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Replacing Worries

How has your life benefited from all your worrying? Has worrying helped you to solve what has been the subject of your concerns? Has worrying made you more able to deal with the future? My life has not benefited from all my worrying. Worrying has filled my life with stress. Worrying about the future has even paralyzed me in the present. Worrying has drained my energy and sapped my strength. Worrying has made me less able to deal with the future. Worrying has made me indecisive in my thoughts and tentative in my actions.

What has worrying shown you? I’m not sure what you mean. What would you rather do than worry? I would rather not worry. I would like to stop worrying. **Can you just say you are not going to worry anymore? Would that work?** It hasn't worked at all so far. **Do you really think that telling yourself to stop worrying will work in the future?** I don't think so. **No, it will not. You don't need to stop your worrying.** Now you have me confused. **You need to replace your worrying. Let me ask you a question.** Go ahead, I'm listening. **When you are worrying who is in charge of your life?** I suppose that I am in charge of my life when I'm worrying. **Who is in charge of meeting and taking care of all your needs?** I suppose that I am in charge of meeting and taking care of all my needs when I'm worrying. That is why I am worrying about them. **That’s right.**

Do you want me to take care of your life and meet your needs? Yes, I do. Do you think that I am capable of meeting your needs and taking care of your life? Yes, I do. Do you believe that you are valuable to me? Yes, I do. Do you believe that I love you? Yes, I do. Do you believe that I will take care of your life and meet your needs? Yes, I do. If I am taking care of you and meeting your needs do you have anything to worry about? No, I do not.

So, you are not going to stop worrying. You are going to replace your worrying with something else. What is that something else that is going to replace all your worries? I am going to replace all my worries with my faith in you. I am going to place all my faith and trust in you. Then I will have no need to worry. **You got that right.**

Lord, I have been a worrier. I have worn myself out worrying about what could happen. I have considered negative outcomes from every angle. No more. Instead, I am placing all my faith and trust in you because I know that you value, love and care for me. Amen

If *God Clothes*

"Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!

NIV Luke 12:27-28

If *God Cares*

"Look at the lilies and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?

NLT Luke 12:27-28

If *God So Clothes*

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

NRSV Luke 12:27-28

If *God So Clothes*

Consider the lilies, how they grow. They neither [wearily] toil nor spin nor weave; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory (his splendor and magnificence) was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today, and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will He clothe you, O you [people] of little faith?

AMP Luke 12:27-28

If *God So Clothes*

"Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; but I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. "But if God so clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will He clothe you? You men of little faith!

NASB Luke 12:27-28

If *God So Clothes*

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!

ESV Luke 12:27-28

If *God So Clothes*

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

NKJV Luke 12:27-28

If *God Gives Such Attention*

Walk into the fields and look at the wildflowers. They don't fuss with their appearance—but have you ever seen color and design quite like it? The ten best-dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them. If God gives such attention to the wildflowers, most of them never even seen, don't you think he'll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you?

MSG Luke 12:27-28

If *God Provides*

"Look at the lilies! They don't toil and spin, and yet Solomon in all his glory was not robed as well as they are. And if God provides clothing for the flowers that are here today and gone tomorrow, don't you suppose that he will provide clothing for you, you doubters?

TLB Luke 12:27-28

If *God Clothes*

Consider how the lilies grow; they don't work or make clothes for themselves. But I tell you that even Solomon with his riches was not dressed as beautifully as one of these flowers. God clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today but tomorrow is thrown into the fire. So how much more will God clothe you? Don't have so little faith!

NCV Luke 12:27-28

God Cares

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

If – Luke 12:27-28

In Context: Read Luke 12

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: *(What is God speaking to your heart?)*

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Considering The Words: *(What words speak to your heart?)*

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Praying The Scripture: *(What prayer from your heart will you write?)*

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What It Means: *(What questions speak to your heart?)* (Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)

When have you spent a lot of time worrying about how your needs in life will be met?

How unproductive and emotionally draining has it been for you to worry about how your needs will be met?

How has your worrying about something revealed to you your lack of faith in the Lord?

How has your faith in God grown, as you have trusted in Him to take care of you and meet your needs?

How comforting is it for you to know that God will take care of you because He highly values you?

How has God taken care of you and met your needs in ways that you could not have anticipated?

How are you exercising your faith and placing all your trust in the Lord right now?

Living It Out: *(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)*

Instead of worrying place all your trust in the Lord to meet your needs as you follow and serve Him.

Seeing It Happen: *(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)*

Have faith that the Lord will meet your needs as you place your faith in Him.

Get Ready To Share: *(What can you share with others from your heart?)*

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has met your needs in unanticipated ways.

Close With Prayer: **Quiet Yourself Before The Lord**

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you place all your faith and trust in the Lord who values, loves and cares for you.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will place all my faith and trust in you because I know that you value, love and care for me.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I place all my faith and trust in you today?
