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**Matthew 6:30-31 (NKJV)** Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'"

**Matthew 8:23-26 (NKJV)** Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. <sup>24</sup> And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. <sup>25</sup> Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" <sup>26</sup> But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

## Three ways to stay Focused on Jesus:

1. Prayer - **1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NKJV)** pray without ceasing.
2. Read the Word of God - **Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)** For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
3. Meditate on the Word of God - **Psalms 119:15-16 (NKJV)** I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways. <sup>16</sup> I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

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