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# RE- FLECTING GOD

11/16/12 - Choosing to Trust God

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Matthew 6:25-34

Jesus starts this teaching by asking, "Aren't there more important things in life than food and shelter (clothing)?" If anyone other than Jesus had asked the question, we would answer, "Of course not." We know that we won't last long unless we provide for these basics.

There's something about Jesus that prompts real reflection. People want to know what this carpenter turned preacher knows about life that we don't. Where did he get such wisdom and spiritual confidence? How did he act with such miraculous power? So we take another look at the question and conclude that yes, there is one thing more important than putting food on the table or clothes on our backs: It is to know and please God.

This will provoke a crisis of faith. What are we to do when our pursuit of the kingdom conflicts with life in this world? Jesus said it's an opportunity to exercise our trust in God?to prove to ourselves that God is willing and able to care for us.

The next time you have to choose between pleasing God and pursuing a food/shelter goal, choose God. Give him a chance to show you how much he loves you.