

Be Open to God's Hope-Filled Future

1. Let go of your ego and preferences.

And John's disciples came to him and said, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him." John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven... He must increase, but I must decrease."

John 3:26-27, 30

2. Open your life to God's new gift.

But truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

John 16:7

3. Trust God's goodness in the future.

Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me.

John 14:1

4. Don't get stuck in the past.

This is what the Lord says - he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

Isaiah 43:16-19