A Thrill of Hope: A Weary and Worried World

How do I experience **God's peace** in the midst of **my worry**? (Matthew 6:25-34 CSB)

1. _____ me from experiencing God's

a. Reevaluate the ______ for what makes life ______. (Luke 12:15 NLT)

Worry sees what I don't have. Gratitude celebrates what I do have.

2. Focus on God's _____ by _____ that He cares. (Matthew 6:26, 27a, 30 CSB)

Counteract what *I worry about* with what *God's Word says*.

Worry says, "I am not good enough to be truly forgiven." *God's Word says*, "I don't condemn those who belong to me." (Romans 8:1)

Worry says, "I am scared." *God's Word says*, "I will never *ever* leave you." (Hebrews 13:5)

Worry says, "I won't have enough." *God's Word says*, "I am your shepherd; you will not lack." (Psalm 23:1)

God will not be a better *Gardener* to the flowers than He will be a better *Father* to me.

"Worry does not empty *tomorrow* of its troubles; it empties *today* of its strengths." – Corrie ten Boom (Matthew 6:34 CSB)

- **Acknowledge** my worry.
- **Be curious** about my worry.
- *Invite God* into my worry.
- **Put more weight on God's Word** than my worry.

Bottom Line: Our worries will either lead us toward *self-preservation* or to *the Savior's peace*.