

What If? Why Not? – Acts 4:31-33; Luke 1:37

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### **Introduction**

It is the close of the old year and a new year of change. Two words that may haunt you in the past can become great encouragement for the future are “What if.” Let’s make these words ones of adventure and faith....

#### **I. What If This Is The Year Of New Beginnings? – Joshua 1:8-9**

- a. Two Great Beginnings For The Early Church
  - i. Acts 2 Pentecost
  - ii. Acts 4 Again with thousands more that God adds to the church
- b. New Beginnings For You...
  - i. The year you receive Jesus Christ as your Lord & Savior (Acts 16:31) – John 3:36; 6:40
  - ii. The year you confess your sins and recommit your life (1 John 1:9) Hebrews 3:12-15
  - iii. The year your return to your first love (Revelation 2:4-5)
  - iv. The year you stop looking back and look up to Jesus (Hebrews 12:2-3)

#### **II. What If This Is The Year Your Prayers Are Answered? –Acts 4:31**

- a. “When they prayed...the place was shaken”
  - i. Philippians 4:6-7; 1 Peter 3:10-12
- b. What prayers could be answered this year...
  - i. The year your children get right with God
  - ii. The year your spouse comes to Christ
  - iii. The year you conquer your negative attitude

#### **III. What If This Is The Year Of Revival In Our Congregation? – Acts 4:31-32**

- a. “They were all filled with the Holy Ghost”
  - i. Romans 8:11-14 are you being led by the Spirit of God?
  - ii. Titus 3:4-8 have you been regenerated and renewed?
  - iii. Galatians 5:22-25 Do you live and walk by the Spirit?
- b. What could revival do this year...
  - i. Revival could make this a year of forgiveness, sharing, reconciliation

#### **IV. What If This Is The Year Of Evangelism? – Acts 4:33**

- a. “With great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus”
  - i. How long since you made an effort to win a soul?

### **Conclusion**

1. Consider two more words: “Why Not?” – Luke 1:37
2. Let us let faith remove the barriers and limits and begin a new year of faith and adventure! – Matthew 17:20