

# LWML Texas District

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Meditation

## Homecoming

As many know, we have Friday night lights, high school football, in Texas. As a high school teacher, I get an extra kick out of going to the homecoming game. It's fun to see the students wearing their garters and mums to school, as outlandish as so many of them can be. Seeing old friends, former co-workers, and alumni at the game is also an additional blessing of the homecoming tradition.

For those of you unfamiliar with the tradition, students have spent the week leading up to the game dressing in spirit outfits, and making silk mums and garters decorated with ribbons, bells, and words. Then on Friday there is the football game itself. The football game is played on home turf, and the half-time show is a crowning of the homecoming court — king and queen, and prince and princesses for the under classmen.

What do you imagine our true homecoming in heaven will look like? The King of kings will definitely be there. Also, rulers from throughout the ages will be present, along with the disciples and believers from ages past. Martyrs, theologians, preachers, missionaries, and other followers of Christ will be there. Old friends, new friends, people we have missed who died in the faith, along with those we have longed to meet, will join them.

Heaven is our true home. *For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee* (2 Corinthians 5:1–5).

We look forward to our eternal home and homecoming made possible by the perfection and sacrifice of Jesus for those who believe in Him as their Savior.

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