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"HAPPY WHEN I DEPEND ON GOD"

WHEN JESUS WAS PREACHING THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT, HE PREACHED PART OF THE SERMON ABOUT TRUSTING GOD TO GIVE US ALL THE THINGS WE NEED.

JESUS SAID, "DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE THINGS YOU NEED IN YOUR LIFE—DON'T WORRY ABOUT WHAT YOU WILL HAVE TO EAT, OR WHAT YOU WILL HAVE TO DRINK, OR WHAT CLOTHES YOU WILL HAVE TO WEAR."

JESUS SAID, "THINK ABOUT THE BIRDS. THEY DON'T PLANT GARDENS OR GROW THEIR OWN FOOD, BUT GOD FEEDS THEM. YOU ARE MUCH MORE IMPORTANT TO GOD THAN THE BIRDS." JESUS WANTED THEM TO KNOW THAT GOD WOULD ALWAYS TAKE CARE OF THEM.

JESUS ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE FLOWERS AS A TEACHING LESSON. JESUS SAID, "WHY DO YOU WORRY ABOUT CLOTHES TO WEAR? THINK ABOUT THE FLOWERS IN THE FIELDS, THEY GROW AND BECOME VERY BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS. THEY DO NOT WORK A JOB OR MAKE THEIR OWN CLOTHES, YET GOD HAS MADE THEM VERY BEAUTIFUL. EVEN SOLOMON, IN ALL HIS HANDSOME AND EXPENSIVE CLOTHES, WAS NOT DRESSED AS BEAUTIFULLY AS THE WILD FLOWERS GROWING IN THE FIELDS."

JESUS TOLD THEM, "IF GOD MADE SUCH CAREFUL PLANS FOR THE GRASS AND FLOWERS WHICH ONLY LAST JUST A LITTLE WHILE BEFORE THEY WILT, DON'T YOU THINK GOD WILL SURELY ALWAYS TAKE CARE OF YOU?"

"SO DO NOT WORRY ABOUT WHAT YOU NEED. DO NOT SAY, 'WHAT WILL I EAT? WHAT IS THERE TO DRINK? WHAT IS THERE FOR ME TO WEAR?'"

"GOD KNOWS YOU NEED ALL THESE THINGS. FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT IN YOUR LIFE, SEARCH FOR GOD'S KINGDOM AND GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS. WHEN YOU MAKE GOD'S KINGDOM AND RIGHTEOUSNESS MOST IMPORTANT IN YOUR LIFE, GOD WILL GIVE YOU ALL THE THINGS YOU NEED."

ELIJAH IS A GOOD LESSON OF SOMEONE THAT GOD TOOK CARE OF AND GAVE HIM ALL HE NEEDED.