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Trading Your **If Only** Regrets
To God's **What If** Possibilities

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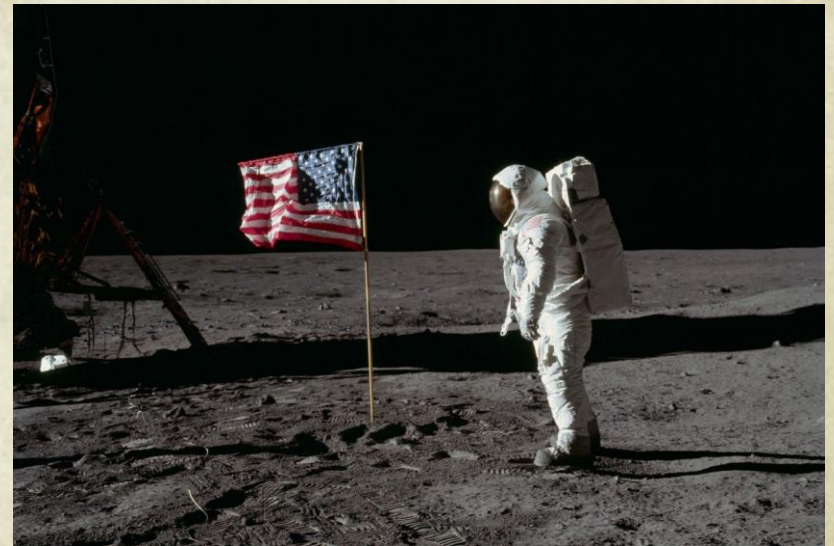


JFK before a joint session of Congress, May 25, 1961

The turning point, the tipping point was a bold prediction

Neil Armstrong, first man on the moon July 21, 1969

Bold predications, backed up by bold actions
that changes the course of history, that
changes the course of our lives



What If



The Pilgrims landing at Plymouth Rock

**Dr. Martin Luther King at the
Lincoln Memorial, August 28, 1963**



What If

Here's what you need to know – Every What If is created twice



The Lincoln Memorial

1. Figment of imagination in the mind of the creator
2. The second creation is the physical manifestation of that “what if”

What's true of architecture is true of everything.
Everything is created twice.
That's true of everything, even you!

What If

Psalm 139:13-16 (NIV)

- ¹³ For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- ¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
- ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
- ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.

**You were once an idea in the mind of Almighty God.
You are the physical manifestation of that idea.
You are God's What If**

What If

Just as God created you, You are called to create.

From Gen 1 to Rev 21, God never stops creating. That's who He is & that is what He does

We are most like Him, when we use our creative talents to serve His purposes while here on earth

What do God sized ideas look like?

1. God ideas do not originate with us. They are prompted by the Spirit.
2. God sized ideas are beyond our ability to pull them off alone.

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So here's the question, what is your

- One God idea
- God sized dream
- God ordained passion

Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin

Zechariah 4:10 (NLT)

You don't have to be the President, deliver a speech to million people or walk on the moon to make a difference.

Your What If, might your Who If

What If



Give me a place to stand and I will move the earth

Archimedes of Syracuse

The Law of the Lever - A lever amplifies input force to provide a greater output force

Systems Thinking

In any system, there is something called the high leverage point. It is the place in the system structure where a small amount of change can cause a large amount of change in the systems behavior.

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The Christian's High Leverage Point

Romans 8:31 (NIV)

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Is 54:17 – no weapon that is forged against you will stand

1 John 4:14 – He that is in us is greater than he that is in the world

Phil 4:13 – I can do all things through Christ who strengthens us

What If

No power on earth or in hell can conquer the Spirit of God in a human spirit. It is an inner unconquerableness.

Oswald Chambers

Romans 8:11 (NLT)

¹¹ The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

What If

Tipping Point – the moment of critical mass, crossing a threshold, or reaching a boiling point
Malcom Gladwell

- Physics when an object is displaced from a state of equilibrium
- Economics when an emerging technology becomes an industry standard
- Sociology is when an idea or trend goes viral
- Sports the moment when momentum shifts

Spiritually speaking, the tipping point is when we put our faith in Christ.

Some Christians made a decision for Christ but are not entirely sure that God is for them.

The second tipping point is when you believe that God is for you in every way imaginable

Romans 8:31 - If God is for us, who can be against us?

It's game changer. It's the high leverage point. **He gives us a Holy Confidence & a Humble Boldness**

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So Who's In My Corner?

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Romans 8:34

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Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God **and is also interceding for us.**

Romans 8:34

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In the same way, the Holy Spirit helps us where we are weak. We do not know how to pray or what we should pray for, but the Holy Spirit prays to God for us with sounds that cannot be put into words.

Romans 8:26

What If

Recap – Who's in our corner?

- We are created in our Creator's likeness
- Our Creator knows us inside & out
- Our Creator desires to spend eternity with us
- We get a new, customized mercy, tailored just for us, every day
- Our Lord & Savior pleads on our behalf daily
- The Spirit speaks on our behalf, filling in any gaps
- The same Spirit, who in the beginning moved across the waters, raised Christ from the dead, lives in us!
- You are a part of a loving and caring spiritual family called the church