



WHADDIFS & HOWILLS (Psalm 23:2)

Introduction: *Worry is a bag filled with “whaddifs” & “howills”...*

I. THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR WORRY: A *DIVIDED MIND*

- A. Worry: *“The interest due on a bill you haven’t even received.”*
- B. Our dear Lord Jesus speaks to us about worry (Matthew 6:27)
- C. The story of the man who *hired someone* to worry for him ☺

II. OUR LORD’S ANTIDOTE FOR WORRY: **HE LEADS ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS** (Psalm 23:2)

- A. He isn’t behind you pushing & yelling;
He’s ahead of you gently leading
- B. The story of *the butcher & the shepherd*
- C. He leads us... Oh, HE leads us! (John 10:1-11)

III. OUR LORD LEADS US & GIVES US WHAT WE NEED WHEN WE NEED IT

- A. His help comes when He knows the time is right (Hebrews 4:16)
- B. The story of *the father and his children at the airport* (no “whaddifs & howills”)
- C. Your Shepherd & Saviour puts Himself between you & your need (Mark 13:11)
- D. He will give us what is needed at the right time (Remember His provision of manna “bread from heaven” just as the people of Israel needed it – Exodus 16)
- E. He gives us the gift of facing today & entrusting tomorrow to Him (Matthew 6:34)

IV. WHADDIFS & HOWILLS ARE NOT EVEN IN OUR LORD’S VOCABULARY

- A. Note this especially as He was on the cross for you & me (Luke 23:33 and ff)
- B. The scoffing *if’s* did not stop Him... the mocking *howills* did not stop Him... the doubting *if’s* did not stop Him!!
- C. The believing thief next to Him learned this so well! (Luke 23:42-43)
- D. David tells us the same thing: **“He leads me beside the still waters”** (Psalm 23:2)

Conclusion:

A bedtime prayer: *“One step enough for me” -or- “I don’t know what the future holds, but I know Who holds the future.”*