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Nothing Else

Day 3: Verse 2

I'm sorry when I've come with my agenda I'm sorry when I forgot that You're enough Take me back to where we started I open up my heart to You

Scripture Reference

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—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

- Matthew 6:30-33



In our scripture today, Jesus provides us some very poignant and practical reminders. May we apply His reminders to own life and relationship with Him today. Jesus instructs us to not worry about what we will eat, drink, or wear. While food, drink, and clothes are important, Jesus is reminding us that we don't need to come to Him with our own agendas. Jesus doesn't mean we can't ask for our needs (because Jesus does care about those things), but is our agenda hindering our relationship? Put another way, are we just coming to Him for His provisions and blessings or for real, authentic relationship?

What needs or agendas do you most often present to Jesus? Are you submitting those to Him to grow your relationship with Him or merely to get that which you think you need? Are you submitting yourself and your agenda to Him?

Jesus reassures us that He already knows all that we need – and He is enough. Even in moments we may forget or treat Him as if He isn't, Jesus is enough for us. His provisions will always be exactly what we need. We don't need to worry, for we can trust Him. When we're new in our relationship with Jesus, sometimes that trust can come a bit more easily, but over time we sink back into our old habits of trusting in ourselves. Jesus invites us to go back to where it all started – to trust in Him for all that we need.

Do you see Jesus as enough? Do you find yourself asking Him for more on a regular basis? Do you find yourself worrying about tomorrow? How has your trust changed over time?





Jesus tells us something very vital near the end of this Scripture. But seek <u>first</u> *His* kingdom and *His* righteousness. Oh, the depth of that one small statement. We must seek <u>His way,</u> <u>His will, His plan</u> – not our own. How difficult that can be for our sinful nature, isn't it? And maybe even more challenging – we must seek those things <u>first</u>. Above everything else. Before we seek our own desires, wants, and even needs – we are called to <u>first</u> seek His kingdom and His righteousness. Put aside your own agenda and your own worries...and open your heart to Him.

Which is harder for you – to seek <u>His kingdom and His righteousness</u>, or to seek Him <u>first</u>? Put another way, is it harder to seek His will or to seek Him before everything else? Why? What else do you find yourself seeking? What else do you find yourself turning to before Jesus?

Why does Jesus tell us all these things? He ends with powerful guidance in our scripture today. When we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, all these things will be given to us. As a result, when we seek and are in line with His righteousness, our needs and even our desires will be given to us because they align with His will. We can open our hearts and trust Him. As our scripture starts today, if God clothes the grass of the field, how much more will he give to those of us who love Him and seek Him first?

End today opening your heart to Jesus. Speak to Him about how you've let your agenda and worries (in whatever form) seep into your relationship, rather than His will. Recall times when Jesus has shown you He is enough.

