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There are many times the word **if** is used in the Bible.

Eph 3:1-4:6

1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles —

2 **if** indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you,

3 how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already,

4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ),

5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:

6 that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel,

7 of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.

8 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

9 and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;

10 to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,

11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,

12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

13 Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,
16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be
strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,
17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and
grounded in love,
18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and
depth and height —
19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with
all the fullness of God.
20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or
think, according to the power that works in us,
21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and
ever. Amen.

What if...?

Phil 2:1-4

Therefore **if** there is any consolation in Christ, **if** any comfort of love, **if** any
fellowship of the Spirit, **if** any affection and mercy, 2 fulfill my joy by being like-
minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be
done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem
others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own
interests, but also for the interests of others.

What if...?

Col 3:1-6

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ
sitteth on the right hand of God.

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

What if...?

...Jesus was truly the greatest leader this world has ever seen?

...you only had **24 hours to live?**

...you were responsible for **giving out the gospel?**

...you believed that **Jesus is coming again?**

...you believed that all men will **die or be rapture?**

...you believed that after death, **judgment?**

...you believed that **hell** is a real place?

...you believed that **heaven** is a real place?

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.
1 Cor 15:19

What if...?

...you passed off the baton to someone as Samuel passed off to David, and Moses passed off to Joshua and as Paul passed off to Timothy and Titus. What if you were responsible for making disciples?

What if you believed?

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