What If?

Greg Kline · 1 Samuel 23:6–14

INTRODUCTION

- I want to think about perhaps one of the most tantalizing two words that someone can say.
- Those words are, what if? Isn't this world just full of what if questions?

1 What If David Had Stayed?

1 Samuel 23:6–14

- What the Lord has said will come to pass, period.
- Here is our what if question. What if David had stayed there?
- But fortunately David made a good decision.

2 What If We Make Bad Decisions?

Genesis 3:1–7; Genesis 2:16–17

- The question in terms of what if is, what if we make bad decisions?
- What if Eve didn't reason with the serpent? What if she just said, I know what God's law is on this, and I will not hear any more of it?
- What if Adam had embraced his role that God certainly has given to the man today, to be the head of the household, to be the spiritual leader in the family?
- What if Eve just didn't stare into and consider what she knew would result in her death?

3 Give No Opportunity to the Devil

Ephesians 4:25–27; Hebrews 10:24–25

- If I don't choose to stop at the line that God has drawn and respect Jesus, my king, then I too will face death.
- Be angry and do not sin. Do not let the sun go down on your anger.
- It alters my decision making. I have compromised my ability to be a loving Christian.
- Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another.
- The problem is those what if moments are when we stop and consider.

4 We Can Make Those Good Decisions

Philippians 4:4–7; Acts 2:38

- And the good news is we can make those good decisions.
- He sought out what the Lord had in store. And based on the information of what the Lord had said, he made the decision.

- And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- If you repent and are baptized, you can do what? Have your sins forgiven.

5 We May Change the Lives of Others

Acts 16:25–34

- What if today I didn't put off serving the Lord? What might come from that? First of all, my life might be changed.
- Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household.
- If I am removed from this life, my chances at impacting others have ceased.
- What if I decide today I will change? Not just because my life will be different, but because I impact others.
- One person's decision, going all the way back to whoever first believed, has impacted not just one person, not just an immediate family, but an entire lineage of souls who can be with the Lord.

6 What If We Do Nothing?

Genesis 3:16–19; Genesis 3:22–24; Genesis 3:15

- What if we don't change a thing? Well, we're going to face the same problems that we always do.
- The cost for sin was high. It was death, it was separation.
- In Genesis chapter 3 and verse 15, as a consequence of sin already the Lord made provisions for us.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Let's choose life. Choose life today. Decide, today, I will change my life, and maybe in so doing, change the life of others.**

MY NOTES