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Pastor Green's Daily Encouragement Yes, we made it to the weekend, and not a moment too soon. This has been a difficult week for many reasons. I obviously don't need to remind anyone about Wednesday's activities in Washington. St. Paul lost a wonderful 94 year member on Wednesday, a victim of the covid virus. While everyone else is mourning her loss, she finally received what she's been praying for, to go home to her Heavenly residence and spend eternity with family and friends who went before her, and to be with her Savior Jesus. In the midst of what is bad, there is good, and there is hope. So on this Secular Saturday, I pray that you would know the same hope and peace that Theresa did, she is enjoying that peace right now. When I woke up Thursday morning after the carnage in Washington, I wrote that I had a song in my head when I got up, and that song was "If I Can Dream" by Elvis Presley. So in light of full disclosure, I have to confess that I woke with two songs in my brain that morning, and one of them was from Elvis, but the first song I awoke to was a little bit different, it was the title track to a 1962 movie starring Jimmy Stewart, Lee Marvin, Vera Miles, and John Wayne called "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance." The song was recorded by Gene Pitney, and it would have been most inappropriate for Thursday morning. But seeing as how I've been unable to get it out of my brain since then, I'm going to use it as my Secular Saturday song today. Here it is, Gene Pitney singing "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance." Have a most blessed day, in the joy of the Lord. Go Bills!