

A person with long hair, wearing a simple robe, sits on a dark rock ledge inside a cave. They are looking out at a vast, vibrant, and ethereal landscape. The scene is filled with swirling, colorful light and energy, resembling a nebula or a digital realm. The colors transition from deep blues and purples at the top to bright yellows and oranges in the center, and then to soft pinks and reds at the bottom. The overall atmosphere is one of awe and wonder. The text "ALL THIS FUTURE" is written in a bold, white, serif font at the bottom of the image.

ALL THIS FUTURE

Alan's word for 2023

THE POWER OF MOMENTUM

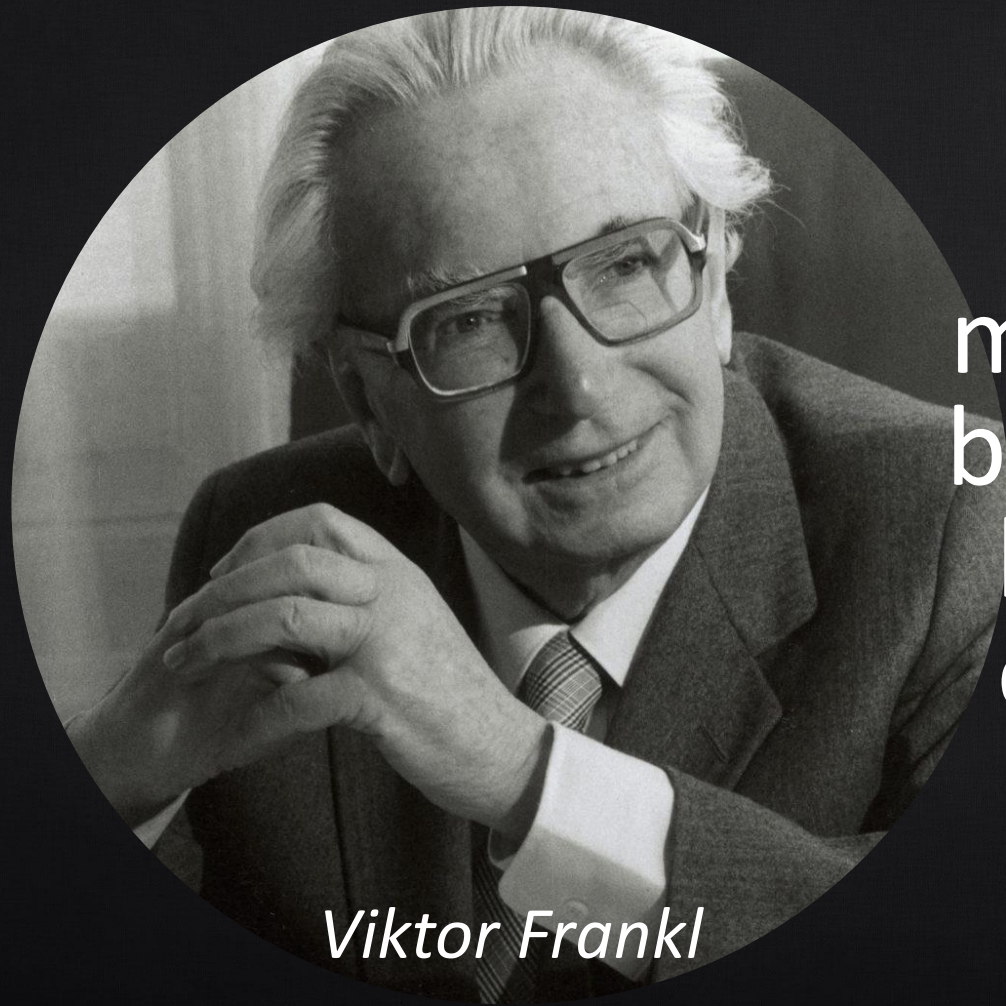
1) Resolve will be essential

What motivates resolve?

2) Respond well to life's valleys

and momentum will build

What fuels the capacity to respond well?



Viktor Frankl

“Life is never made unbearable by circumstances, but only by lack of meaning and purpose.”

I see the promise of heaven

Hebrews 10:32-34 NKJV

But recall the former days in which, after you were illuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings: ³³ partly while you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations, and partly while you became companions of those who were so treated; ³⁴ for you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven.

As for me, I feel that the last drops of my life are being poured out for God. The glorious fight that God gave me I have fought. The course that I have set I have finished, and I have kept the faith. The future for me holds the crown of righteousness which God, the true judge, will give to those who have loved what they have seen of him.

2 Timothy 4:6-8 PHILLIPS

Diligently try to come to me soon. ¹⁰ Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed to Thessalonica....

2 Timothy 4:9-10 MEV

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3:2-4 CSB

But one thing I do:
Forgetting what is behind
and reaching forward to what
is ahead, ¹⁴ I pursue as my goal
the prize promised by God's
heavenly call in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13b-14 CSB

“If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next....

It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this.”



C.S. Lewis

Philippians 3:17-19 ESV

Brothers, join in imitating me,
and keep your eyes on those who walk
according to the example you have in us.

¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you
and now tell you even with tears,
walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.

¹⁹ Their end is destruction,
their god is their belly,
and they glory in their shame,
with minds set on earthly things.

But our citizenship is
in heaven, and from it we
await a Savior, the Lord Jesus
Christ, ²¹ who will transform
our lowly body to be like
his glorious body....
Philippians 3:20-21 ESV

For I consider
that the sufferings of
this present time are
not worth comparing
with the glory that is to
be revealed to us.
Romans 8:18 ESV

For our light and
momentary troubles
are achieving for us an
eternal glory that far
outweighs them all.
2 Corinthians 4:17 NIV

1 Peter 1:3-4 CSB

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Because of his great mercy

he has given us new birth into a living hope

through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

⁴ and into an inheritance that is

imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,

kept in heaven for you....

John 14:1-3 MEV

“Let not your heart be troubled.

You believe in God. Believe also in Me.

² In My Father’s house are many dwelling places.

If it were not so, I would have told you.

I am going to prepare a place for you.

³ And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and receive you to Myself,
that where I am, you may be also.”



“Many Christians who’ve gone to church all their adult life... can’t recall having heard a single sermon on Heaven. It’s occasionally mentioned, but rarely emphasized, and almost never developed as a topic.”

Randy Alcorn, *Heaven*

the promise
to those who
die before the
Lord's coming

the promises
included in
The Day of
his coming

the promises
related to the
new heavens
and new earth