

Children's Sermon: none

In the name of Christ Jesus, in whom I may rest confidently, dear fellow redeemed.

Intro: Everybody knows the story of David and Goliath. – odds? "Little engine that could?"

-NOT primarily about determination, perseverance, or courage – but faith in God's promises

-**Deut 20:1-4** David knew this... **1 Sam 17:26** Saul thought David too young/inexp... **17:36**

-David: "When God is commander of your army, fear is silly." Jesus says similarly...

THEME: If God is your Father, than worry is silly. From His sermon on mount...

Sermon text: (NIV) Matthew 6:25-34

²⁵Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

²⁸And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³²For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

1. If God is your Father, than worry is silly. -Worry makes us near-sighted.

- a. Worrying about details... ex. Saul hearing David would fight Goliath
 - i. In this case, did the experience/gear matter? Victory was in God!
 - ii. World worries/focuses on Life/Health (food, clothing, money) **V28-30**

App: A good king(father)... cares for subjects. **V33** Focus on heavenly things - by faith!

Trans: Faith doesn't worry over the needs our Father will provide for us, for we learn also:

2. If God is your Father, than worry is silly. -Worry makes us self-reliant.

- a. Worrying about own strength and skill... David and army dismayed by Goliath
 - i. Jesus says not to prepare? **Pro 10:4-5** -prep different from worry
 - ii. ILL: Ever get stuck in snow/mud? **V27** worry is a powerless activity

App: Rely on self? (Asa) Eval: Worry is a waste of time. ILL: power of worry...on a feather

Trans: Silly exercise? Jesus thinks so too!

3. If God is your Father, than worry is silly. -Worry makes us look foolish.

- a. Jesus on hill (sermon) – worry flowers/birds gone tomorrow? -silly **V27, 34**
 - i. Foolishness of self preservation, ILL: Goliath; my SIN! **Rom 8:31-32**
 - ii. We often worry about tomorrow's problems... **Eph 6:11**

App: Have I done enough for God's love? grace **V25, 31, 34** –JC knows its persistence w/us

Sum: David's example of faith in God + Jesus' teach Father's love/victory = worry is silly!

This peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard and keep your hearts and minds in our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen!