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LET TODAY BE ENOUGH

Worry may be one of the few hobbies almost everyone shares. We have all imagined conversations that never happened, disasters that never arrived, bills that somehow got paid, and problems that worked themselves out. We can suffer deeply over things that exist only in our minds. Worry convinces us that we are in control, but that control is an illusion.

Jesus never pretends that life is trouble-free. In Matthew 6, He reminds us that each day has enough trouble of its own. His answer is not, "Stop worrying." His invitation is, "Trust your Father."

That is also what we see in Martha. She was not doing something sinful. She was serving, hosting, and trying to be responsible. Yet Jesus said she was anxious and troubled about many things. Martha was physically near Jesus, but emotionally consumed by everything else. She was hosting Jesus while missing Jesus.

Worry does this same thing to us. It is possible to be in the middle of a moment that is a gift from God and still not enjoy it. We can sit at the dinner table while our minds are already in tomorrow's meeting. We can live in a season we once prayed for and still miss it because we are afraid of losing it.

The old meaning of the word worry carries the idea of being strangled or choked. That is exactly what worry does: it tightens its grip around today until we can no longer breathe in the grace right in front of us.

But grace loosens what worry holds. Your Father knows. Let today be enough. He is already in tomorrow.

Daniel Fitchel

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LAST WEEK @ CROSS CHURCH:

WEEKLY NEEDS: \$9,986.55

OFFERING: \$5,712.57

DIFFERENCE: -\$4,273.98

BUILDING FUND: \$284,872.27

ATTENDANCE:

SUNDAY, JULY 26TH
266

YOUTH BAPTISM CELEBRATION
75

COMING UP:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 29TH - JULY 31ST, 6-8:30 PM

YOUNG ADULT POTLUCK AND FELLOWSHIP
AUGUST 8TH, 5-7 PM