



**Sermon on the Mount**  
**Part 21 - Kingdom Living**  
**June 22nd, 2025**  
**Sermon Notes**

**1. Jesus' Command: Do Not Worry (Matthew 6:25)**

- "worry" = a continuous, active concern
- Jesus is talking about when we overly worry about things beyond our control

**2. The Problem of Worry (Matthew 6:19-21)**

- An overly concerned mindset goes back to what we treasure
- Consider the rich man in Luke 12:13-21 - his concern for himself rendered him incapable of having concern for others — *"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*
- We serve a God who knows what we need (Matthew 6:32)
- When we're overly concerned with storing up treasures on earth, we end up serving our stuff — our *Mammon* — instead of Jesus, our true Master (Mat. 6:24)

**3. Look at the Birds! (Matthew 6:26-27)**

- Birds were created with a specific purpose (Genesis 1:20-22)
  - They don't worry because God provides for them
- Like the birds, we were created for God's purposes (Ephesians 2:10)
  - Love God, love others (Matthew 22:34-40)

**4. The Church's Approach to Life — "Kingdom Living"**

- Why worry about whether we'll have enough tomorrow when we could be focusing on opportunities to love and serve others today?
- 1 John 4:19 - We love because He (Jesus) first loved us.

**5. Look at the Flowers! (Matthew 6:28-30)**

- During the time of Jesus, concern for clothing was more about longevity than making the latest fashion statement — they were concerned with making enough money so they could have clothes
- The flowers of the field don't do anything to look that good! God simply provides
- If God gives such care for the flowers and birds, how much more will He care for His children!? (Matthew 6:26)

## 6. A Dangerous Place to Be (Matthew 6:31-32)

- This isn't about the small, daily decisions — This is about our long-term concerns that can consume us and steal our focus, causing us to trust in our own efforts and resources rather than in God's provision (Matthew 6:24)
- We don't have to forfeit our trust in God when we face crisis or uncertainty

## 7. Seek first His Kingdom and His Righteousness (Matthew 6:33-34)

- When we're "seeking" the Kingdom of God, we're striving to live according to His rule and reign — we're representing God's Kingdom in this world
  - If our ultimate allegiance is in Jesus, we don't have to worry
  - We can't seek God's Kingdom on our own. Jesus was instructing His people on how to live and work *together* as His Church
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## 8. Questions for Prayer and Reflection

- How might you trust God more in the areas of life that cause you concern?
- What does it look like for you to trust God with your money, time and/or talents?
- What are some practical ways you can serve others within our church family and surrounding communities?

## 9. Seeking God's Kingdom Together

- Take some time this week to pray about areas where you struggle with worry. Ask God for His peace in these areas as you seek to trust Him more fully.
- Look for opportunities to bless someone this week by showing God's love
- Fill out the "Getting to Know You" card in the pew (or take the survey online — click the link in our church newsletter).

## 8. Digging Deeper - If you'd like more on this topic, listen to the Bible Project Podcast Sermon on the Mount Series via YouTube or the Bible Project website:

- *Sermon on the Mount*, Ep 29 - What Jesus Says About Anxiety
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