

v28 “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.

v29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.

v30 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?

v31 So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’

v32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

v33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

v34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Fear - Involves knowing the threats that one faces and when they will be faced.

Worry - Involves certainty of threats, but uncertainty about whether the threats will come to pass.

Anxiety - Involves unknown threats and an ambiguous future.

When we struggle with mixing up masters, Jesus invites us to find our Father.

Security comes from our Father.

Discussion Questions

1. What was your biggest takeaway on the topic of fear, worry, and anxiety?
2. How can we identify other possible "masters" in our lives?
3. How can we work to find security in our Heavenly Father instead of other masters?