

Had It Not Been For The Lord
Psalm 124:1-6
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Thesis: I want to remind us of what would be if it wasn't for the Lord.

Intro:

1. Our lives would be different if it wasn't for our good friends and the love of family.
2. The same is true for the Christian, our life would be unrecognizable if it did not include the Lord.

I. What WOULD had happened if not for the Lord

A. The wicked would have swallowed Israel up (**Ps 124:1-3**)

1. God provide protection for His followers.
2. God will take care of us when the wrath of others comes.

B. The water would have engulfed Israel (**Ps 124:4-5**)

1. God will deliver from deep waters, from hard times (**Ps 69:14**)
2. All of these things would had happened if it wasn't for the Lord (**Ps 124:1a**)

II. What the Lord rescued them from.

A. They are not torn apart by their foes (**Ps 124:6**)

1. They were not given as their prey, that is to say destroyed.
2. The reason is the same as before, because of the Lord (**Ps 124:1a**)

B. They are delivered from their foes (**Ps 124:7-8**).

1. Their rescue is like that of birds from a net. They break free and soar away quickly from danger.
2. Again their reason for safety and their hope is stated (**Ps 124:8**).

III. Lessons for us today.

A. The Lord is our shield.

1. The Lord is a shield to the faithful (**Ps 3:3**).
2. The Lord blesses the righteous and shields from harm (**Ps 5:12**).

B. If it were not for the Lord, then what of us today?

1. If it were not for the Lord we would not be able to overcome (**1 Cor 10:13**).
2. No Lord = No Hope; Know the Lord = Hope of Eternal Life

Conc:

1. Though we face and endure difficulty if it wasn't for the Lord, all hope would be lost.
2. Man may feel all hope is lost (**Ezk 37:11**), but if we are faithful to God, that will never be true, all hope will never be lost (**Ezk 37:14a**)

Hear

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Believe

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever + in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Repent

Luke 13:3

I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

Confess

Rom 10:9 — Rom 10:10

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Be baptized

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’

Remain Faithful

Revelation 2:10

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.