

Story 99: God's Greatest Joy

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Read this story in the Bible in Matthew 6:24-34.

Words to Know

avoid – have nothing to do with (something)

provide – to get things for us

worry – to let bad thoughts and feelings come into our minds because of fear

Questions

1. Why did Jesus tell the people they should avoid “worry”?
2. What is the greatest joy for God?
3. What did God promise us?
4. What is the “condition” for receiving that promise?
5. How is it possible for God to provide everything we need?
6. Did Jesus mean people should not have to work – just let God provide what we need?
7. Did Jesus say that God will give us everything we want?

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