

THE TREASURED HEART

Luke 12:22 – 34

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MESSAGE NOTES

And He said to His disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest?

Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith!

And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried... Instead, seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you." – Luke 12:22 – 31 (ESV)

- **Live in God's care**

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Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. – 1 Peter 5:6 – 7 (ESV)

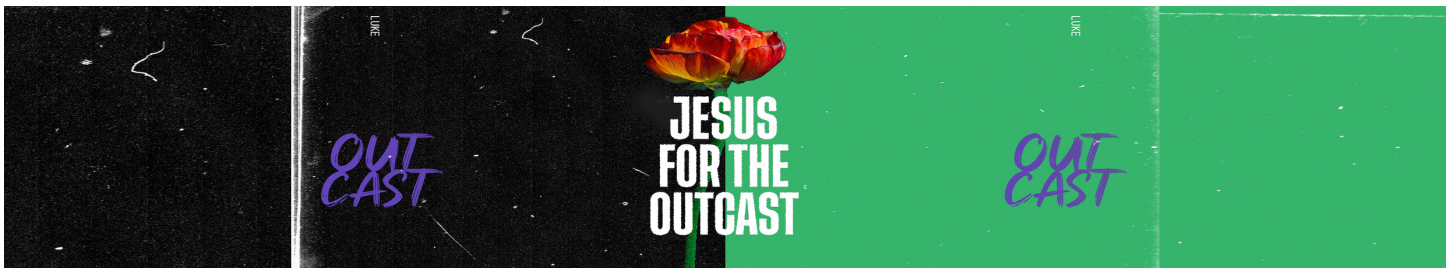
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And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. – Luke 12:29 – 30 (ESV)

- **Live locked in on Jesus**

Instead, seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you. – Luke 12:31 (ESV)

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. – Matthew 6:33 (ESV)



- **Live with hope**

*"So don't be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom."
– Luke 12:32 (NLT)*

- **Live with confident generosity**

"Sell your possessions and give to those in need. This will store up treasure for you in heaven! And the purses of heaven never get old or develop holes. Your treasure will be safe; no thief can steal it and no moth can destroy it." – Luke 12:33 (NLT)

"Those Christians not only feed their own poor but they feed ours as well." – Julian the Apostate

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. – Luke 12:34 (ESV)



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion starter: Pirates of the Caribbean has been a ride at Disneyland for over 50 years. Why do you think this ride has remained popular for so long?
- “The Pirate of Worry” loves to steal our joy. Share the types of things that we most commonly worry about.
- Read Luke 12:31 and Matthew 6:33. What is God teaching us about the relationship between worry and being focused on the kingdom of God?
- What is God speaking to you about from this passage?
- How does knowing that God cares about you help move you from anxiety to a stronger place of hope?
- What does a life “Locked in on Jesus” look like? What are some marks of a person who is not “Locked in on Jesus,” especially when it comes to worry?
- How is generosity in God’s kingdom connected to a life with less anxiety?
- Read Luke 12:34. How does this verse sum up Jesus’ teaching in this entire passage?
- Pray over some of the areas of your life that cause anxiety as you also pray for God’s power to be unleashed through the people of ENCOUNTER this week.