



**Date:** 11/19/2023

**Title:** Ravens and Suggestion of Wild Flower

**Scripture:** Luke 12:22-34

### **Introduction to Analog**

The word, Analog, means “something that is similar or comparable to something else.” Analog is designed to be a tangible way to take another deeper, look into each week’s Sunday morning message. Individuals, friends, small groups, and families can use Analog for further discussion and exploration of the Sunday teaching. May this tool help you explore the expansive heart of God and practice love in the ways of Jesus.

### **Teaching Season**

There are several stories that cause one to wonder exactly who Jesus is. While we may be quick to offer an answer, Luke does no such thing. Rather he tells several stories of parables, interactions and miracles all leading up to Jesus asking the question himself: “Who do you say I am?” And we are invited to respond.

### **Teaching**

This teaching begins with the assumption that we will serve God first, not money. It is within this frame of mind that Jesus says do not worry. Let’s be honest none of us want to have worry or have anxiety in our lives. Yet here Jesus points to both and simply says, “Don’t do this.” The question begs, “Is it possible for me to live a worry free life?” Jesus is not rejecting the importance of these things - he is simply pointing out that we live for something more than food and clothing. In this teaching, we examine how we can compassionately consider Jesus’ invitation in a time riddled with worry and anxiety.

Listen to the teaching [online](#) or on the DCC App

**Opening Question for the Group:** Start your group discussion with the question below.

1. What are you most looking forward to in kicking off the holidays and what are you finding most challenging in this season of the year?

## **Questions for Discussion or Reflection**

Here are some questions for discussion or reflection. Don't feel like you have to cover them all, and you may have questions of your own to ask. The Spiritual Practice for this week could be very meaningful for you or your group, so plan on 10 minutes or so for this exercise. If you are using this in a group context, read through these questions and the Spiritual Practice before your group meets to familiarize yourself with this material. You may want to send this out to the group before you meet.

1. What does your relationship to fear look like?
2. Maggie talked about aligning your fears with your values; what would that look like for you?
3. What would a compassionate approach that embraces and appreciates your fear look like?
4. In what ways has fear served you and in what ways has it hindered you from living out the fullness of who God's created you to be?

### **Spiritual Practice:**

This week for our formation practice, we invite you to listen to our guided time of prayer and reflection. You can listen to this guided prayer by clicking on the link below. You can also access the spiritual formation podcast through the DCC App.

[Spiritual Formation Podcast: I am Anxious for Nothing](#)