

FAITH EVERY DAY

Please help people to explore these questions. Allow five minutes for each. There is an extra question if people struggle to engage with the first three.

1. In what ways could increased faith improve our everyday life?
2. Taking into account last week's Bible story as well as today's—how might we get more faith?
3. Where does faith in every day situations turn into craziness and in what sort of situations can wanting to be sensible or reasonable cover up failing to trust God?
4. **(If time available)** When do we think that God does not have our best interests at heart? How can we protect against that?

MATTHEW 6: 25 "This is why I tell you: do not be worried about the food and drink you need in order to stay alive, or about clothes for your body. After all, isn't life worth more than food? And isn't the body worth more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds: they do not plant seeds, gather a harvest and put it in barns; yet your Father in heaven takes care of them! Aren't you worth much more than birds? ²⁷ Can any of you live a bit longer^a by worrying about it?

²⁸ "And why worry about clothes? Look how the wild flowers grow: they do not work or make clothes for themselves. ²⁹ But I tell you that not even King Solomon with all his wealth had clothes as beautiful as one of these flowers. ³⁰ It is God who clothes the wild grass—grass that is here today and gone tomorrow, burned up in the oven. Won't he be all the more sure to clothe you? What little faith you have!

³¹ "So do not start worrying: 'Where will my food come from? or my drink? or my clothes?' ³² (These are the things the pagans are always concerned about.) Your Father in heaven knows that you need all these things. ³³ Instead, be concerned above everything else with the Kingdom of God and with what he requires of you, and he will provide you with all these other things. ³⁴ So do not worry about tomorrow; it will have enough worries of its own. There is no need to add to the troubles each day brings. (NIV)