

**Today's Mercies for Today's Troubles**  
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**I. Slide1 Announce:**

- A. **Calvary Chapel Magazine:** Highlighted our *Justice Sunday*. Majorie Saylor, Shyma Hall, interviewed Kel & I. Copies in the back.
- B. **Children At Risk:** Debriefing about Justice Sun, bring yur comments & suggestions.
1. Also, Kel will be sharing a workshop, **"How Can I Make a Difference?"**
  2. Now that you've had time to process all you heard, maybe you'd like some **ideas of ways to get involved. Very practical 30+ diff ways to help.**
- C. **Slide2 Thrive:** (to grow or develop vigorously). A new ministry to *learn or revisit* the bible's foundational truths. Mercy rm. 11:30 service. Children's church available. No cost. *1st 3: What is the bible? Who is God? Who am I? Starts March 6th.*
1. 3 Sundays, 3 month gap, etc. **12 all together.** You can also come to 1 if u see 1 that interests you, or all. **Sign up in info booth, office, or just show up.**
  2. **Lecture, interactive, Q&A.** Meet new people, pastors & church ministry leaders
  3. **Ultimately get you...grounded, meet ch leaders, go deeper in discipleship.**
- D. **Slide3 Cooking Better Together:** join *Mike & Karen Caruso* in our kitchen **Sat 3/5, 3/12, 4/2.**
- E. **Slide4 City Serve:** March 5,6th. Sign up you or your family online [cityserve16.com](http://cityserve16.com).
1. **Jesus didn't come to be served but to serve. Through love serve one another.**
  2. **If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. Jn.13:14**
- F. **Slide5 I'd like to introduce** our new *Middle School Coordinator*: His name is **Jason Mathieu**. He has worked on & off with our Middle School for about 5 years. *He connects well with the kids. They love/respect him.* He's aka **Jason the Red** aka **Ginga Ninja** aka **Peter Pancake?**
- G. **Slide6 Jayna Auer:** We are going to miss a dear friend that left us yesterday. **Jayna gets to spend this Easter w/Jesus.** We'll post her memorial on the church FB as soon as we know.

## II. Slide7 Intro:

- A. Slide8 Ray LaMontagne sang **Trouble** | *Oh, trouble, trouble, trouble, trouble* | *Feels like every time I get back on my feet* | *She come around and knock me down again.* **Worry** | *Oh, worry, worry, worry, worry* | *Sometimes I swear it feels like* | *This worry is my only friend*
1. Anyone feel like this might be a good **theme song** for their life?

## III. Slide9 TODAY'S MERCIES FOR TODAY'S TROUBLES

- A. In v.34 Jesus returns full circle to the beginning of his discussion (25), **encouraging daily dependence on God** (11).
- B. How we ended last week... (MT.6:34)
1. Slide10 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.
  2. NLT So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. **Today's trouble is enough for today.**
  3. MSG Give your entire attention to what God is doing **right now**, and don't get worked up about what **may or may not** happen **tomorrow**. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.
- C. God does not overload any day with trouble (34)
1. Each day has its appointed amount. **So don't reach into tomorrow and bring its troubles into today.**
  2. Slide11 Lam.3:22-23 **Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.**
  3. Each day has its own appointed troubles, and there are new mercies appointed for us every day so you can bear them. **Trust Him they'll be there.**
    - a) This should not to be understood as *a transference of worry to another day.*
    - b) This passage commands that one should **stop worrying** and **rely on God** *for His gracious provision.* **Worry is unbelief** parading in disguise.
- D. **Worry** is not only a sin against **God**...it is a sin against **ourselves**.

1. **Worry** is a *slow form of suicide*, for it **poisons our system** & **shortens our lives**.

E. **Slide12a** At 11:40 p.m. on 14 April, **lookout Fredrick Fleet** spotted an iceberg immediately ahead of **Titanic** and alerted the bridge. **First Officer William Murdoch** ordered the ship to be steered around the obstacle and the engines to be put in reverse, **but it was too late**; the starboard side of Titanic struck the iceberg, creating a series of holes below the waterline. **Five of the ship's watertight compartments were breached**. It soon became clear that the ship was doomed, as she could not survive more than **four compartments being flooded**. Titanic began sinking bow-first, with water spilling from compartment to compartment as her angle in the water became steeper.

1. **Slide12b** Ocean liners & large ships are built in such a fashion that the captain, by pressing a button, can lower steel doors in the hold of the ship to divide it into **watertight compartments**. Then, if the ***hull is pierced*** in a disaster, only a small portion of the boat can be flooded. In this way the ship can be **kept afloat** even though it has a gaping hole in its side.

a) **Ship Floodability** - is the susceptibility of a ship's construction to flooding.

b) **Slide12c** Persons who are in the Navy's & Coast Guard's **maintenance & emergency repair specialists** are called ***Damage Controlman*** (DC).

F. **Slide13** **With this in mind...**In our ***Voyage of life*** we need to learn how to operate the **watertight doors** God has provided us.

1. **We need to shut out Yesterdays** - w/all their errors & failures. **Mistakes & regrets**. Delusions & defeats.

2. **We need to shut out Unborn Tomorrows** - and live for ***this day alone***.

3. **We need to step into the next bulkhead** - closing all doors, thus shutting out the **past** & the **future**. It's learning how to ***live in the present***. It's ***being present***

a) It's **learning** the specialty of ***Damage Controlman***.

b) It's **remembering**, worry ***does not*** empty **tomorrow** of its troubles, **but** it **does** rob **today** of its strength.

G. Today's Mercies Are For Today's Burdens<sup>1</sup>

H. Every day God appoints a measure of **pleasure** and **pain** for that day - like an old Swedish hymn says:

**Slide14** He<sub>(God)</sub> whose heart is **kind** beyond all measure,  
Gives unto **each day** what **He** deems best -  
Lovingly, its part of **pain** and **pleasure**,  
**Mingling toil** with **peace and rest**.

1. Kind beyond all measure, the Lord gives **pain** and **pleasure** to each day as He deems best.

a) We don't always agree enthusiastically w/what God deems best for us.

2. It's hard for us to feel that He is **kind beyond all measure** when he gives us **pain**

a) **Causing pain** is not generally equated with showing **kindness**. **Especially if God's measure for one day is a lot more than another day.**

b) But it's true...God gives each day **His wise & loving measure** of **pain & pleasure**.

I. **There is fresh mercy from God for each day's appointed pain.**

1. **Today's** mercies are **not** designed to carry **tomorrow's** burdens. There will be mercies **tomorrow** for that. **Today's mercies** are for **today's burdens**.

J. **Slide15** **Worrying about tomorrow does not help either tomorrow or today.** (www)

1. If anything, it robs us of our effectiveness today - which means we will be even less effective tomorrow.

2. **Someone has said that the average person is crucifying himself between 2 thieves:** the regrets of yesterday **and** the worries about tomorrow.

3. It is right to **plan** for the future and even to **save** for the future. **But** it is a **sin** to **worry about** the future **and** **permit tomorrow** to **rob today** of its blessings.

K. **Slide16a** **3 words** in this section point the way to **victory over worry**:

1. **Faith** (30) trusting God to meet our needs.

2. **Father** (32) knowing He cares for His children.

3. **First** (33) putting God's will first in our lives so that He might be glorified.

<sup>1</sup> Note: Title of message & some parts used from John Piper's message with the same title.

- a) **Slide16b** If we have *faith* in our *Father* and put Him *first*, He will meet our needs.
- L. **For tomorrow will worry about its own things** means *there will be enough things to worry about tomorrow* or *tomorrow you should worry about those things*.
- M. We are rarely anxious for **today**; it is the **future** that bothers us. If we restrict our concern to **today**, we **defeat anxiety**.
- N. A shallow thinker might gather from the previous words (6:25-33) about **trust** that the believer will have *a smooth path through life*. That is **not** what **Jesus** is saying. **All people have trouble, believers among them**. But he is making it clear that there is all the difference in the world between *facing the problems we will certainly meet with firm faith in our heavenly Father* and facing them with **anxiety**.

#### IV. **Slide17 TOMORROW'S MERCIES FOR TOMORROW'S TROUBLES**

##### A. **But Tomorrow? What About Tomorrow?**

1. **Slide18** A.T.Robertson - The ghost of **tomorrow** stalks out with all its hobgoblins of doubt and distrust.
2. What will become of our children? Will they believe? Or will they turn away from the faith? What will become of our health? Will we lose our memory before we go? Who will take care of us? Will we spend the last 10 years of our lives out-living all our friends and family, abandoned, slumped over in a wheelchair at a rural nursing home?
3. What will become of our marriages? Will we ever trust again? Will we laugh and play and pray? Will we be there for the children? Will we be there for each other? Will it be sad and strained and dissatisfying for 30 or 40 more years? What will it be like tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow?
4. What will become of our church? What will tomorrow bring? Will we be together? Will we be winning the lost, and standing for righteousness, and delivering the oppressed? Will we be sending more and more missionaries to the unreached peoples? Will we be worshiping with zeal for the glory and grace of our great God?

5. What about tomorrow? Will we have the strength to live for tomorrow when tomorrow comes? And to live it well and wisely and even joyfully, no matter what God's measure of pain and pleasure?

## B. New Mercies for Tomorrow Given Tomorrow

1. Slide 19 Lam.3:22-23 Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.
2. The strength to live tomorrow, will be given tomorrow, not today.
3. And it **will** be given. Our task today is not to have the strength needed for tomorrow's burdens. Our task today is to live by the mercies given for today, and to believe that there will be new mercies for tomorrow.
4. Today's mercies do not include strength for tomorrow; they include **faith** that tomorrow's unseen mercies will be sufficient for tomorrow.
5. This is so **important** for the living of the Christian life - for children, for teens, for college students, young adults. For middle-aged people facing major life changes, for older people with tremendous uncertainties before them. For single people and married people.
  - a) It's important because of how natural and strong the *impulse in our hearts* to want to **feel sufficient today** for **tomorrow's** challenges.
  - b) We don't like it when the gauge reads "*empty*" at the end of the day, and we have to go to sleep - if we can - **not** feeling the power for tomorrow's troubles.

- C. Why are they new every morning? Why does God do it that way? It's not because yesterday's mercies were bad or weak. It's because they were **yesterday's**. **Yesterday's** mercies were for **yesterday's** burdens. **Today's mercies** are for **today's** burdens. They are new every morning. They are like the manna in the wilderness: you can't keep it overnight. Enough comes for each day. You live on God day by day, or you don't live on God.