



"I Choose to Live Believing
The Best is Yet to Come"
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Six Decisions that Will Change Your Life

Decision #6:

I choose to live believing the best is yet to come.

Fundamental Question of Life: "Is there hope?"

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...

1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

Background Information:

- Apostle Peter writing in 63AD to believers scattered around Asia Minor, far from Jerusalem.
- Surrounded by non-believers.
- Had been 30 years since Jesus was crucified and resurrected.
- Had expected Jesus to return, but now wondered if he ever would.
- It was getting more and more difficult to hold on to their faith.
- Jews considered followers of Christ as heretics. Romans considered followers of Christ as a nuisance and a threat.

Rick Warren's definition of hope:

Hope is an _____ based on

_____.

Why I live my life believing the best is yet to come:

MY FUTURE IS _____.

And into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade – kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:4-5 (NIV)

THE FUTURE IS _____.

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:6-9 (NIV)

We know the end of the story.

The Best is Yet to Come.