



# The Caller

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## *Confidence Corner* **John F. Board**

Matthew 6:25-34 has always been a passage of intrigue to me. When I first preached in Elizabethtown, I preached a sermon based on this text of the Bible. I must admit, that though I continue to

plumb the depths of the passage, my human mind does not always practice what the passage reveals. I thought in this week's *Confidence Corner* we would ask "Why do we entertain anxiety?" More simply put the question becomes, "Why do we worry?" I will be the first to admit, I need to reflect on this topic often.

Jesus addressed a number of ways that His followers can strive to overcome worry. First, look at the birds of the sky? Does God care for them? Have you considered the lilies of the field? Will God not clothe you as well? Why do you act like the Gentiles who have no relationship with God? They don't believe and so they do not expect Him to act; we believe but often do not expect Him to act. Somehow we think He is removed from our lives and has no care or concern.

We are not to worry about tomorrow. Worry will not help with whatever lies ahead, but it will zap our strength for the current day. The truth is, we always have the strength to bear the trouble when it comes. The anxious mind deals with all kinds of stress through anxiety that we anticipate will happen, but most likely will never happen. Some, through worrying, have suffered much more in this world than has ever actually happened to us. Jesus' counsel is so beautiful: "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Stop worrying. Anxiety is futile. Do not borrow trouble. How? Jesus gives the answer! "Seek first" is in the present imperative, which means we are to be in a continual quest for God's kingdom and God's righteousness.

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<sup>14</sup> "Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! <sup>15</sup> And

if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." **Joshua 24:14-15**

Who are you serving? How are you serving your god? Are you serving your father who is in heaven or are you serving the gods of this world? I myself find that my faithfulness to God and my service to him isn't fully sincere. I sometimes catch myself being focused on other things. I find myself not truly serving God as much as I serve earthly gods/idols.

Who or what are you serving? Being a servant of God is more than just showing up. Being sincere about worship can be difficult when the difficulties of living in this world constantly bring us down. Though life may make it difficult to put our minds in the right headspace, if we serve God with sincerity and faithfulness the difficulties of life become bearable and they may even begin to wither away into nothingness. Have you chosen yet whom you will serve? Maybe today it's time to choose to serve God. Does life seem a little difficult? Maybe serving God in **sincerity** and in **faithfulness** will help make it easier.

## *Mitchell's Weekly Manna* **Mitchell Lockhart**

### **Sunday's Sermons:**

**A.M. — Why Do We Need to Be Saved?  
2 Thessalonians 1:7-9**

**P.M. — We're Part of the Family  
Matthew 12:47-50**

# YOUTH SUMMER BLOWOUT BASH

