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- I. Jesus' Command Not to Worry about the Needs of This Life (25a)
  - The Greek word for *worry* (*merimna*)...
    - 1) Acceptable care and concern for duties or responsibilities.
    - 2) Sinful worry and anxiety about anything.

## When do legitimate cares become sinful worry?

- 1) When legitimate concerns begin to distract you from kingdom priorities.
- 2) When you bear legitimate concerns alone, rather than casting them on God in prayer.
- 3) When legitimate concerns for duty or responsibility become fear and a lack of trust.

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### II. Jesus' Arguments for Not Worrying about the Needs of This Life (25b-34)

#### A. The Argument from God's Character: You can trust your father! (25b-30)

- 1) Our Father Gave Us Life (25b).
- 2) Our Father Feeds All Living Things (26).