

Listening to God through Creation
Matthew 6:24-34

DONT FREAK OUT! YOU ARE NOT STUCK!
TWIST HARD TO THE RIGHT
UNTIL IT CLUCKS
THEN PUSH!
YOU CAN DO THIS! WE BELIEVE IN YOU!



You don't have to freak out because God is a Father who is in control deeply cares about you.

Matthew 6

...25 “This is why I tell you: Don’t worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Isn’t life more than food and the body more than clothing?

...27 Can any of you add a single cubit to his height by worrying? 28 And why do you worry about clothes?

...31 So don’t worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’

...34 Therefore don’t worry about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself.

Metaphor #1: Worry is like weeds.

The English word for “Worry” comes from the Old English word meaning, “strangle,” while “Anxiety” comes from an Indo-German word referring to narrowing, tightening feeling in the chest or throat.

Studies suggest around 40 million Americans are chronic worriers.

—Timothy Lane, *Living without worry*

Metaphor #2: Worry is like a window.

Worry is a window that allows us to see our kingdom issues.

25 “This is why I tell you: Don’t worry about your life...or about your body...33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.

(v.24) “No one serve two masters, since either he will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and of money.

(v.32) For the idolaters eagerly seek all these things...

Worry is a window that allows us to really see our control issues.

Because God is a Father who is in control and cares for me, I don't have to freak out.

God is a Father who is in Control

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat.

—Psalm 19:1-6

“For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities — his eternal power and divine nature — have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.”

—Romans 1:20

“I’m not an atheist. The problem involved is too vast for our limited minds. We are in the position of a little child entering a huge library filled with books in many languages. The child knows someone must have written those books. It does not know how. It does not understand the languages in which they are written. The child dimly suspects a mysterious order in the arrangement of the books but doesn’t know what it is. That, it seems to me, is the attitude of even the most intelligent human being toward God. We see the universe marvelously arranged and obeying certain laws but only dimly understand these laws.”

For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. 20 Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, 21 the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. 22 For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering.

—Romans 8:19-23

God is a Father who cares about you

26 Look at the birds of the sky: They don't sow or reap or gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth more than they? ...30 If that's how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, won't He do much more for you—you of little faith?

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them

—Psalm 8:3,4

(v.30) If that's how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, won't He do much more for you—you of little faith?