**Heaven—Hope Beyond the Storms**

Text: **John 14:1-6**

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* Death is the ultimate storm.
* “Man must have something larger than death or death will take man.” (Max Lucado)
* Heaven is the hope beyond the storms of life for a follower of Christ.
* What is Heaven? What is it like? Who goes there?
* Heaven is beyond description (Romans 8:18)
* Nothing like you have ever seen or heard (1Cor. 2:9)

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* Heaven is a real place (Father’s house)
* Building from heaven (2 Cor. 5:1)
* A place of perfection (Rev. 21:4)
* Heaven is the hope and encouragement for believers (1 Thess. 4:16-18)
* Consolation is experienced as we focus on the eternal (2 Cor. 4:16-18)

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-We are longing for the ultimate communion (Rom. 8:18-24)

-Our redemptive journey has three phases:

Past Penalty of sin Justification

Present Power of sin Sanctification

Future Presence of sin Glorification

- “If I find myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.” (C.S. Lewis)

* God’s presence is fully experienced: (Rev. 21:3)
* Heaven is the inheritance of the believer: (1 Pet. 1:3-4)

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* Choice of eternity is the ultimate decision: (Mark 8:36)
* Jesus is the only way to God: (John 8:24; Acts 4:12; 1 Tim. 2:5-6)
* Hell is the natural destination for all people: (Rom. 5:17-18)
* Receiving Christ as Savior and Lord is the ultimate choice: (John 3:16; 1:12)