

SINGLE ALLIANCE
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THE GOD WHO CARES

I. Intro

- A. I want to talk about the God who cares
- B. Many are addicted to worry. Worry brings anxiety and stress. Stress does damage to us in many areas!
- C. Worry is based in fear of the future. It is fear based. This is why Jesus always said "Do not be afraid" to His disciples.
- D. Faith and Fear are opposite principles. Worry and Faith cannot coexist.
- E. Worry has to do with the future, grace and faith is always in the present.

II. Grace for the moment

- A. God's grace is always in the now. Now is the day of salvation- **2 Cor. 6:2**
- B. Faith is present tense. Now faith is.. Hebrews 11:1
- C. The anointing is God's presence. God's presence is found in the present. God's anointing is fulfilled in the present. **Luke 4:18-21**
- D. God will not give you grace today for tomorrow's problems.
- E. **Matthew 6:34**- We are not to worry about tomorrow. There is no grace, faith, or God's anointing to handle it! Only today!

- F. Care vs. concern- Care is based upon taking the burden of a future outcome now. Concern is doing what you need to do today for the future. The future is the God realm. **Acts 1:7**- When you get into worry you enter a realm that is not been given to you to be in. Today is the realm of man. This is the realm we have been given authority over!
- G. **1 Peter 5:7**- Cast all your cares upon the Lord! They are sticky creatures, so you must body slam them on the Lord. You were not designed to take the burden of your problems. You were designed to trust God with your problem.
- H. God cares for you. You takes on the burden of your life if you will let Him. He is responsible for you.

I. When you worry you take the responsibility for your problem. You short circuit the anointing of God. When you cast your cares upon the Lord, His grace and anointing goes to work. When you cast your cares upon the Lord then angels are released to work on your problems.

Isaiah 63:9, Luke 1:19

III. No Breakdancing!

A. Matthew 14:24-32

B. Jesus was walking on the water- the sea was full of waves that night. He could have walked on the waves but we would have a break dancing Jesus!

C. The sea was calmed under Jesus feet. In the presence of Jesus is peace.

D. Peter walked on the water. He stepped out on the Word of God. The waves were calmed under his feet. Each step brought the presence of Jesus to His situation as He trusted Jesus.

E. Peter got his eyes off of Jesus and the miracle taking place right now upon all the rough water that lay ahead of him to where he was going. He began to worry how you would make it through all the rough water he saw ahead of himself. His mind began to swim and he began to sink.

F. Jesus said where is your faith- If you would have kept your focus on my presence then faith would have carried you through every step. Why did you get into worry about the future steps??

IV. Keys to Casting

A. Cast them on God and don't reel them in!

B. We open ourselves to worry when we know we are not following the Lord or His Word. We need to correct our path if it is wrong.

C. We need to make a definite consecration of our problems to God. We need to cast the burdens upon Him.

D. We need to listen for any thing we need to do today about our problems and do it right away.

E. Praise and Thank God!