

16. TRUST

JESUS SAID, “DO NOT WORRY, SAYING, ‘WHAT WILL WE EAT?’ OR ‘WHAT WILL WE DRINK?’ OR ‘WHAT WILL WE WEAR?’ FOR IT IS THE GENTILES WHO STRIVE FOR ALL THESE THINGS; AND INDEED YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER KNOWS THAT YOU NEED ALL THESE THINGS. BUT STRIVE FIRST FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND GOD’S RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU AS WELL.

MATTHEW 6:25-34

Calling in a Season of Need

It’s so frightening, isn’t it? To have needs—real needs that haven’t been met... And you don’t know how to get what you need. And you are afraid.

Well, Jesus seems to know that. In the gospels, He says over and over again: “Do not worry” and “Do not be afraid.” And then He tells His disciples to concentrate on the biggest thing, their relationship with God.

It’s a simply world-changing point of view.

It may not take away our neediness. But it will change how we see our neediness.

Exploration Questions

- What needs have made it difficult for you to trust God?
- What are the values that drive you in your life—the things you care about, no matter what?
- What needs or anxieties tend to distract you from your deepest values, and why?
- Recognizing your needs will help you to find and embrace your calling—what needs have led to new callings in your life?