

## Consider the Birds

Jesus taught us not to be anxious.

(You can read it in Luke 12:22-24)

I read these words last week and thought it was hard. Even extreme. "...stop worrying about your life—what you will eat—or about your body—what you will wear..."



Most people that fear covid19 tell me that it is because they could lose their life. I asked our carpenter why he was afraid to die from the flu (or anything else) and he said he had too many things he still wanted to do. I said that I was hoping for some projects to work on in heaven and we laughed a bit.

But I can't just "stop worrying". So I used the opportunity to meditate on what Jesus said. What are ways that I worry about what I will eat or what I will wear? People are different, but for me it relates to earning enough to meet expenses.

Jesus was teaching about trusting God. Really trusting God. And in verse 24 he says, "Consider the crows. They don't plant or harvest, they don't even have a storeroom or barn, yet God feeds them. How much more valuable are you than birds!"

Yesterday morning we were in a state park and there was a warbler singing near our campsite. Not a crow. But a bird. So, I took time to 'consider' this bird that doesn't plant or harvest or have a storeroom. Soon I saw it, then I saw a hole in a tree where it was flying to, and finally I realized that there were two adults that were bringing food to the little ones hidden inside.

Jesus said God feeds the birds, and so we shouldn't be anxious about our own food.

One thing I learned yesterday is that it was a lot of work, all morning, as these adults flew out to find bugs to bring home. So, when Jesus says that God feeds them, he doesn't mean they are doing nothing. No. They work hard each day because they don't prepare like humans do. But God is sovereign over their lives as He is over ours.

There is a kind of trusting in God's sovereign care that should underly all of our normal work.

*Dear Jesus. Thank you for telling us to consider the birds and how they are cared for. Please help us to trust your loving care for us too. Forgive us when we think too much about ourselves. Amen.*