

## What is worry?

The New Testament word for worry (merimnaō) has two senses-

Genuine concern (Phil 2:20)

Excessive fear about the future (overworry). (Matt 6:25)

## Worry starts here

Self-centered ambition (Matt 6:33)

Unbelief (Matt 6:30)

## Choose to trust in God

Look to God in prayer (Phil 4:6-7)

Give your cares to God (1Peter 5:7)

## **Study Questions:**

- 1. How might irritability and impatience be a symptom of worry in your life?
- 2. What other indications of worry do you see in your life?
- 3. How does worry distract us and put our relationship with God on "hold?"
- 4. What worries are distracting you from focusing on God?
- 5. Romans 8: 38 says: "Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell can't keep God's love away." (NLT). How will you personally live out this truth?



