# Turning Hard Work into Hope Every Day: Margaret’s Story | Devotion

## Listen

Matthew 6:19–21

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

## Sing

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ,” VU 468  
“Oh a Song Must Rise (A Song Must Rise),” MV 142  
“Seek Ye First the Kingdom,” VU 356

## Reflect

* What’s the difference between storing up treasures on earth and storing up treasures in heaven?
* What do you consider “treasure”?
* Do you think it’s true that where your treasure is, your heart is? Where is your heart now?

## Pray

### At a Gathering

Our sacred scripture reminds us that our heart is where our treasure is. O God, let us examine our values as we gather. Move us to invest our resources in what matters most. Make our collective mission to live out your call drive our discussions and decisions. Orient our minds to your abundant blessings, and turn our hearts to hope. Amen.

### For Personal Devotion

If I’m going to store up anything, my God,  
let it be memories of occasions when I’ve loved fully;   
let it be instances when I’ve forgiven or asked forgiveness;   
let it be good times with friends and generous times with strangers;   
let all that loving, forgiving, joyfulness, and generosity pile up;   
let the heap of it reach the heavens, and me with it. Amen.