*****SERMON NOTES *****

Sunday, October 23, 2016

"WORSHIP>WORRY"

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Today we begin a new series. There is plenty to worry about for most of us. Tomorrow early voting starts. It's a reminder of the greater worries around us. Today we want to be reminded that worship is greater than our greatest worries.

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QUOTES BY DR. TONY EVANS:

- "Since government and authority have been established by God, government is a divine institution. The problem is that people don't want the Divine in the institution."
- "God is not a Democrat nor a Republican. He doesn't ride the backs of donkeys or elephants."
- "God is not a Democrat nor a Republican. He didn't come to take sides. He came to take over."
- "Many people want "God bless America" today. They just don't want "One nation under God." The issue is that you can't have one without the other"

How do you make worship>worry?

1. Confess sins that lead you to worry.

"He who believes in [Christ] will not be disappointed" (1 Peter 2:6, NASB).

2. Focus on God's glory and wisdom.

3. Let the gospel motivate you to act.

"Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work" (Titus 3:1, ESV).

"For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us" (Titus 3:3–5, ESV).

4. Pray faithfully.

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