



We Were Made for This – Part 3

Persevering Peace in Troubling Times

Palm Sunday – Our example in Jesus

Smartphone Pictures: Two focal points: _____

Our lives have two focal points...

²⁵ *“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 important than food, and the body more important than clothes?”* ²⁶ *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?”* ²⁷ *Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?*

²⁸ *“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.”* ²⁹ *Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.* ³⁰ *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, O you of little faith?”* ³¹ *So **do not worry**, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’* ³² *For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.* ³³ *But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.* ³⁴ ***Therefore do not worry** about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”* Matthew 6:25-34

The Secret to Persevering Peace in Times of Trouble:

1. Something to Avoid: _____

“Do not worry” 3x: vs. 25, 31, 34

“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7

2. Something to Pursue: _____

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” vs. 33

³²Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you stood your ground in a great contest in the face of suffering. ³³Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated. ³⁴You sympathized with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. ³⁵So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. Hebrews 10:32-35

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. Philippians 1:21

²⁸Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. ³⁰And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” Matthew 10:28-31

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27

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