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WHAT IF...

God Gave You a Second Chance?

DVD RELEASE ANNOUNCED: MARCH 1, 2011

DIRECTED and PRODUCED by Dallas Jenkins
EXECUTIVE PRODUCED by Jerry B Jenkins

ABOUT THE FILM



LOS ANGELES, CALIF: (March 1, 2011) From Pure Flix Entertainment and Jenkins Entertainment comes the DVD release of **WHAT IF** starring, **Kevin Sorbo, John Ratzenberger, Kristy Swanson and Debby Ryan. WHAT IF** is Executive-produced by **Jerry Jenkins**, author of the *Left Behind* series and produced by **Dallas Jenkins**

WHAT IF tells the story of Ben Walker (Sorbo), fifteen years after leaving his college sweetheart Wendy (Swanson) and his calling to be a preacher in order to pursue a business opportunity. Now with a high-paying executive gig, a trophy fiancé and a new Mercedes, he hasn't even considered a family nor felt the need to set foot in a church in fifteen years.

But God has other plans. While on a thrill ride outside the city, his new car mysteriously breaks down, and he's visited by a tow truck driver named Mike (Ratzenberger) who claims to be an angel sent to show Ben what his life would look like had he followed his true calling. Suddenly Ben wakes up in the middle of domestic chaos as his wife Wendy and daughters (including Debby Ryan, the star of the Disney Channel's #1 hit show *The Suite Life on Deck*) are getting ready for church, where Ben is the new pastor.

Before he can get back to his old life, Ben must first embrace this reality and discover the value of faith and family, and perhaps restore his love for those who were heartbroken fifteen years ago: Wendy and God. In the tradition of *It's a Wonderful Life* and *The Family Man*, **What If** is a story of finding your true purpose in life. The official movie web site is <http://thewhatifmovie.com>.

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WHAT IF will be available for the suggested retail price of \$19.99

- **Format:** Color, DVD, Widescreen, NTSC
- **UPC:** 893261001370
- **Number of discs:** 1
- **Rated:** PG (Parental Guidance Suggested)
- **Studio:** Pure Flix Entertainment 480.991.2258 to order
- **DVD Release Date:** March 1, 2011
- **Run Time:** 120 minutes

About Pure Flix Entertainment:

Pure Flix Entertainment, LLC (PFE) produces, distributes, acquires and markets Christian and family-friendly film properties. PFE unites some of the most respected and successful members of the Christian film community with the objective of positioning itself as the industry leader for the production and distribution of high quality, inspiring movies and television programs, while doing so with integrity. Media in the form of entertainment and education owns a sure path to how people think about life. Impacting how they think can impact how they live and the choices they make. And because the human mind thinks in pictures, we believe that film is a powerful social and spiritual influence. For these reasons, our work and passion is the profitable production and distribution of inspiring, Christian and family values based forms of media. Mission Statement: transforming the human spirit through values based entertainment. For additional information please go to www.pureflixentertainment.com.



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ABOUT THE CAST

Kevin Sorbo – “Ben Walker”

Sorbo quickly rose to stardom in the title role of the hit series, *Hercules, the Legendary Journeys*, which eventually passed *Baywatch* as the most watched TV show in the world, airing in 176 countries. Following the success of *Hercules*, Sorbo went on to star in the lead role as “Captain Dylan Hunt” in *Gene Roddenberry’s, Andromeda*. The series debuted as the number one one-hour show in first run syndication and held that spot throughout its five year run from 2000-2005, showing in over 150 countries around the world. In 1997, Sorbo made his feature film debut in *Kull, the Conqueror*, a prequel to *Conan, the Barbarian*. Other films include, *Walking Tall, The Payback, Walking Tall, Lone Justice, The Last Chance Café, Something Beneath, Clipping Adam, and The Avenging Angel*. “He’s also featured in the family film *Soul Surfer*, which will be released in the Spring 2011 costarring Dennis Quaid, Helen Hunt and Carrie Underwood. Sorbo has guest starred on the hit shows *Just Shoot Me, According to Jim, Hope and Faith, Two and a Half Men*, USA networks *Psych*, and had recurring appearances on *Dharma and Greg*, and on Fox’s *The OC* in 2006-2007. Sorbo is also spokesman for A World Fit For Kids, a non-profit organization that provides gang, drug, and dropout prevention to teens through mentoring programs. A native of Mound, Minnesota, Sorbo is a sports enthusiast and an avid golfer. He currently resides in Los Angeles with his wife, Sam, and three young children.

Kristy Swanson – “Wendy Walker”

Swanson is probably best known for her starring role in the Twentieth Century Fox feature film, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. “When the movie came out, it was enormously successful and I was thrilled. At the time there were no films where girls had a heroine to look up to,” says Swanson. The film remains a cult classic to this day and was spun off into the popular WB television series *Buffy*.

Swanson was born in Mission Viejo, California, and began her professional career at the age of nine working in television commercials. By the time she was 13, she had more than 30 commercials to her credit, and had landed her first television series, *Dreamfinders*, for the Disney Channel.

Swanson soon convinced her parents to move to Hollywood so she could pursue her dream of acting. She has since landed roles in dozens of films and TV shows including *Flowers in the Attick, Dude, Where’s My Car* (with Ashton Kutcher), *Big Daddy* (with Adam Sandler), *Law & Order, One Tree Hill*. Kristy is starring in the film *Swamp Shark* and *A Christmas Wish* (Hallmark Channel) releasing in 2011. She has also proved her athletic abilities as the winner of the reality show *Skating with Celebrities*. Swanson is married and has one son.

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Debby Ryan – “Kimberly Walker”

Debby Ryan was born in Alabama. She has performed in churches, theater performance groups and talent competitions. Ryan’s father was in the military, so she often moved to different places in Europe. She moved to Germany at 7 years of age and got involved in professional theatre production. She settled back in United States at 10 years of age when she realized that she wanted to act full-time. Debby can speak German along with English, her primary language. She found she loved acting. From a young age, Debby was involved in basic theatre productions and shows in a public school in North Texas. She then debuted in 2007 as a guest character in *Barney: Let’s Go to the Firehouse*, and then landed a small role in the Ice Cube movie *The Longshots*. After a video audition for a nation-wide search, she secured the role that has made her famous, Bailey Pickett on the Disney Channel hit show, *The Suite Life on Deck*. She also has the starring role in the upcoming Disney Channel original movie, *Sixteen Wishes*.

John Ratzenberger – “Mike the angel”

Ratzenberger was a house framer living in London when he began his career in the performing arts. His first role was a *Patron in The Ritz* (1976). He appeared in minor roles in movies including *Firefox*; *A Bridge Too Far*; *Superman II* as the NASA control man; *Star Wars Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back* (1980) as *Major Bren Derlin*; *Outland* (1981) as a doomed mine worker named Tarlow, and *Gandhi* (1982), playing as an American Lieutenant. Ratzenberger is best known for playing mail carrier Cliff Clavin on the sitcom *Cheers*. However, he has found a niche as Pixar’s “good luck charm,” voicing a role in every one of Pixar’s films to date.

Dallas Jenkins (Producer)

Dallas Jenkins formed Jenkins Entertainment with his father Jerry (author of best-selling *Left Behind* novels) in 2001, and they immediately produced the \$2 million independent *Hometown Legend* before selling it to Warner Brothers. Dallas then directed two short films, including the award-winning *Midnight Clear* (starring Stephen Baldwin), and co-executive produced the Hallmark Channel original *Though None Go With Me*, based on Jerry's novel. His feature directing debut, also called *Midnight Clear*, was based on the short film and won several festival awards before being distributed by Lionsgate. His latest feature *What If...* (Kevin Sorbo, John Ratzenberger, Debby Ryan) is scheduled to be released in 2010. Additionally, Dallas's writing on pop culture and faith has been featured in over a dozen national magazines and regional periodicals, as well as several major online sites. Dallas resides in Chicago, Illinois.

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Endorsements

“I was totally engaged...the very clever story had a lot of power with a very great message.” – **Charles Colson**, *Prison Fellowship*

“The movie will raise all the right questions in both the young and the old...I found myself thinking through my own calling and the beautiful claim of God upon my life.” **Ravi Zacharias**, Ravi Zacharias Ministries

“*What If...* makes a profound impact. The story is powerful, the acting compelling, and the ending gripping. Entertaining? Yes, but more than that, it’s thought provoking in an easy and believable way.” **James MacDonald**, Pastor, *Harvest Bible Chapel, Chicago*

“This movie is a powerful reminder that God is with us even when we detour from the main road. Your family and friends will enjoy this movie, and I promise it’ll give you much to talk about.” - **Dr. Erwin Lutzer**, *Moody Church, Chicago*

“5 out of 5 for family-friendliness. Inspiring.” **Bob Waliszewski**, *Focus on the Family’s Plugged In*

“*What if...*” dramatically and subtly addresses a critical issue in our culture – with a surprise ending!” -**Dr. Gene A. Getz**, President, *Center for Church Renewal*

“This faith-based movie will have you laughing and crying as you enjoy this magically entertaining story.” – **Dick Rolfe**, *The Dove Foundation*

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Writers
Chuck Konzelman *Written by*
Andrea Gyertson Nasfell *Written by*
Cary Solomon *Written by*

Producers
Harold Cronk ... *co-producer*
Rebecca Green ... *line producer*
Dallas Jenkins ... *producer*
Jerry B. Jenkins ... *executive producer*
Chuck Konzelman ... *co-producer*
Michael Scott ... *producer*
Cary Solomon ... *co-producer*
Matthew Tailford ... *co-producer*
David A.R. White ... *producer*
Russell Wolfe ... *producer*

Cast - in credits order
Kevin Sorbo ... *Ben Walker*
Kristy Swanson ... *Wendy Walker*
John Ratzenberger ... *Mike the Angel*
Debby Ryan ... *Kimberly Walker*
Kristin Minter ... *Cynthia*
Stelio Savante ... *Joel Muller*
Toni Trucks ... *Claire*
Taylor Groothuis ... *Megan Walker*