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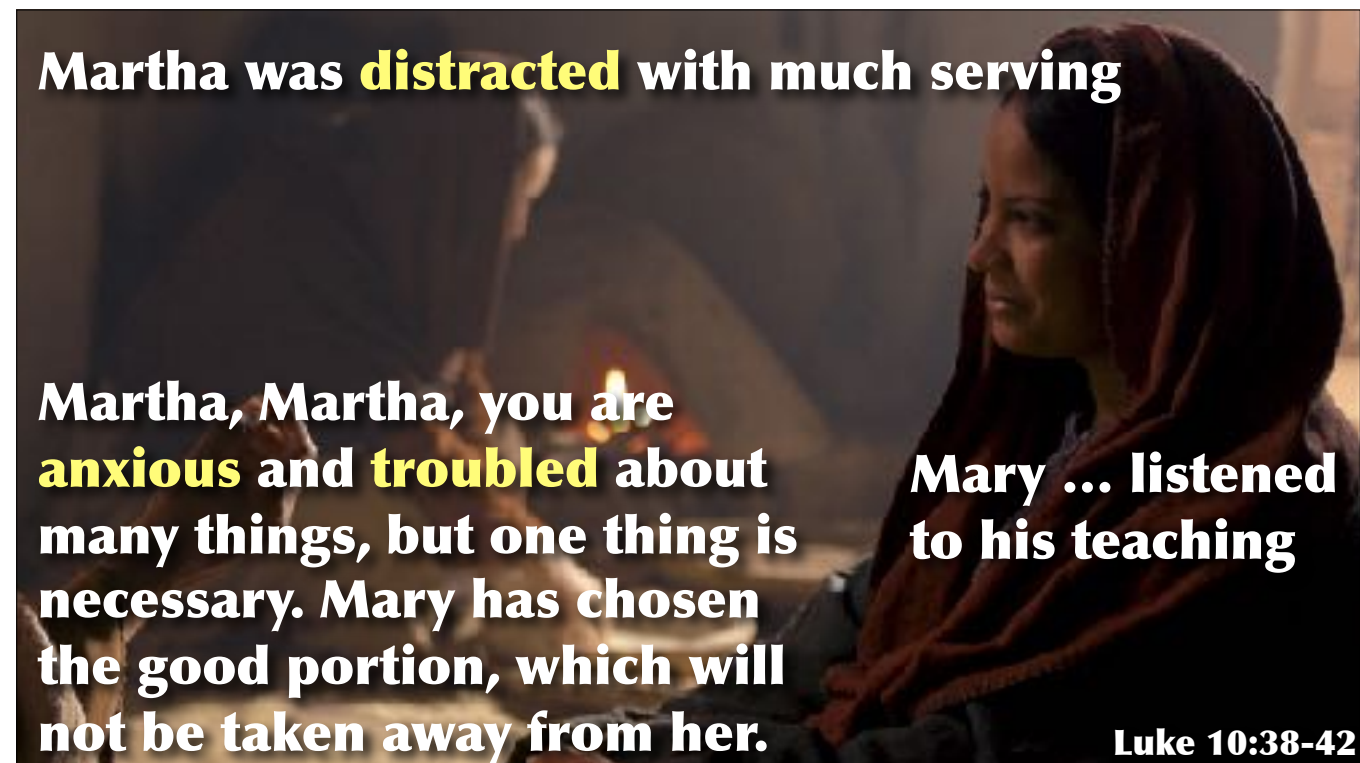
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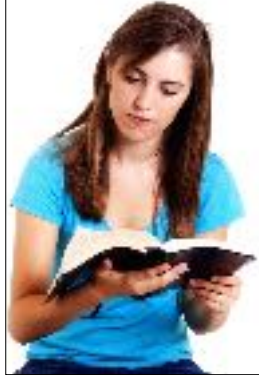
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↪ **interests are divided**



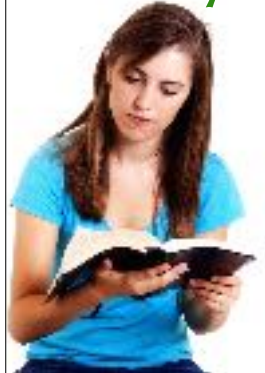
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- 32 The unmarried man is **anxious** about **the things of the Lord**, how to please the Lord.
- 34b And the unmarried or betrothed woman is **anxious** about **the things of the Lord**, how to be holy in body and spirit.



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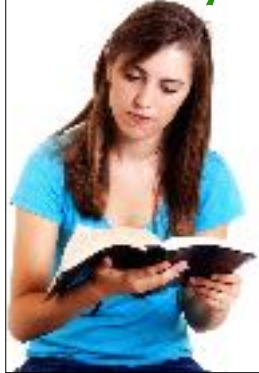
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- 35 I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your **undivided devotion to the Lord**.



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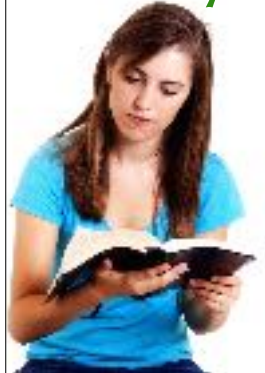
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- Last lesson:
  - Treasure: earthly or heavenly (heart)
  - Eye: divided or healthy
  - Serve: God or Mammon
- You cannot serve two masters!
  - undivided devotion
    - Paul was writing of specific, difficult circumstances and advised against the distraction of marriage.
    - Marriage is important.
      - Principle is clear.

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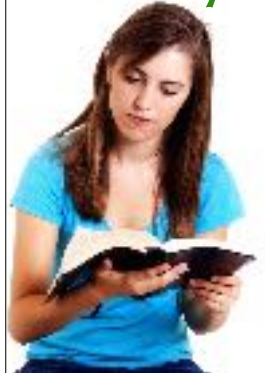
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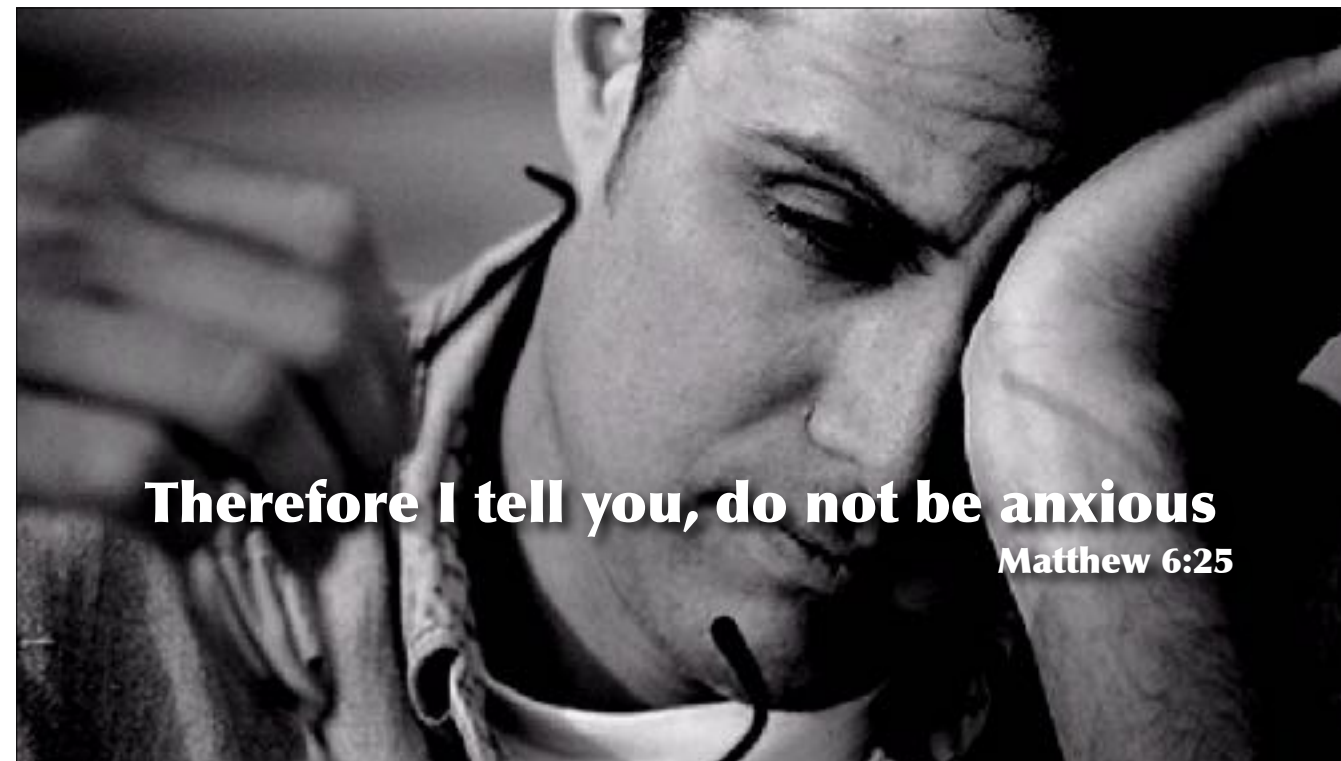
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- Living in this world requires working, relationships, responsibilities
  - Cannot focus solely and completely on God all the time.
  - Work, family, household (dishes have to be washed)
- But is that really what this is about?



- Matthew 6:25: Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?
- Thought and Taught
  - I must never be worried about anything.
    - Like when my children where misbehaving, came home late, struggling in school



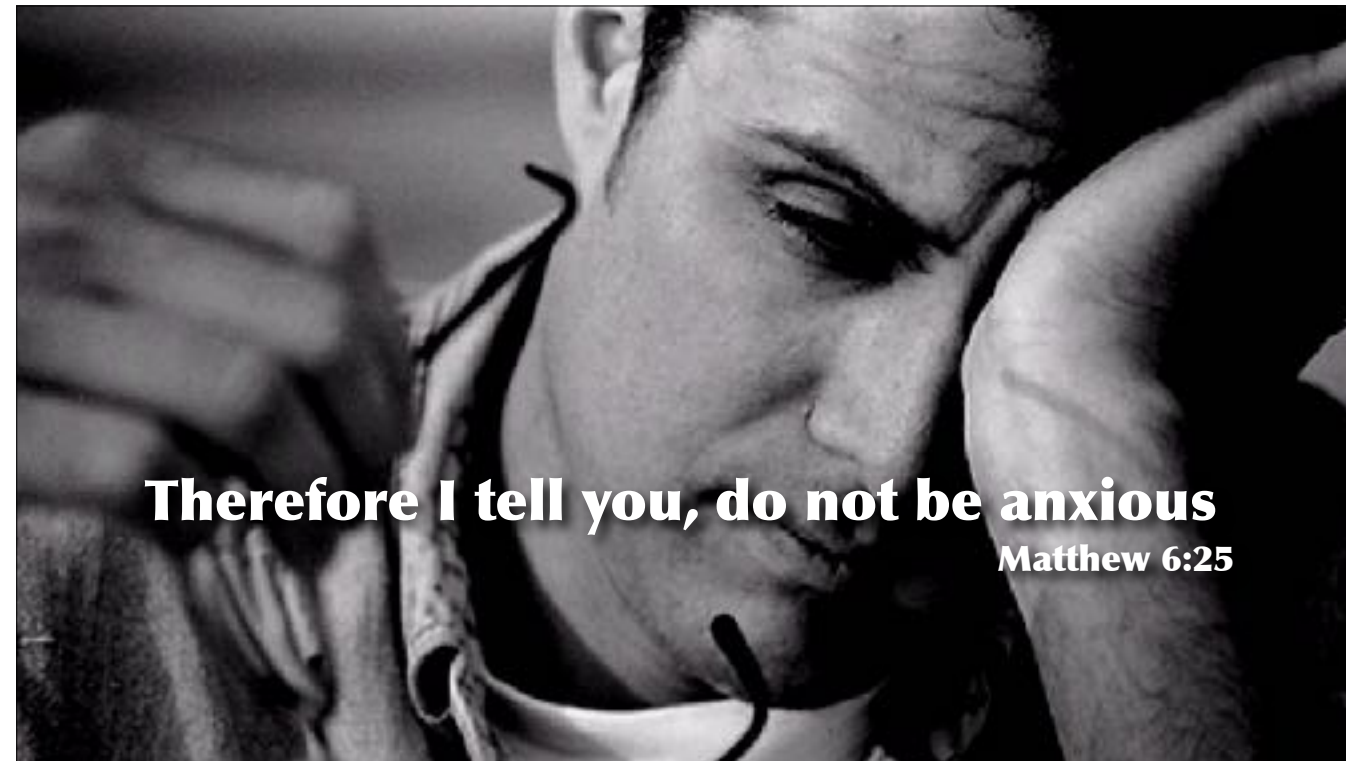
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**2 Corinthians 11:28**

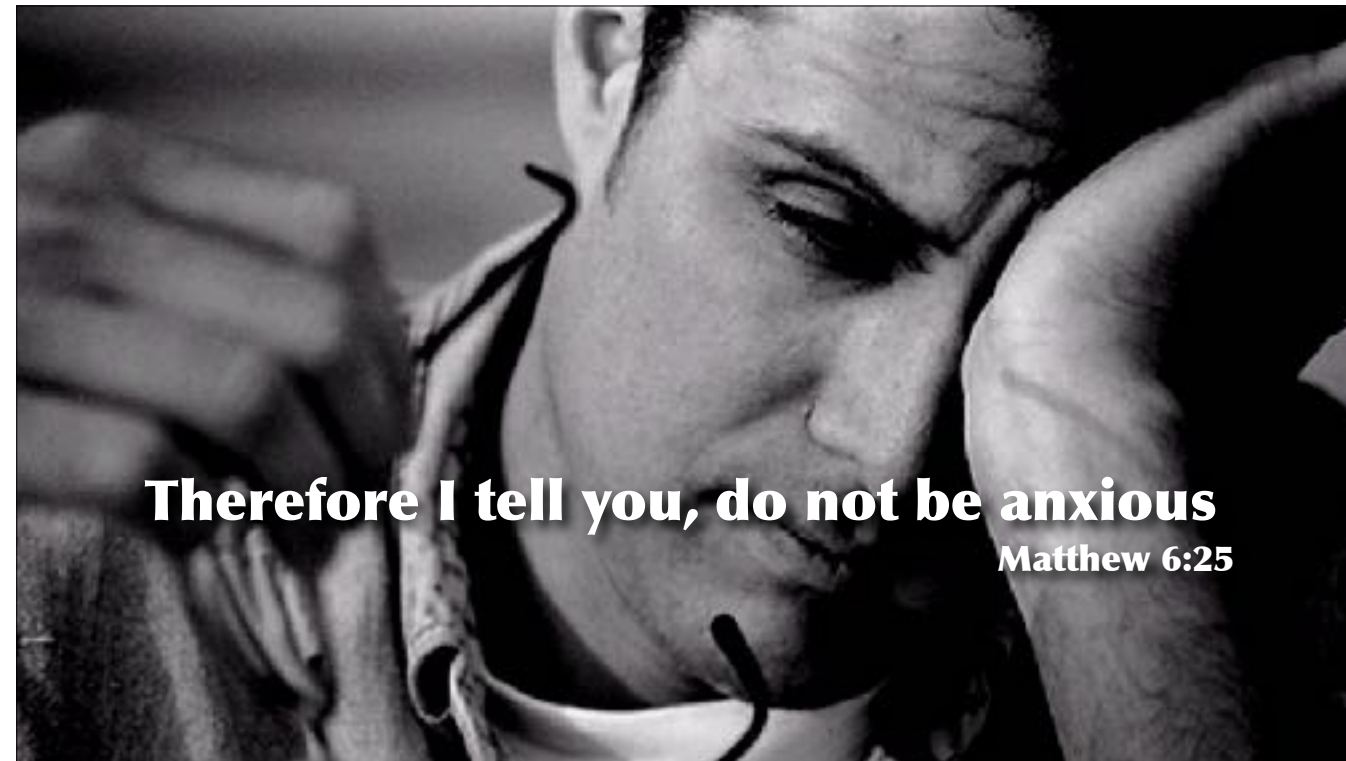
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- Even Paul spoke of his anxieties:
  - 2 Corinthians 11:28: And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches.



- One of the things most of us are very good at (consciously or unconsciously) is worry!
  - How does worry affect my relationship with God?
    - Worry takes our eyes off of the Father.
    - I consider that I must solve my own problems.
    - Or I consider that all things are out of control, fate.
    - So I trust in myself, or I give up? I despair.



- So what is Jesus teaching us?
  - What is this teaching me about practicing righteousness?
  - What is this teaching me about God?





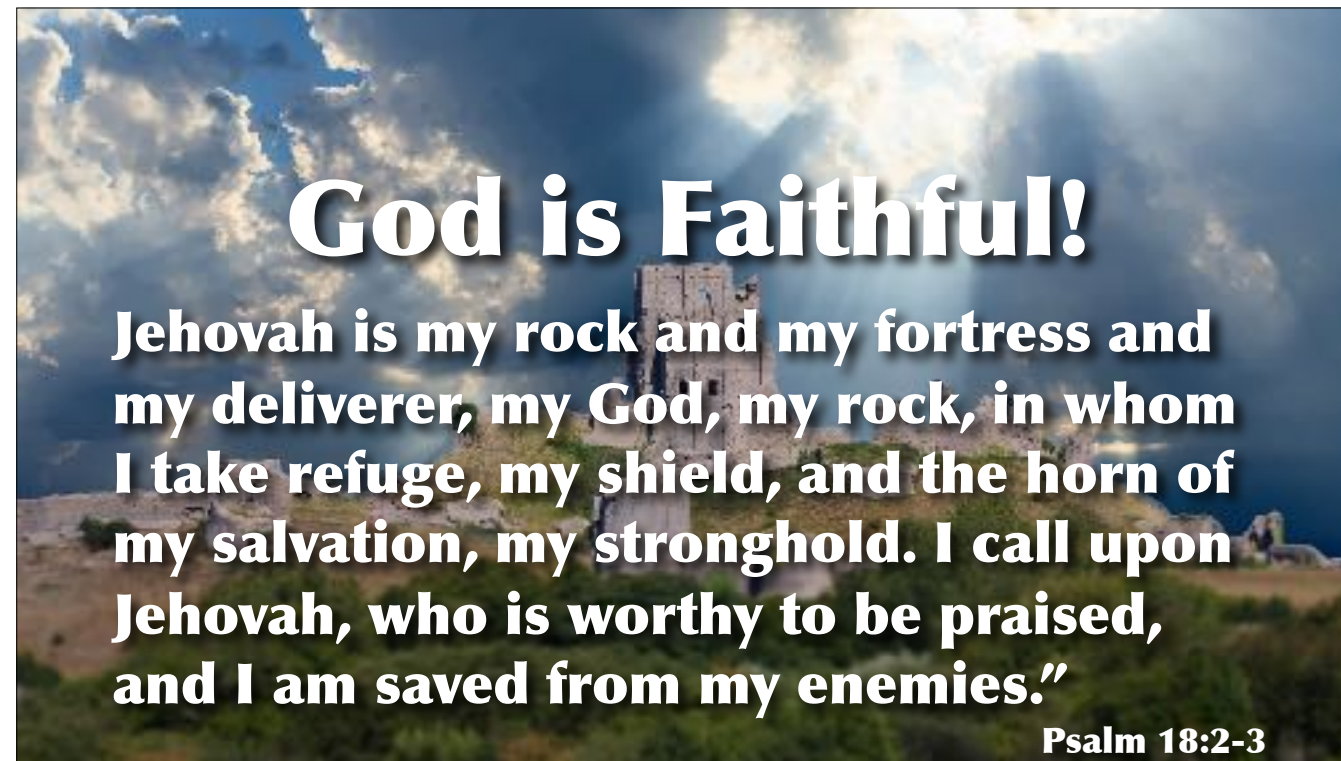
- The World teaches me to believe in myself
  - And then anything is possible

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- Believe in God
  - because God is faithful!
- vs. 30: "O you of little faith"
  - Root of the problem is trust.
  - When I am anxious, I demonstrate that I do not really trust in my Heavenly Father.



- Psalms 18:1-3 (ESV) 1 I love you, O LORD, my strength. 2 The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. 3 I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.



- Matthew 6:25 “**Therefore** I tell you, do not be anxious
  - Earthly treasures don’t last and don’t satisfy
  - Darkness fills us if our eyes are divided (unhealthy), our vision is distorted
  - We cannot serve two masters: mammon (self)



- So long as our hearts are dominated by earthly treasure we will find ourselves to be anxious
  - Because it doesn't last - and we know it.
  - Because it doesn't satisfy - and we want more.
  - Because it constantly demands more of me.
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- Make choice
  - heavenly treasure, eye full of light, and serve God
  - therefore... don't be anxious!!!
    - a very positive and encouraging thought!

**God is Faithful!**

**Your Heavenly Father**

**KNOWS**

**“your heavenly Father knows  
that you need them all”**

**Matthew 6:32**

- 32 your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.
  - 26: Birds .... Father feeds them
  - 28, 30: Lilies ... God so clothes the grass of the field





- 32: Gentiles seek after all these things
  - Acts 14:17 (ESV) 17 Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for **he did good by giving you** rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.”



- Philippians 4:4-7 (ESV) 4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



- 26: Birds: don't sow or reap or gather ... Father feeds (implies that He is near)
- 30: God so clothe the grass of the field (He is not distant)





- Prayer with Thanksgiving
  - Requests known to God
    - Matthew 6:11-13
      - Give us this day our daily bread,
      - and forgive us our debts,
        - as we also have forgiven our debtors.
      - And lead us not into temptation,
        - but deliver us from evil.
- PEACE!

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# **CARES**

**casting all your anxieties on him,  
because he cares for you.**

**1 Peter 5:7**



- 1 Peter 5:7 (ESV) casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.
- Cares doesn't just mean that he emotionally is sympathetic, but that he acts on our behalf.
  - He takes care of Me!

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- God values YOU!
  - 26: Are you not of more value than they?
  - 30: Today alive and tomorrow thrown into the oven

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- 27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?
  - We don't have the ability to add a single second to our lives.



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- Casting
  - Throw your burdens away from yourself and to Him.
  - Requires humility (vs. 6), trust in Him.
    - Psalms 55:22 Cast your burden on Jehovah, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.
    - Not: believe in yourself; TRUST JEHOVAH!!!



- 33: But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
  - God is faithful. He knows, He's near, and He cares.
  - Do you trust Him?
    - Do you seek Him in prayer, with thanksgiving?
    - Do you find peace in your life?



- Beware that being anxious will steal your treasure in heaven!
  - So don't let yourself be distracted by the things of this earth
  - Whether it's money and things
  - Or serving when we should be listening to the teachings of Jesus



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**Matthew 6:33**

- When all our heart, thought, and service
  - focus on the joy of being a citizen of God's kingdom
  - focus on being righteous citizens of His kingdom
- We are assured that our Father is faithful.
  - He'll provide all that we need.
  - He'll reward us when we seek Him.
    - Joy and Peace

**We implore you on  
behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.**

**2 Corinthians 5:20**

Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:14



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## Your Heavenly Father Knows, Is Near and Cares for You

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Synopsis: Jesus continues to reminds us that when our treasure is in heaven we no longer need to be anxious about the things of this world and this life. Because our God is Faithful, he knows our needs, is near to help us, and takes care of us. So I must seek His kingdom and righteousness and will so find peace and joy in Him.

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