



**LIFEwork for the week starting May 26, 2019**  
**JESUS > my loss**

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1. What are your memories from Memorial Days of the past (or present)? Do you have any particular meaningful traditions? Did anyone in your family fight and die for their country?

**READ**

2. Read Job 19:23-27. This statement of hope by Job gives amazing insight into what peoples' hope was in Old Testament times, even before the coming of Jesus. Job's hope was particularly forged through suffering. How are those two things – suffering and hope – intertwined in our own lives?
3. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. If you have time, also read the sections before and after this in 1 Thessalonians. Paul articulates beautifully the hope we have beyond the grave. What kind of life application does this bring about for you? How does this hope change how we live?!
4. Read John 20:11-18. Mary embraced a physically resurrected Jesus, who then also pointed forward to His Ascension. This Thursday (May 30) is Ascension Day – 40 days after Easter. What impact on our hope do both a bodily (physical) resurrection (versus just a spiritual one) and Jesus' ascension into heaven have?

**APPLY**

5. If someone said to you, "Oh no, I don't go to funerals. Dead people freak me out," how would you respond? What if they say, "I don't care what they do with my body when I die; it doesn't matter to me anymore"? How would you summarize what happens when we die, for someone who is genuinely asking?

**PRAY**



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1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

May 26, 2019 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

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“...**SO** we will **ALWAYS** be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.” -1 Thessalonians 4:17b-18

Jesus promises **HOPE** that extends beyond the grave.

Visiting the **CEMETERY**:

- **REST**
- **LOSS**
- **HOPE**

“The beginning of the end of **WAR** lies in **REMEMBRANCE**.”

-Herman Wouk

The Brackets (to 1 Thess. 4:13-18):

“We ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to **WALK** and to **PLEASE GOD**, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more.” -1 Thess. 4:1

“Therefore **ENCOURAGE** one another and **BUILD** one another up, just as you are doing.” -1 Thess. 5:11

When **BATTLEFIELDS** and **GRAVEYARDS** become **HOLY GROUND**

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