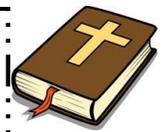


"Heroes of Faith!" meeting TODAY after AM services.
Please plan to attend and provide your valued input concerning this year & next year. God bless you!



What was the name of the centurion from Caesarea who was part of the Italian band?
Bonus: What did he want from the Apostle Peter?

What If?

Mordecai told Esther that there was no way she could know for sure that she (a Jewish young lady) had become queen of the Persian Empire so that she could, by her actions on just one day of her life, change the history of the nation. He simply said, "Who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14)? He understood that if she refused to do the right thing, God would use someone else in some other way to accomplish His purposes. Have you ever thought about how history would have been changed if those who knew God failed to do right? Consider the following.

What if Noah had refused to build the ark? What if he had begun the work and then just quit because he determined what God expected of him was just too much? What if he had not obeyed God's instructions and designed the ark the way he thought was best?

What if Abraham had decided not to leave Ur? What if he, having been told by God to leave Ur, just kept silent and had stayed in Ur? What if he had thought the journey to an unknown land was just too long and too dangerous and had simply stopped before arriving in Canaan? What if he had departed from Ur and then decided he knew of a better route and a better destination for his journey?

What if Joseph had taken the path of vengeance on his brothers when they came to Egypt? What if he had decided that he would just ignore them and send them away? He could then spend the rest of his life as one of the great rulers of Egypt. What if he had failed to save the children of Israel and had not brought them into Egypt in the first place?

What if David, having heard the challenges from Goliath, had responded as every other man in Israel? What if he had not stepped out of his comfort zone, ignoring the mockery of his peers and simply returned to the safety of his father's house? What if he had not led the army of Israel to defeat the Philistines on that day?

What if...? What if...? What if...? Go through the rest of the Bible and see *how* the actions of **one** individual changed the lives of those around them. Then, take time to think about who you are. What is happening in your life? What if you, having been given a "Samuel" did not lend him back to the Lord? What if you, as a member of the church, refused to teach your children about the Bible? You do not know who you are impacting; what if you thought it demanded too much of you? Make the necessary application. What if you failed to give your life as a member of the body of Christ? What if you made no effort to reach out and impact the life of another person? What if...? What if...? What if...?

By Dan Jenkins

To all our visitors: *Please feel free to participate!*

You should expect to hear singing with voices only, a few "family" announcements, prayers spoken, and see the Lord's Supper offered, then free-willed giving, and gospel preaching from the Bible.

Any response is up to you and will be kindly received.

We are glad you decided to worship God with us on this first day of the week!

Bday/Anniv Lunch: 2nd Sunday.

Friday Bible Study: from 7 to 8 PM! We are studying some New Testament commands of God for us today...

NMCCH: We are waiting to hear of the next item to gather.

