

After the end of the civil war and the consolidation of the tribes into a united kingdom, David took Jerusalem and established himself in what became known as the City of David (2 Sam. 5:1-12). The Philistines recognized the danger of their position with their most formidable foe in power and deployed an army in the Valley of Rephaim (2 Sam. 5:18). David asked the LORD what to do, and the LORD promised to deliver them into his hand which He subsequently did (2 Sam. 5:19-25). But that brings us back to the psalm which begins, “‘If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,’ Let Israel now say—‘If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, When men rose up against us...’” (Psa. 124:1-2). What if? What if the LORD had not been on their side? That is the point of the psalm as the verses that follow make clear. The outcome would have been completely different. **They** would have lost the battle. **They** would have been overwhelmed by water. **They** would have died as in a flood (Psa. 124:3-5; 2 Sam. 5:20). But the LORD provided protection from the enemy, escape from the clutches of a dangerous foe (Psa. 124:6-7). The Creator of the universe made Himself available to help those who served Him (Psa. 124:8). The sublime beauty described by such care astounds. And it once more causes us to consider the opening thought: What if?

What if God did not care for mankind to the extent He has demonstrated from the time of creation? What if God had never communicated His will to His creation? What if God left man to fight Satan on his own? What if God never sent His Son to die on the cross? What if? God has proven Himself so consistent in providing for man’s most important and desperate needs that men take them for granted. As a result, they only tend to question God when they encounter some problem for which they wish God’s intervention instead of appreciating all that He has already done and promised to do. So, what if we spent less time complaining and more time giving thanks? What if we opposed God less and obeyed God more? What if we valued our own opinions less and God’s Word more? What if we dropped our pride completely and embraced truth entirely? What if? It is amazing how different life is depending on whether you seek God’s will first or try to live life on your own. How good could your life be if you just followed God’s will? What if?

Order of Service

Opening Remarks		Ray Parks
Song Leader		Tom Barr
Song #821	<i>Hide Me, Rock of Ages</i>	
Song #26	<i>An Empty Mansion</i>	
Prayer		Russell Haydon
Song #268	<i>I Gave My Life for Thee</i>	
Communion		Chris Windham Leonard Meredith
Song #70	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	
Song #213	<i>He Gave Me a Song</i>	
Sermon		Clay Bond
Song #634	<i>The Great Physician</i>	
Offering		
Closing Remarks		Ray Parks
Song #658	<i>There Is Much To Do</i>	
Dismissal Prayer		Dylan Petrosky

Upcoming Events:

- August 29th Jordan Moore will present the final lesson in our Summer Series
- Sept. 2nd Potluck Fellowship after morning worship
- Sept. 15th Southwest Annual Ladies Day - see bulletin board for info.
- Sept. 23-26 Lake Country will host a Gospel Meeting with Wade Webster

...Prayer List...

Gay Kyle, Eugene & Barbara Haydon, Don Walker, Gary Schneider, Kathy Ivanciv's mother Shirley, Butch Crownover, Chris' cousin Tyler, Melvin Wright, Petrosky's grand daughter-in-law Christie severe eye problem

Remember our college students who are away at school: Jarrett & Luke Haydon, Emily & Courtney Meredith, and Dylan & Steven Petrosky

Shut-Ins: Robbi George

Wednesday Devotional

Aug. 29 Summer Series
 Sept. 5th
 Sept. 12th

Attendance: Sunday AM: 38 PM: 29 Wednesday: 33 Contribution: \$3071.45