Your Mission, Should You Choose to Accept It

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There’s a famous tag line in spy novels and movies — “Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is as follows ...” Usually what follows is a note or some other communication device that explains the mission then proceeding to explode into thin air.

Have you ever thought about this from a spiritual standpoint? WHAT IF, just as Jesus was leaving Heaven to be “found in fashion as a man” and “humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross” (Php. 2:8), He was handed a note that said, “Your mission, should you choose to accept it?” All of the hope of humanity would have rested on the shoulders of the One Who had to make the decision whether or not to accept the mission.

Jesus willingly came to the earth, lived and died for us, clearly accepting the mission. I have no doubt that that was always His intention. It was always His intention, just as it was always the Father’s intention (i.e. John 3:16).

But WHAT IF Jesus had chosen otherwise? Then we would be in a whole world of trouble!

Switching gears. What if Jesus had stated in Matthew 28:19 and following, “Your mission, should you choose to accept it ...” Jesus didn’t say that. He simply said “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them ...” Although Jesus didn’t say the words, “Your mission, should you choose to accept it,” we do have a choice as to whether or not we will obey His commandment to go and teach and baptize. But we better understand the consequences!

If we don’t choose to accept the mission, then souls will be lost that otherwise might would have obeyed Him. If we don’t choose to accept the mission, then the church will not grow as much as it ought. If we don’t choose to accept the mission, then souls will continue to grovel in the confusion and division of denominationalism. If we do not choose to accept the mission, then our souls will also be endangered because we have refused to do the Lord’s work.

The stakes are high! Souls are hanging in the balance! What if Jesus had chosen not to accept the mission? What if YOU choose not to accept the mission?