

Slow Stack Investing Weekly Recap (April 21, 2025)

Market Recap

This past week (ending April 18, 2025), the U.S. markets saw a sharp pullback:

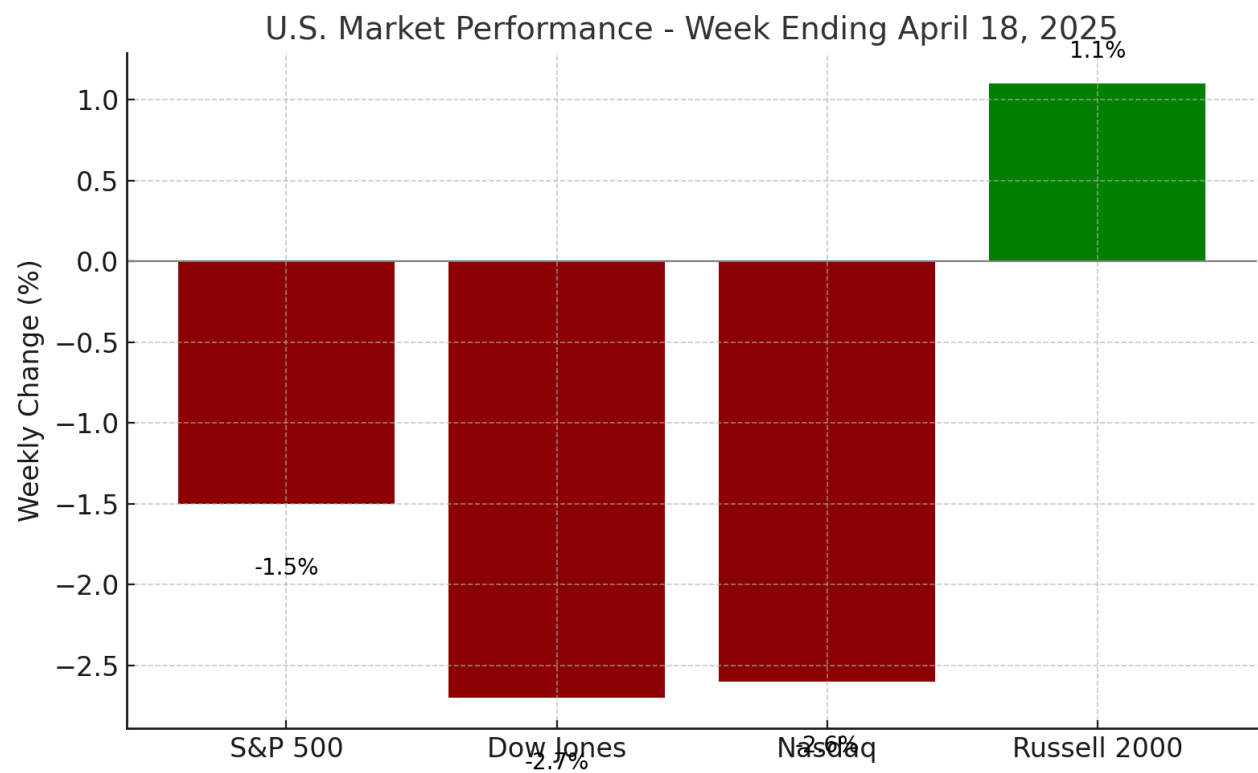
- S&P 500: -1.5%
- Dow Jones: -2.7%
- Nasdaq: -2.6%
- Russell 2000: +1.1%

Investors reacted to:

- Ongoing tariff uncertainty, even after a temporary pause
- Weak earnings reports, particularly from UnitedHealth Group
- A continued rise in Treasury yields, signaling caution in the bond market

Investor sentiment remains near 30-year lows, and safe-haven demand pushed yields and gold higher.

Market Chart:



My Portfolio

No changes this week still holding my long-term ETF positions and dividend payers.

This was another good reminder that sometimes the best move is no move.

Still watching my monthly dividend income and tracking slow progress.

What to Watch Next Week

- Big Tech Earnings: Alphabet, Microsoft, and Tesla are reporting
- Preliminary PMI data: A pulse check on inflation pressures
- IMF & World Bank Meetings: Could shift tone on global growth outlook

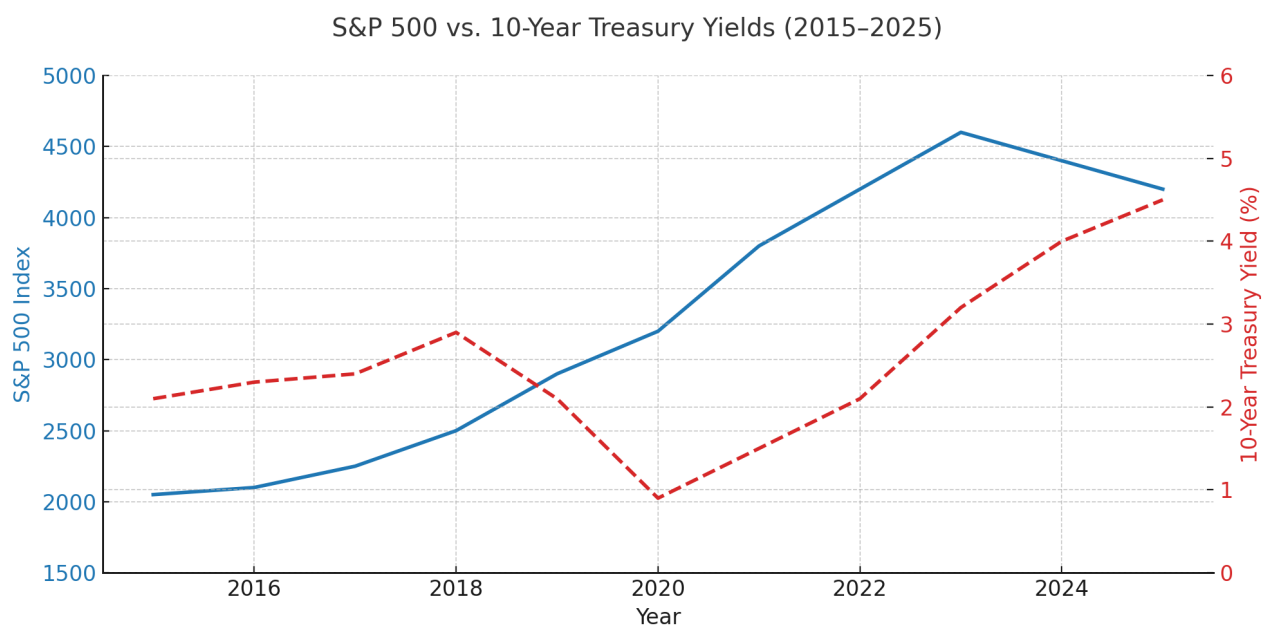
Why Treasury Yields Matter

When Treasury yields go up, it might seem like a boring footnote but it can actually pull the entire economy downward:

- Borrowing gets more expensive
- Stocks become less attractive
- Government debt becomes costlier
- And it often means the Fed is worried about inflation

Think of it like financial gravity: invisible, boring, but super powerful.

Treasury Yield vs. Stock Chart:



Seans Notes

I didnt upload a video this week not because Im slacking, but because Im figuring out what feels right.

I filmed a lot, tested setups, and realized Im still finding my voice (and my lighting... and my mic gain settings).

If Im going to build this channel long-term, I want it to feel natural. Not rushed. Not forced.

In the meantime, Ill keep showing up here, sharing what I can, and keeping it steady just like the portfolio.

Thanks for following along,

Sean