

**July 31, 2016**

**Series: But God**

**Sermon Title: *Playing God***

**Key Scripture:**

**Matthew 6:30 (NRSV)**

**<sup>30</sup>*BUT* if *GOD* so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?**

**The Key:**

**God's job covers and is covered!**

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**Main Scripture:**

**Matthew 6:25-34 (NRSV)**

**<sup>25</sup>“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? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet *YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER FEEDS THEM*. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And *CAN* any of you by *WORRYING ADD* a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>*BUT* if *GOD* so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will *HE* not much more *CLOTHE YOU*—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore *DO NOT WORRY*, saying, ‘*WHAT WILL WE EAT?*’ or ‘What will we *DRINK?*’ or ‘What will we *WEAR?*’ <sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly *FATHER KNOWS* that *YOU NEED* all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup>“So *DO NOT WORRY* about *TOMORROW*, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”**

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### Past - Remembering His FAITHFULNESS

Matthew 6:28-29 (NRSV) <sup>28</sup> *And WHY DO YOU WORRY* about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

Matthew 6:31-33 (NRSV) <sup>31</sup> Therefore *DO NOT WORRY*, saying, ‘*WHAT WILL WE EAT?*’ or ‘*What will we DRINK?*’ or ‘*What will we WEAR?*’ <sup>32</sup> For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly *FATHER KNOWS* that *YOU NEED* all these things. <sup>33</sup> But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

### Present - Trusting any and every THING.

Matthew 6:26 (NRSV) <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly *FATHER FEEDS THEM*. Are you not of more value than they?

Luke 10:41-42 (NRSV) <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup> there is *NEED OF ONLY ONE THING*. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

Philippians 4:6 (NRSV) <sup>6</sup> *DO NOT WORRY* about *ANYTHING*, but in *EVERYTHING BY PRAYER* and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known *TO GOD*.

### Future - Standing on His PROMISES

Matthew 6:27 (NRSV) <sup>27</sup> And *CAN* any of you by *WORRYING ADD* a single hour to your span of life?

Matthew 6:34 (NRSV) <sup>34</sup> “So *DO NOT WORRY* about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Matthew 10:19-20 (NRSV) <sup>19</sup> When they hand you over, *DO NOT WORRY* about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; <sup>20</sup> for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your *FATHER SPEAKING THROUGH YOU*.

### Challenge Questions:

Will you make a list of the top ten ways God has been faithful in your life?

How can you trust God with your present struggles?

What promises of God can you claim for your future?

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