

## FRIDAY, MAY 25 - CARE THAT COMFORTS

**BOTTOM LINE:** I must face my insecurities.

So don't worry about these things, saying, "What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?" These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. Matthew 6:31-33 NLT

Repeated studies have been done in a variety of circumstances and cultures to document the lasting results of the lack of care on humans and animals. After World War II, orphans who had been severely deprived of food during the war but were adopted by caring Americans after the war, were found to still be hiding leftover food under their pillows and in their rooms years later. They still lived in fear that there would not be enough.

A dog that has been beaten and abused will have to be re-trained to be "man's best friend." He may be unusually combative or will slink and run away from compassionate care. His experiences have imprinted him with the fear that there will never be love and compassion for him.

You likely know people who have been through hard times and are propelled or driven by a scarcity mentality. Perhaps it's you. Perhaps the obstacles you have faced in life have created the thought pattern in you that no one will care for you, and all these things are your responsibility.

Jesus said that unbelievers are dominated by those kinds of thoughts. They are insecure because they don't know the Father. YOU have no need to be insecure no matter what you've experienced in the past because now you have a Father who knows all your needs. You don't even have to tell Him. He is proactive and already working to give you all you need.

Your only responsibility is to mak2e sure that you are focused on taking care of the things that matter to God (His Kingdom and will), and He will give you everything you need. No scarcity here. No insecurity warranted. Oh, the overwhelming, comforting security that is His care for us!

- What is worrying you and making you insecure today?
- Remind yourself, "My Father already knows. He is already working on it."