

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

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The third thing that Immanuel Kant believed important for all people to have is something to look forward to. How relevant this is in our day! We are definitely a people who talk about the future. We think about when we will know life as “normal,” when we will be able to resume life as we knew it “before.”

I don't think that Kant meant for us to have something to look forward to in the kind of desperation that some of us feel in our present situation. I believe that he thought that looking forward was to be a positive thing, a planning for positive events, positive endeavors, positive experiences. It was to be perhaps that one thing that we had anticipated for a lifetime. We have been in a long season of “static” living, when everything has seemed to stand still. Now there is the possibility that our hope for a better future will relatively soon be realized; realized that is if we do all we need to do in the meantime.

Remember the Mars Rover Perseverance landed on Mars in February 2021? It had been something to look forward to, not just for NASA, but for those who worked on the project. Here are some facts about the directors of the team:

- Katie Stack Morgan has a passion for geology which led to the red rocks of Mars;
- Moo Stricker made sure the Rover didn't carry any microbes into space;
- Al Chen insured the Rover landed safely;
- Heather Bottom, a former professional dancer, helped choreograph the Rover's launch;
- Michelle Tomey Colizzi helped assemble the SUV sized Rover;
- Diana Trumillo paid her way through college by cleaning houses; she worked on the robotic arm;
- Eric Aguilar oversaw the laboratory where models of the Rover were tested.

Think about how far in the future these people had to look to accomplish this. So start planning, so that you have something to look forward to, something to get yourself and everything necessary ready to do. Whether big or small, it will put purpose into your life. It will give purpose beyond the present day.

Lord, help us to see beyond the present to what is significant in our future. Amen.

Pastor Louise