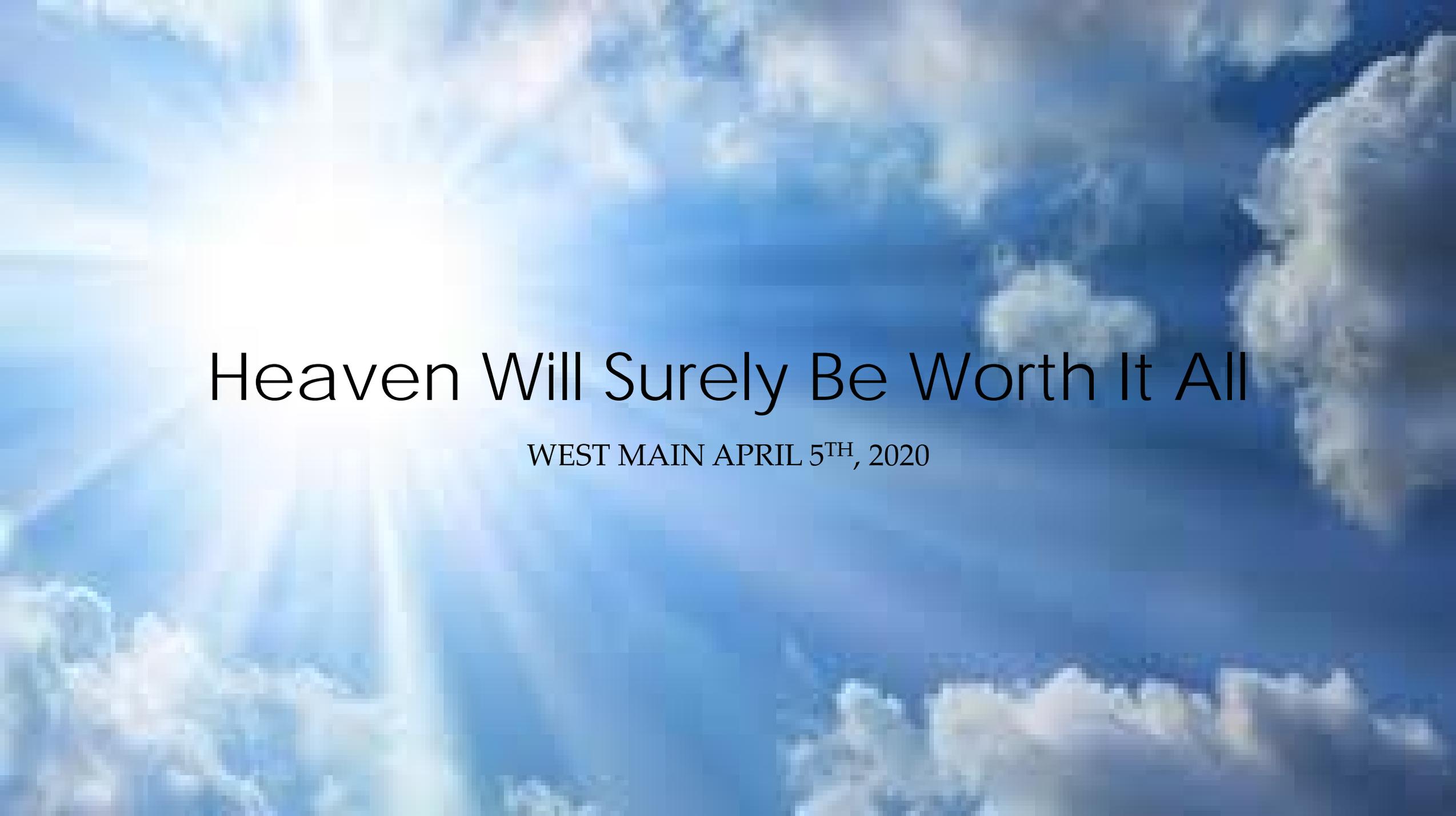


# Scripture Reading

- John 14:1-6 (NKJV)
- **14** “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup> In My Father’s house are many <sup>[a]</sup>mansions; if *it were* not so, <sup>[b]</sup>I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And where I go you know, and the way you know.”
- <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”
- <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me



# Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All

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# Often I'm Hindered On My Way

- **Galatians 5:7-**<sup>7</sup> You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?

We may face many obstacles on our path to heaven.

**Finances**- retirement (stock market), employment and/or medical expenses. These can burden or hinder us and also be out of our control.

**Proverbs 23:4,5-**<sup>4</sup> Do not work hard to be rich. Stop trying to get things for yourself. <sup>5</sup> When you set your eyes upon it, it is gone. For sure, riches make themselves wings like an eagle that flies toward the heavens.

**Failure**- Facing the trials of life. Can't get ahead, bad moment, criticizing comment.. We fear failure and it paralyzes any talents that God gave us to strengthen the Church.

**Matthew 10:24:31-**<sup>24</sup> "A follower is not greater than his teacher. A servant who is owned by someone is not greater than his owner. <sup>25</sup> A follower should be happy to be as his teacher, and a servant who is owned by someone should be happy to be as his owner. If they have called the head of the house Satan, how much more will they speak against those of the house. <sup>26</sup> Then do not be afraid of them. For nothing is covered up that will not be brought out into the light. There is nothing hid that will not be made known. <sup>27</sup> You tell in the light what I tell you in the dark. You must speak with a loud voice from the roofs of houses what you have heard. <sup>28</sup> Do not be afraid of them who kill the body. They are not able to kill the soul. But fear Him Who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two small birds sold for a very small piece of money? And yet not one of the birds falls to the earth without your Father knowing it. <sup>30</sup> God knows how many hairs you have on your head. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid. You are more important than many small birds.

# Burdened So Heavy I Almost Fall

Christians will face burdens:

Paul's in the Lord's work-

**2 Corinthians 11:26-**<sup>26</sup> *in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren.*

Physical Ailments-

**2 Corinthians 12:7-**<sup>7</sup> *And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to [b]buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.*

Sin- Greed, Uncontrollable temper, guilty conscience, envy, covet, lust, pride.....

**Job 7:20-** *Have I sinned? What have I done to You, O watcher of men? Why have You set me as Your target, So that I am a burden [a]to myself?*

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# After This Life With All It's Strife

Strife can occur during all walks of life. We can encounter in our school days (bully), family (brothers or sisters), career (boss, work force, layoffs), retirement (health, spouse).

**Diotrephes**- 3 John <sup>9</sup> I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, if I come, I will call to mind his deeds which he does, prating<sup>[d]</sup> against us with malicious words. And not content with that, he himself does not receive the brethren, and forbids those who wish to, putting *them* out of the church.

The world we live in today..

- **Micah 7:1-8** Woe is me! For I am like those who gather summer fruits, Like those who glean vintage grapes; *There is no cluster to eat Of the first-ripe fruit which my soul desires.* <sup>2</sup> The faithful<sup>[a]</sup> man has perished from the earth, And *there is no one upright among men.* They all lie in wait for blood; Every man hunts his brother with a net. <sup>3</sup> That they may successfully do evil with both hands— The prince asks *for gifts*, The judge *seeks* a bribe, And the great *man* utters his evil desire; So they scheme together. <sup>4</sup> The best of them *is* like a brier; The most upright *is sharper* than a thorn hedge; The day of your watchman and your punishment comes; Now shall be their perplexity. <sup>5</sup> Do not trust in a friend; Do not put your confidence in a companion; Guard the doors of your mouth. From her who lies in your bosom. <sup>6</sup> For son dishonors father, Daughter rises against her mother, Daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; A man's enemies *are* the men of his own household. <sup>7</sup> Therefore I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation; My God will hear me.
- **2 Timothy 3: 1-3-** But know this, that in the last days <sup>[a]</sup>perilous times will come: <sup>2</sup> For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> unloving, <sup>[b]</sup>unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good.

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Surely- definition.. with assurance or confidence

Heaven is worth it-

*Jesus is there-*

*Acts 1:11-*<sup>11</sup> who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”

*It will be home-*

*Philippians 3:20-21-*<sup>20</sup> For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

*It's perfect-*

*1 Peter 1:4*<sup>4</sup> to an inheritance [b]incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,



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## Conclusion:

Because of Christ's death and resurrection, we can say,

“Where, o death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” ([1 Cor. 15:55-57](#)).

## Hebrews 10:32-34

<sup>32</sup> But recall the former days in which, after you were [\[a\]](#)illuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings: <sup>33</sup> partly while you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations, and partly while you became companions of those who were so treated; <sup>34</sup> for you had compassion on [\[b\]](#)me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your [\[c\]](#)goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves [\[d\]](#)in heaven.