

The Heart of Worry

Matthew 6:25-34 (Part Three)

1. Why is worrying an affront to God?
 - a. It reflects a prideful desire to _____ your future.
 - b. It reflects a prideful desire to _____ your future.
 - c. It reveals a _____ in God.
 - d. It reveals a _____ of the life God has given you.

2. How can you fight the temptation to worry?
 - a. _____ and _____ your worry as sin.
 - b. Get to _____ your God well.
 - c. Learn to take your thoughts _____ with truth.
 - d. Reorder your _____ and _____ in life.

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Matthew 6:25-34

And why do you worry about clothing?
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Matthew 6:25-34

Do not worry then, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear for clothing?” For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things will be added to you.

So do not worry about tomorrow;
for tomorrow will care for itself.

Each day has enough trouble of its own.



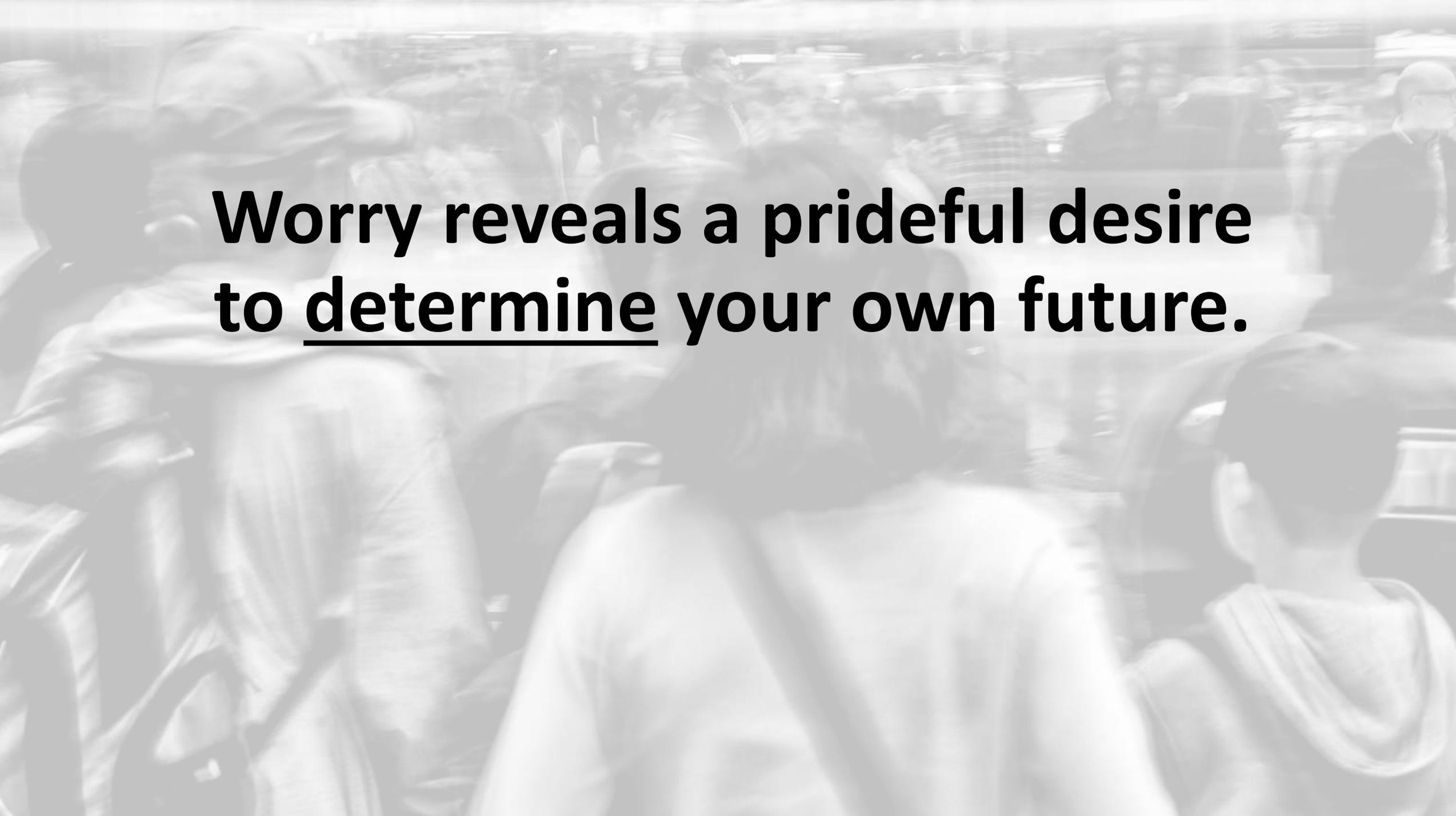
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**How can you fight the
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A grayscale photograph of two hands clasped together in a prayerful gesture. The hands are positioned centrally, with fingers interlaced. The background is a soft, out-of-focus gray. Overlaid on the hands is the text "Why is worrying an affront to God?" in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

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**Worry reveals a prideful desire
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Worry reveals a fear that your future will not go as **you** desire irrespective of what **God** desires.

American Values

- 84% of Americans believe that **enjoying yourself** is the highest goal of life.
- 86% believe that enjoyment will come from pursuing the things you desire most.
- 91% affirm the statement:
“To find yourself, look within yourself.”

Matthew 6:32-33

But **you**, seek first **His** kingdom
and **His** righteousness...



Worry reveals a prideful desire to determine your future.

**Worry reveals a prideful desire
to control your own future.**

Matthew 6:31

“What will **we** eat?” “What will **we** drink?”

“What will **we** wear for clothing?”

Matthew 6:27

And who of you by worrying can add
a single hour to his life?

*Not only does worry not add
to your life, it shortens it.*



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Worry reveals a prideful desire to control your future.

Worry reveals a distrust in God.

Matthew 6:26

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Matthew 6:28-30

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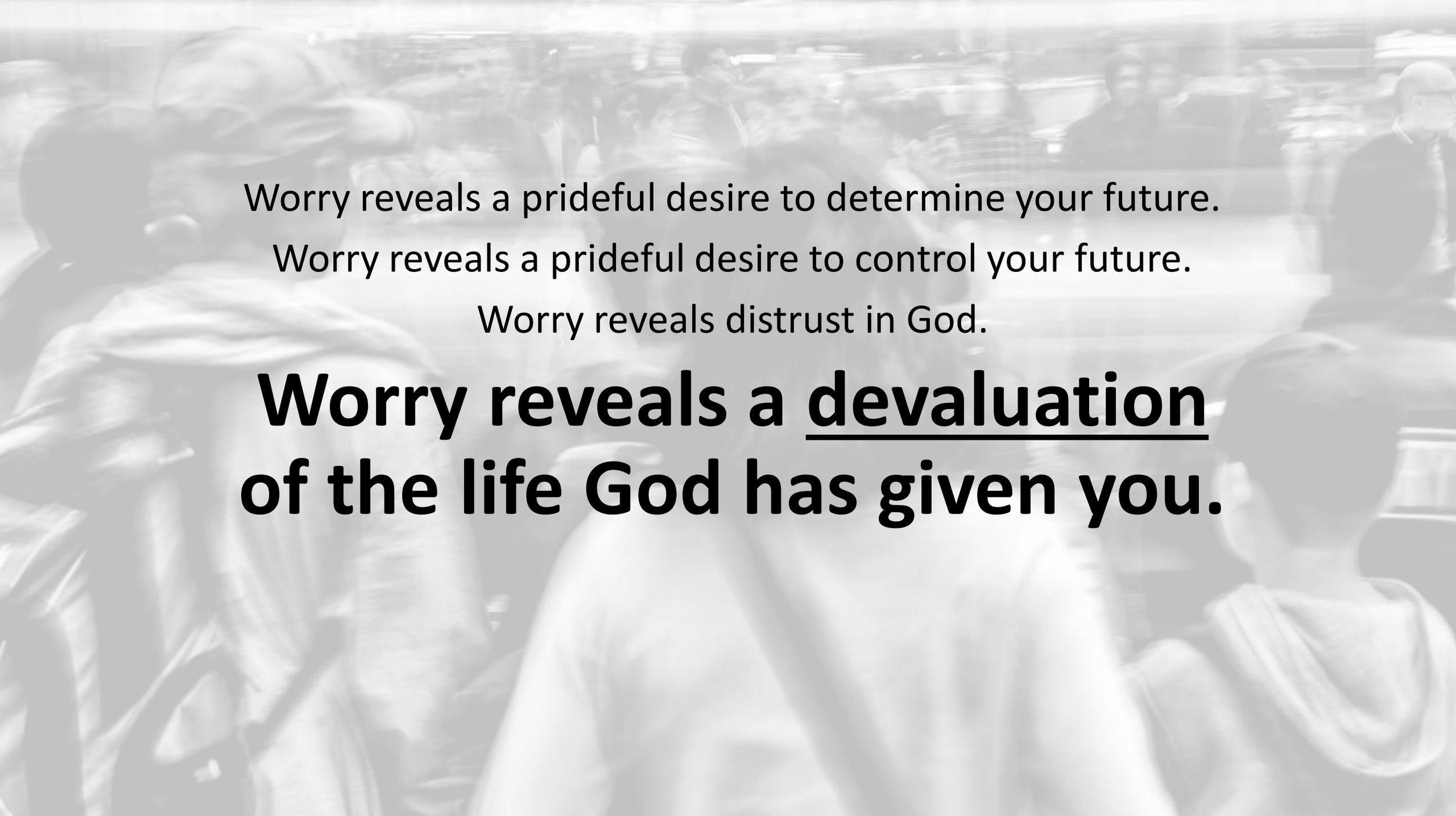
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**Worry reveals a devaluation
of the life God has given you.**

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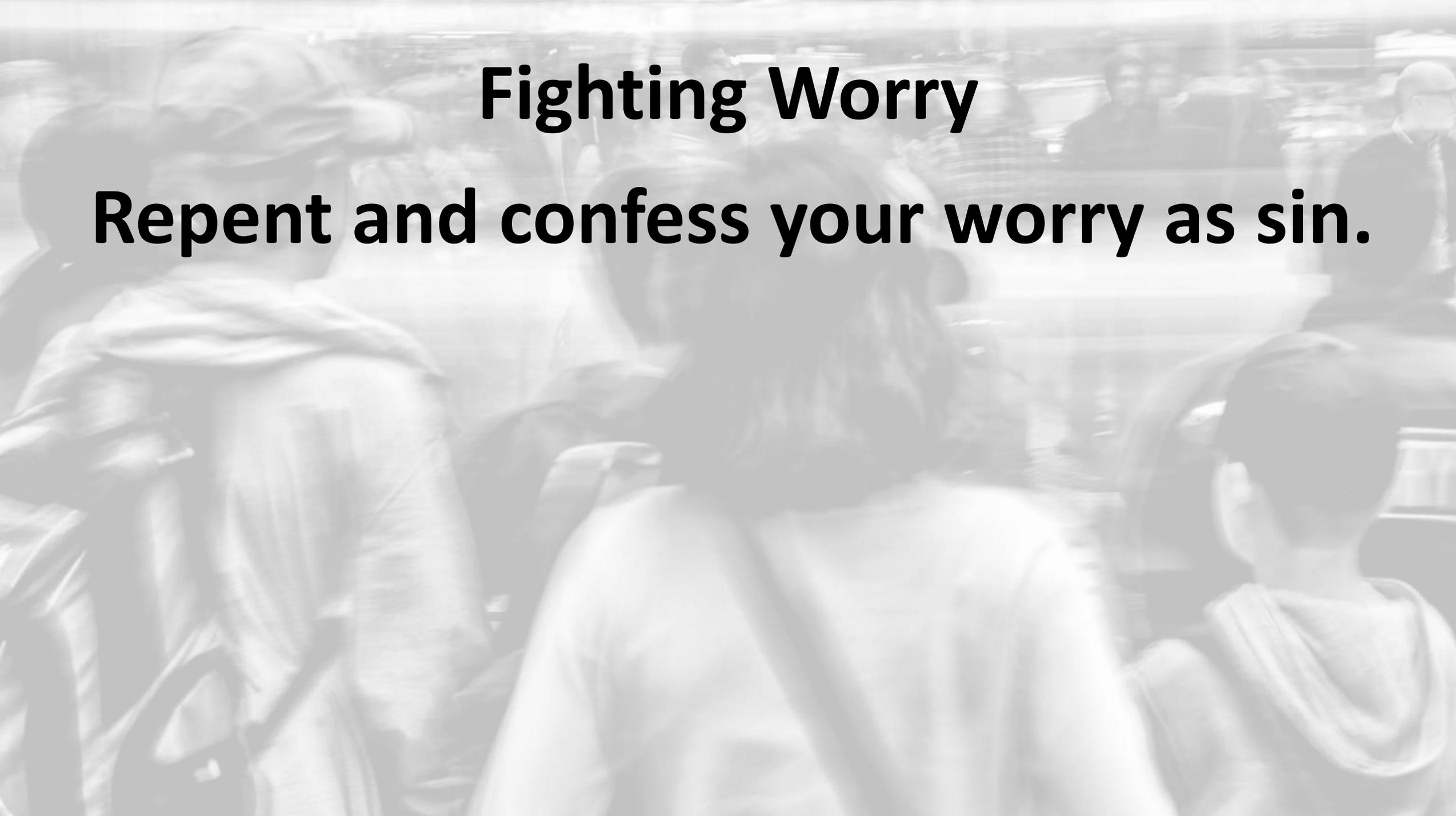
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Worrying about the cheap stuff
of this world reveals a cheapened
view of yourself.

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**How can you fight the
temptation to worry?**



Fighting Worry

Repent and confess your worry as sin.

Why should you repent and confess?

**Because Jesus has commanded
you not to worry.**

Matthew 6:25-34

25 For this reason I say to you, **do not worry...**

31 **Do not worry** then...

34 **So do not worry...**

Why should you repent and confess?

**Because when you are worrying,
you are turning away from God
and despising His care for you.**

Matthew 6:24

No one can serve two masters;
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**Because when you are worrying,
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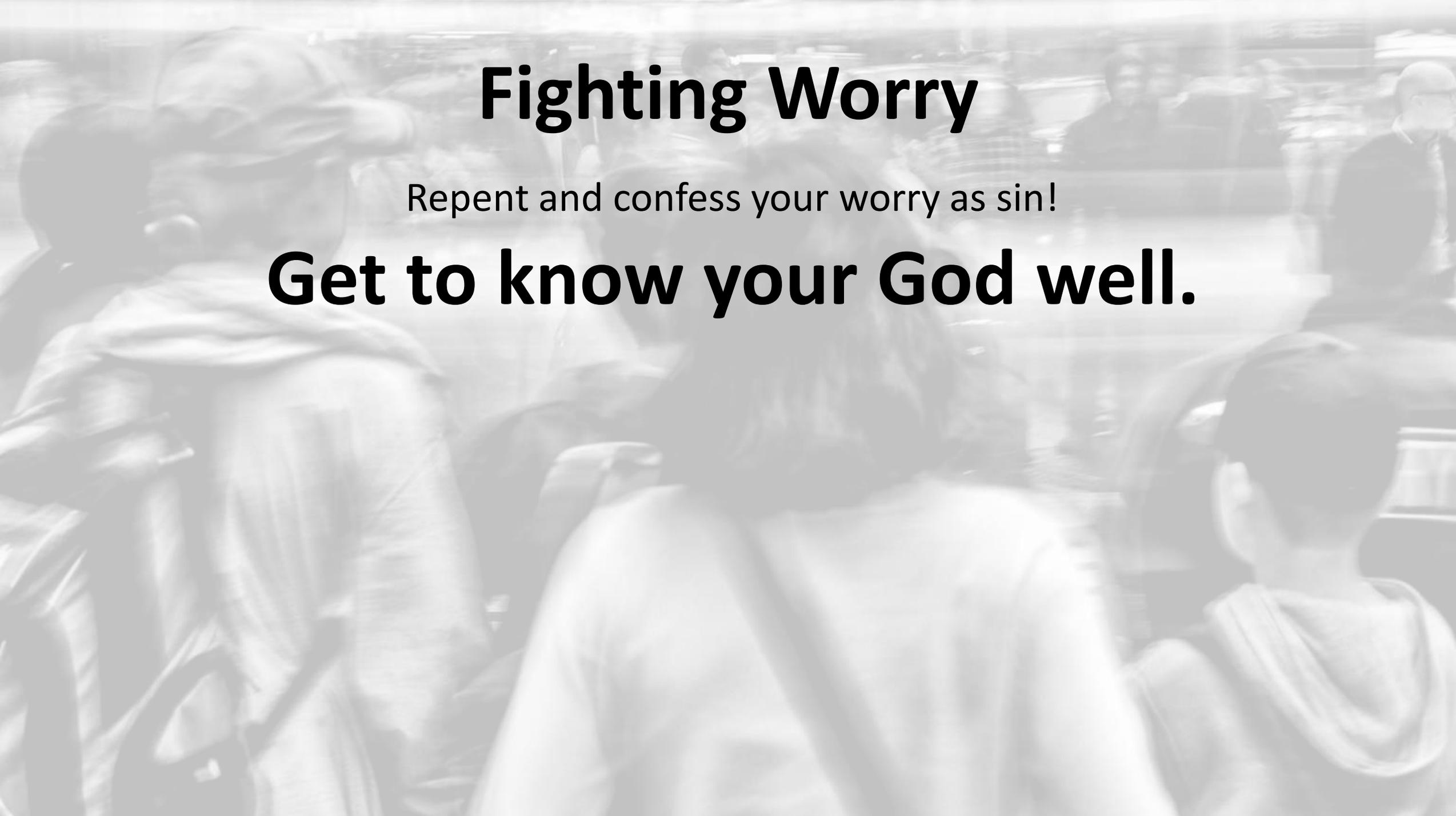
For **the Gentiles** eagerly seek
all these things...

but **you**, seek first...

How will you respond?

Will you let God search you and try you in regard to your worry?

Will you acknowledge your worry as sin and to stop trying to hide it?



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Look = Consider, think about intently.

What are you to think about?

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Observe = Note well,
learn thoroughly from.

What are you to learn?

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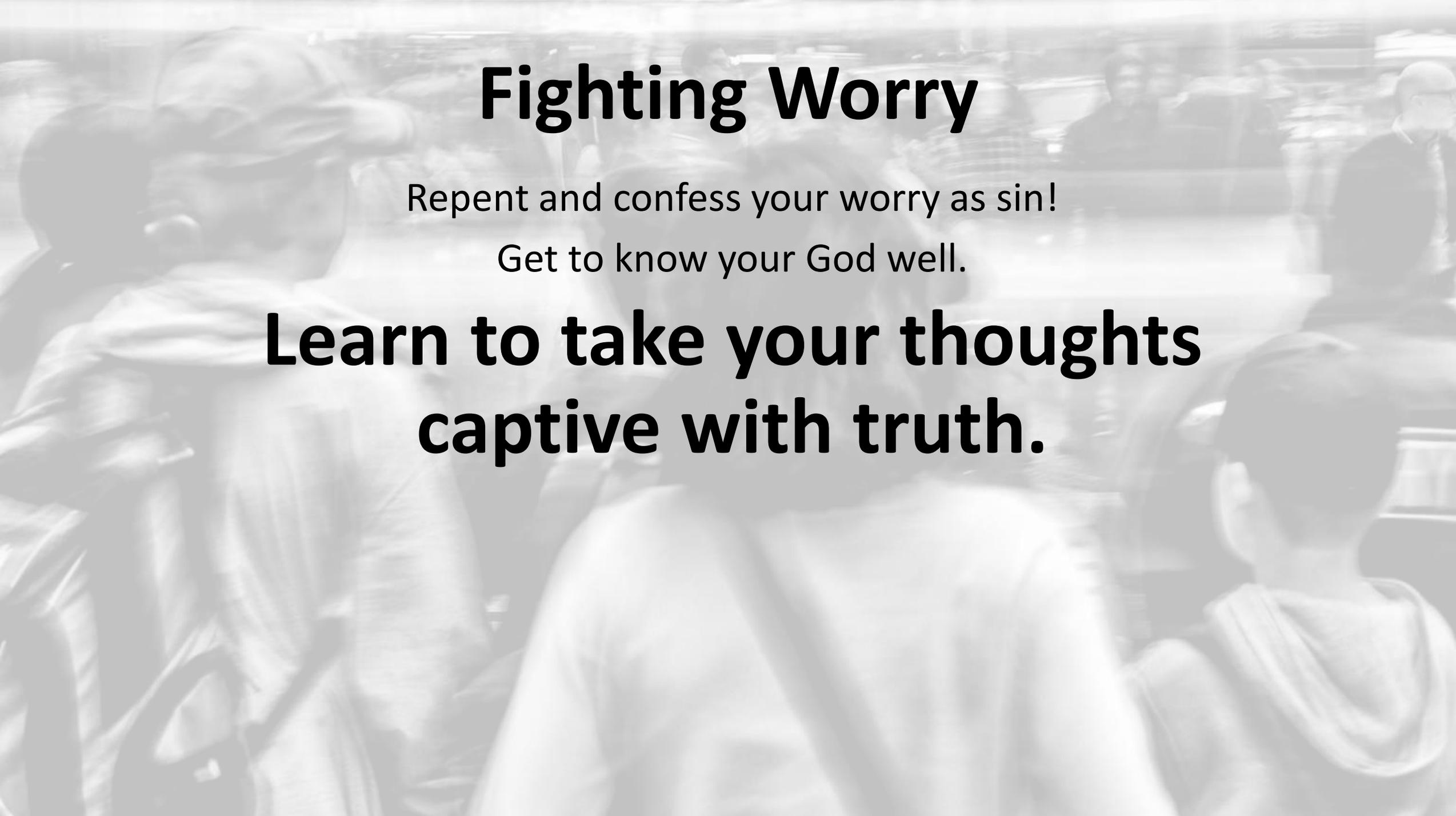
and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace,

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Consider and learn well the power
and character of your God.

*You cannot trust in a God
you do not know.*



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Looking and observing require you to redirect the attention of your mind.

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**Reorder your values
and mission in life.**

Christian Values

- 66% of church-going people believe that enjoying yourself is the highest goal of life.
- 72% believe that enjoyment will come from pursuing the things you desire most.
- 76% affirm the statement, “To find yourself, look within yourself.”

To stop worrying you will need to
reconsider what you treasure,
refocus your dreams, and
remember your Master.

Reorder your life!

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Seeking His kingdom and His
righteousness will not only
reorder your values, but it will
reorder your mission.

Are you ready to give up your
worry to the Lord?

*When you do, you will find
Him to be a joyful caretaker!*