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A SERIES WITH HEART





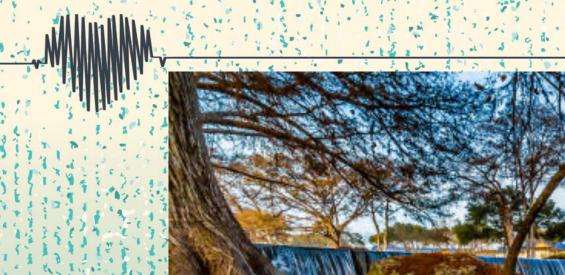


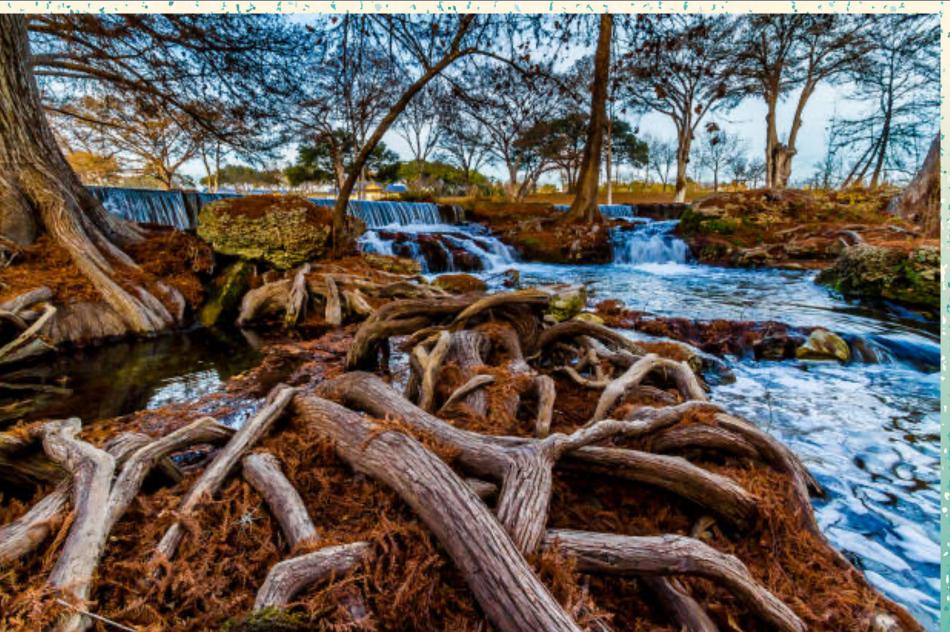


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# "What are you MOST worried about?"







## Worry

"To give way to anxiety or unease; to allow one's mind to dwell on difficulty or troubles

"A state of anxiety or uncertainty over actual or potential problems."



## Where is the place of worry you go the most?

How often do you visit?

What do you do when you realize you're there?



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# "Don't hastily pursue what I'm already providing"



## "Today is the tomorrow you were worried about yesterday.

...focusing on living for God's Kingdom today is the antidote to worry"

-Tony Evans

## "Do not worry" is for every DAY



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# Why do we go back to worry so often?



#### First Reactions



Fast
Automatic
Impulsive
Little / No Effort
Emotional



### **Thinking**



Slower Deliberate Reflective Effortful Analytical



## What I feel:

Fear and uncertainty

## Where I go:

Autopilot seeking safety and control



## When we go on autopilot and half-consciously try to shake off feelings of worry:

Our Phones
Netflix
Food
Sex
Alcohol
Gossip
Judgement, blame, anger.....



In order to return from worry we have to choose to be intentional about where we place our trust, and in what/whom we choose to find safety and renewal.

Returning takes intention





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## Worry is a lifelong venture.

We can't get through it on our own.



# In these times when we find ourselves back at the place of worry, we need to be **REMINDED** and <u>rooted</u> in the Word.

Colossians 1:17 – "He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together"

Psalm 46:10 – "and in the midst of this chaos, God speaks: "Be still, and know that I am God..."

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way"

2 Timothy 1:7 – "For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power, and love and self control"

Isaiah 41:13 – "For I am the Lord God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you"

Deuteronomy 31:8 – "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged"





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When we've slowed down, been intentional about remembering, and we are reminded of God's promises and the truth of his Word...

How do we RESPOND?



## Philippians 4:6

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication and thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

