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Luke 12:22-34

Shona

22Ipapo Jesu akati kuvadzidzi vake, “Naizvozvo ndinoti kwamuri, musafunganya pamusoro poupenyu hwenyu, kuti muchadyei, kana pamusoro pomuviri wenyu, kuti muchapfekei. 23Upenyu hunopfuura zvokudya, uye muviri unopfuura zvokufuka. 24Fungai makunguo nokuti haadyari kana kucheka, haana tsapi kana dura, asi Mwari anoapa zvokudya. Uye imi munopfuura shiri sei! 25Ndianiko kwamuri angawedzera awa imwe chete kuupenyu hwake nokufunganya? 26Sezvo musingagoni kuita chinhu chiduku ichi, seiko muchifunganya pamusoro pezvimwe? 27“Fungai maruva kuti anomera sei. Haabati kana kuruka, asi ndinoti kwamuri, kunyange naSoromoni mukubwinya kwake kwose haana kuzvipfekedza serimwe raaya. 28Kana ariwo mashongedzero anoita Mwari uswa hwesango, huripo nhasi, uye mangwana huchikandwa mumoto, achakupfekedzai zvikuru sei, imi vokutenda kuduku! 29Musaisa mwoyo yenyu pane zvamuchadya kana kunwa; musafunganya pamusoro pazvo. 30Nokuti vahedheni vanomhanyira zvinhu zvose zvakadaro, uye Baba venyu vanoziva kuti munoshayiwa izvozvo. 31Asi tsvakai umambo hwavo, uye zvinhu zvose izvi zvichapiwa kwamuri. 32“Musatya henyu, imi kapoka kaduku, nokuti Baba venyu vakafadzwa nokukupai umambo. 33Tengesai zvamunazvo mugopa varombo. Zviitirei zvikwama zvisingasakari, nepfuma isingaperi kudenga, kusina mbavha inoswederwa pedyo uye kusina zvipfukuto zvinoparadza. 34Nokuti pane pfuma yako, ndipo pachava nomwoyo wakowo.

Zulu

22Wayesethi kubafundi bakhe: “Ngakho-ke ngithi kini: Ningakhathazeki ngokuphila kwenu ukuthi niyakudlani, nangomzimba wenu ukuthi niyakwembathani. 23Ngokuba ukuphila kukhulu kunokudla, nomzimba kunesambatho. 24Bhekani izingwababana ukuthi azihlwanyeli, azivuni, azinaxhiba nanqolobane, kepha uNkulunkulu uyazondla; nina nizidlula kakhulu kangakanani izinyoni. 25Ngumuphi kini ongathi ngokukhathazeka enezele ebudeni bakhe ingalo na? 26Ngalokho nxa ningenamandla okwenza nokuncinyane, yini ukuba nikhathazeke ngokunye na? 27“Bhekani iminduze ukuthi imila kanjani; ayiphothi, ayaluki, kepha ngithi kini noSolomoni ebukhazikhazini bakhe bonke wayengembathisile okomunye wayo. 28Uma uNkulunkulu embathisa kanjalo utshani basendle obukhona namuhla, ngomuso buphonswe eziko, kakhulu kangakanani uyakunembathisa nina eninokukholwa okuncane. 29Nani maningafuni eniyakukudla neniyakukuphuza; ningakhathazeki. 30Ngokuba konke lokho kufunwa ngabezizwe bomhlaba, kepha uYihlo uyazi ukuthi niyakudinga lokho. 31Kodwa funani umbuso wakhe, khona konke lokho kuyakwenezelwa

nina. 32“Ungesabi, mhlambi omncane; ngokuba kwathandeka kuYihlo ukuninika umbuso. 33Thengisani ngeninakho, niphe abampofu; nizenzele izikhwama ezingagugiyi, ingcebo engapheliyo ezulwini, lapho kungasondeli sela, kungoni nundu khona. 34Ngokuba lapho kukhona ingcebo yenu, lapho iyakuba khona nenhliziyo yenu.

Swahili

22Akawaambia wanafunzi wake, Kwa sababu hiyo nawaambia, Msisumbukie maisha yenu, mtakula nini; wala miili yenu, mtavaa nini. 23Kwa kuwa maisha ni zaidi ya chakula, na mwili ni zaidi ya mavazi. 24Watafakarini kunguru, ya kwamba hawapandi wala hawavuni; hawana ghala wala uchaga, na Mungu huwalisha. Bora ninyi mara nyingi kuliko ndege! 25Na yupi kwenu ambaye akijisumbua aweza kujiongeza kimo chake hata mkono mmoja? 26Basi, ikiwa hamwezi hata neno lililo dogo, kwa nini kujisumbua kwa ajili ya yale mengine? 27Yatafakarini maua jinsi yameavyo; hayatendi kazi wala hayasokoti; nami nawaambia ya kwamba hata Sulemani katika fahari yake yote hakuvikwa vizuri kama mojawapo la hayo. 28Basi, ikiwa Mungu huvika hivi majani ya kondeni, yaliyopo leo na kesho hutupwa kalibuni, je! Hatawatendea ninyi zaidi, enyi wa imani haba? 29Ninyi msitafute mtakavyokula wala mtakavyokunywa; wala msifanye wasiwasi, 30kwa maana, hayo yote ndiyo watafutayo mataifa ya duniani, lakini Baba yenu anajua ya kuwa mna haja na hayo. 31Bali utafuteni ufalme wa Mungu, na hayo mtaongezewa. 32Msiogope, enyi kundi dogo; kwa kuwa Baba yenu ameona vema kuwapa ule ufalme. 33Viuzeni mlivyo navyo, mtoe sadaka. Jifanyieni mifuko isiyochakaa, akiba isiyopungua katika mbingu, mahali pasipokaribia mwivi, wala nondo haharibu. 34Kwa kuwa hazina yenu ilipo, ndipo itakapokuwapo na mioyo yenu.

Afrikaans

22Verder het Jesus vir sy dissipels gesê: “Daarom sê Ek vir julle: Moet julle nie bekommer oor julle lewe, oor wat julle moet eet nie, of oor julle liggaam, oor wat julle moet aantrek nie. 23Die lewe is tog belangriker as kos en die liggaam as klere. 24Kyk na die kraaie: hulle saai nie en oes nie; hulle het geen spens of skuur nie, maar God sorg vir hulle. Julle is tog baie meer werd as voëls. 25Trouens, wie van julle kan deur hom te bekommer sy lewe met een uur verleng? 26As julle nie eens so 'n klein dingetjie kan regkry nie, waarom bekommer julle julle oor die ander dinge? 27“Kyk hoe groei die lelies: hulle swoeg nie en hulle maak nie klere nie, maar Ek sê vir julle: Selfs Salomo in al sy prag was nie geklee soos een van hulle nie. 28As God die gras van die veld, wat vandag nog daar is en môre in die vuur gegooi word, só mooi maak, hoeveel te meer sal Hy julle versorg, julle kleingelowiges! 29Julle moet julle ook nie gedurig afvra wat julle gaan eet of drink nie, en julle moenie besorg wees nie. 30Dit is alles dinge waaroor die ongelowiges in die wêreld begaan is, maar julle het 'n Vader wat weet dat julle dit nodig het. 31Beywer julle vir sy koninkryk, dan sal Hy julle ook hierdie dinge gee. 32“Moenie bang wees nie, klein kuddetjie, want dit was die wil van julle Vader om die koninkryk

aan julle te gee. 33“Verkoop julle besittings en gee bydraes vir die armes. Skaf vir julle 'n beurs aan wat nie leeg raak nie, 'n onuitputlike rykdom in die hemel, waar geen dief dit kan bykom en geen mot dit kan verniel nie. 34Waar julle skat is, daar sal julle hart ook wees.”

Sermon Summary:

A preoccupation with material things is a threat for everyone. It can be a special threat those who don't have much material things because when someone doesn't have much it is tempting to feel like he has an excuse for his preoccupation with material things. In this passage, Jesus makes it clear that none of us have any excuses for allowing ourselves to become preoccupied with material things and helps us understand how to overcome this fear, anxiety and worry and why it is so important we do!

Basic Discussion Questions:

1. Let's read Luke 12:22-34 together. What is this passage basically about?
2. Jesus talked a lot about money and our attitude towards money and material possessions. What are some reasons you think Jesus talked so much about this?
3. In this passage, Jesus begins by saying, "Therefore." When you see the word therefore that means what you are reading is building off something that has already been said. In other words, what we are studying this evening is an application of what Jesus has been talking about in verses 13-21. What was Jesus talking about in verses 13-21? What was the warning Jesus gave there?
4. What is the connection between not worrying and guarding against covetousness? What is the connection between fear and greed?
5. What specifically does Jesus tell us we are not allowed to be anxious about here? What do you think it means to be anxious about these things? How is that command surprising?
6. In order to help the disciples fight against fear Jesus gives them a number of reasons they shouldn't be afraid. What are some of those reasons? Perhaps think back to the sermon on Sunday, what reasons stood out to you? Imagine you are sitting down with someone who is excusing his lack of concern for spiritual issues by talking about his material problems and saying that his material problems are the reason he can't be concerned about God's priorities. How could you counsel him from this passage?
7. What does this passage teach about God and how does what it teaches about God help us fight against fear?

8. Now think about the context of this passage for a moment. The disciples were following Jesus on the way to the cross. Jesus knew they were going to face severe persecution as a result of their relationship with Him. Obviously, that persecution would make their life feel uncertain and they would want to find ways to make their life more secure. In particular, it would become very tempting for them to look at rich people and think that those rich people's lives were so much more secure. But, as we look at the parable of the rich fool, we see very clearly that riches didn't help him. If you are using greed and worry to make your life more secure, that is a foolish way to live. Where according to this passage should you seek to find your security instead?

9. On Sunday we gave four specific suggestions for fighting against fear and worry from this passage. Let's review and talk a little about each. I'll share the suggestion, and you explain it and then illustrate where this suggestion comes from in the text.
 - If we are going to overcome worry, we must stop making excuses for worry.
 - If we are going to overcome worry, we must not simply respond to our circumstances, instead we must take the time to think.
 - If we are going to overcome worry, we must make sure we deal with the root cause of worry.
 - If we are going to overcome worry, we must make deliberate decisions to live for the eternal instead of the temporary.