

Pastor Randy's short devotion for February 17th:

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?” (Matthew 2:25)

Nowadays as we face record inflation, we do have a tendency to worry about the family budget. When we go to the grocery store to buy milk or eggs, we can't help but notice the increase. The increase is also noticeable for other commodities we need like meat, vegetables and fruit. When we go to the gas station and fill up with gas, we see our dollars shrinking. Nothing seems to be certain, except the higher prices could be around for a while. So we worry. When we worry, our focus begins to narrow down to the high prices and the tightening of our budget. When Jesus talks about us worrying, Jesus asks us to step back and take a wider perspective instead. Jesus starts out by asking is not life more than food and clothing. As we ponder Jesus' question, Jesus asks us to step back even further so we can focus on a wider perspective yet. Jesus asks us to consider the birds of the air, how they neither sow nor reap, nor gather food into barns. Yet the Heavenly Father feeds them. It is wise to be good stewards of the family budget, tightening where we can. But instead of worrying, Jesus calls us to focus on our Heavenly Father as our provider. Our Heavenly Father provides for the birds of the air and you are much more important than birds. Focus on God's faithfulness.