Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

# THY KINGDOM COME: OF FIRST IMPORTANCE Matthew 6:25-34

"I tell you, do not worry..."

Context helps a lot. His Kingdom takes priority over ours (6:10)

Jesus places greater emphasis on the Unseen (6:18)

Everything here will perish. Focus on the eternal. (6:19-21)

#### And where is our worry rooted?

### Our tiny kingdom.

#### 'Seen' things. Tangibles in the here and now.

Fading treasures stockpiled on earth.

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#### Bottom line:

The cares of life are to be entrusted to the One who did not spare His own Son, but gladly gave Him up for us all... (Rom. 8:32)

That frees us up to focus on things that matter more:

His Kingdom. His will. Things of heaven. Eternal things

Note: Jesus isn't saying those things (life, food and clothes) are not important. (See Matt. 14:13-21; 25:31-46; Acts 6:1-7; James 1:27)

He's saying that eternal things are MORE important

AND

He is saying that Our Father has those earthly things under control. So relax.

# While still in the context of "worry," Jesus gives us the antidote:

Seek His kingdom first Seek His righteousness first

Again, not saying nothing on earth matters. We just can't let our kingdom take priority over His... In this series, we'll address several aspects of our lives in the light of Scriptures and consider how our lives will be practically impacted by our prayerful plea,

"Thy Kingdom Come..."