

Day 3



Read: Luke 12:22-24 (CEV)

"I tell you not to worry about your life! Don't worry about having something to eat or wear. Life is more than food or clothing. Look at the crows! They don't plant or harvest, and they don't have storehouses or barns. But God takes care of them. You are much more important than any birds."

Reflect

When money is tight and the bills keep piling up, it's difficult to simply put aside worry and accept peace. We can't ignore the need for groceries, clothes, or a roof over our head. Thankfully, Jesus never asks us to ignore those needs. Instead, he invites us to trust in God's ability to provide them.

Luke 12:22–34 is a great example of this invitation. As Jesus is teaching the crowds about righteous living, he zooms in on humanity's tendency to worry about money and possessions. He isn't calling out the wealthy or those living in excess; the examples he gives are primarily basic needs, and he doesn't brush them off. Instead, he opens their eyes to how deeply God cares for them and every living thing on earth.

There isn't one thing you need that God is not aware of. Just as he provides for the crows and wildflowers, he will care for you. His provision may not always look the way we expect, but his faithfulness never fails.

Today you can experience true peace knowing that the God who sent his Son to die for you will not forsake you now. He loves you more than a mother loves her own child, and you do not have to strive for his affection.

Instead, you can lean back, cast your cares upon him (1 Peter 5:7), release your worry through prayer, and trust in him!

Practice

When times are hard and our faith feels weak, it's important to remind ourselves of God's previous provision. Look back on your life. Are there moments you can remember when God showed up in a tangible way? Write each one down and reflect on how God's faithfulness has carried you through. Allow those moments to encourage your heart in this season.

Pray

Heavenly Father, you have never failed me. Even when things don't turn out how I expect, I know you are always working for my good. Thank you for loving me and taking care of me in every season. Please help me to trust that you will provide for my every need. In Jesus's name, Amen.

