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Christians and the Coronavirus

Be anxious and seek first the kingdom of God.

Matthew 6:25-34  



Jeremy A. McKeen

INTRODUCTION

I want to speak to you today about the virus that is currently and quickly changing the landscape of our world. More specifically, I want to think together about how we, as Christians, are called to respond in times like this.

Now, obviously, we are called to be wise and responsible. We should carefully consider all the recommended precautions from the CDC and other officials. As Christians, we should demonstrate sanity, sympathy, and take one day at a time. And of course, we should pray. We should pray for those affected, for the tireless workers caring for those who are affected, and for the international authorities who are working around the clock to prevent, contain, and eradicate this virus. As Christians, we are called to all those things.

There are two main things that God has put on my heart for us today. They're two things that Jesus teaches us here in this passage. And they're two things that have stabilized and inspired me over this past week and I pray will do the same for someone here today. How do we rise to this occasion as Christians? Well, like always, Jesus lights our way. So, let's hear from him.

(Read Matthew 6:25-34)

An old Scottish professor and preacher James S. Stewart once made a helpful distinction between the foreground and the background of life. He used the metaphor of a painting and said that life has both a foreground and a background. The foreground are the things that are right in front of us. The things that we easily focus on and can feel like are right on top of us. It's the things that are seen

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easily focus on and can feel like are right on top of us. It's the things that are seen.
And the background of life is the invisible unseen spiritual realities that are behind us and beyond us.

Now, we need to be clear that these two things are not ...

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