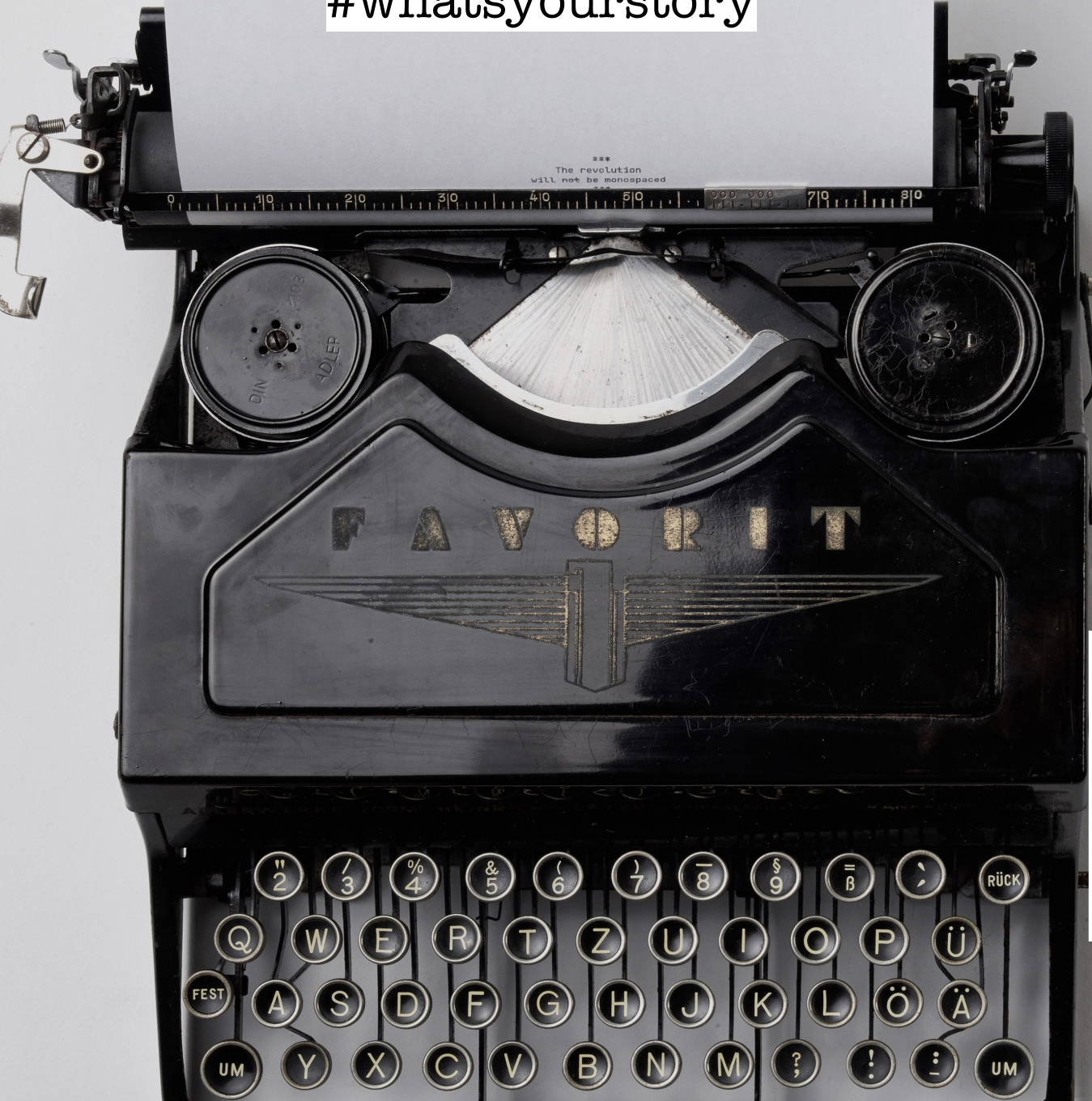


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...let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely...Hebrews 12:1

"TRANSACTIONS LEAD TO TRANSFORMATIONS"

The story of our lives is revealed in decisions we make. Starting new sentences today by making different decisions leads us to a better story tomorrow.

To every start there will also be some necessary stops. To draw from our story metaphor, these are called "periods". Periods end previous sentences and allow new sentences to begin. This transaction can lead to a transformation.



**DETERMINING
WHAT NEEDS
TO START IN
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WILL ALSO
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10 I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, 11 so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

12 I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. 13 No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

15 Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you.

16 *But we must hold on to the progress we have already made.*
Philippians 3:10-16



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- Stop holding onto the past.
- Stop allowing certain things to overwrite God's story in your life.

SCRIPTURE

What seems to be the “run on” sentences in your life? What are the “fragments” in your life story? Maybe it's time to mark your sentences with some “periods” and end those things today?

12 Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. **13** For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. Romans 8:12-13

5 So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. Colossians 3:5

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WRITE YOUR SENTENCE BELOW

I WILL STOP

No one wants a sad ending. Most of the stories we dream about end with "Happily ever after". How can your story end that way? Here are a few helpful things to consider as you bring some sentences to an end.

- 1) Press On. Don't keep looking at your past. Let the past be the past. Remember that Christ is creating a new story for His glory in you.
- 2) Focus On. What you look at is what you become. Focus on Christ and the future He has for you.
- 3) Agree On. Many stories have arguments and battles. Make your story one where there is agreement and unity. Who do

you need to agree with and unite with to have a better story?

- 4) Hold On. Get a firm grip on what you believe and why. Remember its' not about perfection but progress.

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