



# The Mission Trail

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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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. . . Greetings once again to all the listeners of radio station XEG. This is Willie Murphey speaking to you with another weekly broadcast for THE MISSION TRAIL, of Guthrie, Oklahoma. It indeed brings me great pleasure to be coming your way tonight for a little visit in your home or in your automobile as you drive along the highways of the nation. I hope that at the end of the next fifteen minutes you will feel that it was good for us to meet by means of radio. I also hope that those of you who hear this message tonight will take the time to write us a few lines and let us know of your interest in serving the Lord.

We have indeed been made happy because of a number of new listeners which have written to us in recent days. It gives us renewed courage to continue with this work of faith to help spread the Word of God both by radio and by the weekly printed copies which we mail. Now, no doubt, there are others who would like to receive these weekly messages. If so, all that is necessary for you to do is just to write us a letter and express your interest in having your name added to our mailing list. There is no charge or subscription price. It is free for the asking. I am speaking now of the weekly printed messages. Just mail your letter to us this way: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma, or you may address it to Willie Murphey, Guthrie, Oklahoma. Now Guthrie is spelled G-u-t-h-r-i-e. That's Guthrie, Oklahoma. We would like to hear from you wherever you may be hearing this broadcast, and you may expect a personal reply from us within a few days.

But now let us turn to the scriptures for our text. In Mark, chapter 1 and beginning at verse 40, we read: "And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him,

## IF THOU WILT,

thou canst make me clean. And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I WILL; be thou clean. And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed."

I see that these verses are filled to capacity with the goodness of God. I hope that we shall be able to condense

a little of their greatness into this next fifteen minutes, and that you will at the end of this broadcast feel that your life will not be quite the same ever again as it was before.

First notice the small word IF. Now this is one of the smallest of all the words in the English language, but it is a powerful word and one used so often in our daily conversation. In fact, we

could hardly carry on a normal conversation for very long if we did not use the word IF.

Then let us see what the definition of the word is. From the dictionary I quote: "In case that; supposing that." End of quote. All right then, this would be making a supposition or taking things for granted. Let us go another step further. Here is the definition from the dictionary for the word suppose. I quote, "To assume as true for the sake of argument." End of quote.

Now don't forget the text. "If thou wilt." But speaking of supposition for the sake of argument, let me remind you that Satan is an expert with this word if. Listen to him speak now as he appeared to Christ in the hour of his temptation when Jesus was hungry: "If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread."

Now Satan knew that Christ was the Son of God, but here the enemy endeavored to inject into him a doubt. He was not satisfied to ask him once this question, but came to him the second time in the same manner. "If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down:" In other words, he was using the word "if" for a stumbling stone, hoping that by this Christ would be confused. Nevertheless, Jesus successfully overcame this temptation when he said, "It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

Now since Satan failed to succeed in his first two temptations given to the Master, he used a little different approach on the third time, and yet hoped to use this same, but powerful, word "if". So he said in Matthew 14:9, "If thou wilt fall down and worship me."

This was after he had shown Christ all the kingdoms and glory of the world

which was under his dominion. We would say that Satan had more or less conceded the fact that Jesus was the Son of God, but he said, if thou wilt fall down and worship me, I will give thee all this glory. Once again Christ was not to be misled and stumble into such a cunning trap. So he said, "Get thee hence, Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

Now the thing which kept Christ in this time of temptation was his will to obey the Father. Satan knew that if this will were broken down, Christ would have failed in his mission to save those that believe from their sins.

Therefore, as Christ was faithful because his will was steadfast, we also should not allow our goal in life to be thwarted because of a lack of grace to keep us from yielding to the doubts instilled by the deceptive word "if".

Let us look at it from another angle. There are those today who are ever willing to shift the responsibility of their own unto others. They offer the excuse as to why they are not doing the thing which they know they should be doing. They say it this way: "If my wife was saved, then I would live for God," or they might say, "If my husband was willing to accept the truth, then I would gladly go along with him," or they might again use the little word by saying, "If my children were only different, then it would be much easier for me to do the right thing."

But listen to this scripture in Isaiah 1:19. "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

Friends, let me tell you something.



Your salvation and your welfare is not primarily dependent upon what others do, but it is hinged upon your own will. If you chose to allow others to stand in your way, you will miserably fail in life. And just as the leper said to the Master, "If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean," even so let us cast aside our doubts and fears of what may happen in the future and disregard the opposition which others may give and let us have the definite, positive, answer, "I will", even as Christ answered the leper, "I will; be thou clean." Therefore, I hope that each of you who hear this broadcast tonight will cast out the "ifs" which stand in your way and will arise to do for God that for which he has so long waited. Will you do it? Will you make that choice tonight? If thou wilt, thou canst be made whole.

Listen now as Kathleen and Patsy bring to you this poem.

#### IF CHRIST WERE HERE TONIGHT

If Christ were here tonight and saw me  
tired  
And half afraid another step to take,  
I think He'd know the thing my heart  
desired  
And ease my heart of all its throbbing  
ache.

If Christ were here! Ah, faithless soul  
and weak,  
Deaf is thine ear that can't not hear  
him speak,

If Christ were here I might not pray so  
long,  
My prayer would have such little way  
to go

'Twould break into a burst of happy song,  
So would my joy and gladness overflow.

Is not the Master ever close to thee?  
Dim is thine eye, his face that cannot  
see.

If Christ were here tonight, I'd touch  
the hem  
Of His fair, seamless robe, and stand  
complete  
In wholeness and whiteness; I, who stem  
Such waves of pain to kneel at His dear  
feet.

Thy Christ is here and ever far away,  
His strength was thine through all the  
busy day.

If Christ were here tonight, I'd tell him  
all  
The load I carry for the ones I love,  
The blinded ones who grope and faint  
and fall,  
Following false guides, nor seeking  
Christ above.

He entered with thee when thou camest in;  
He knew thy need to be kept pure from sin.

If Christ were here in this dull room of  
mine  
That gathers up so many shadows dim;  
I am quite sure its narrow space would  
shine  
And kindle into glory, around Him.

Thy blessed Christ is in thy little room,  
Fear not, the dawn will scatter darkest  
gloom.

Let us pray. Our Father,

Take the words of the message to-  
night and carry them straight to the  
heart of that one who is lonely and dis-  
couraged, or the sick and the shut-in  
as they listen to their radios. This we  
ask in the name of Him who said to the  
leper, "I will; be thou clean." In  
Christ's name we ask. Amen.

This message has been brought to  
you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie,  
Oklahoma. Until next Friday night at  
11:00, this is Willie Murphey saying to  
one and all, may God's richest blessings  
be yours and a very pleasant goodnight!

## AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

"We plan to have our singing in Shreveport on Easter Sunday afternoon, the second Sunday of April. Midway and West Monroe plan to meet with us Easter Sunday. We would be happy to have you."

--Lynn Carver

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On Monday, March 7, a number of ministers from several congregations which included Green Pastures, Oklahoma City, Okmulgee, and Guthrie met in Oklahoma City to discuss important issues pertaining to the work of the Lord. As a result, a much better understanding was achieved and it is believed that a closer co-operation and a greater unity will be felt, not only by those who were present, but others interested in the cause of God.

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Sis. Frances Porter and her family are indeed grateful for the angel of the Lord that protected them in the automobile accident near Winfield, La., this week. Although the car was greatly damaged only Frances suffered minor injuries. Merl and Marsha escaped uninjured.

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Congratulations to Edward Joe Cramer and his wife Estelene on the birth of their son, Jonathan David, who was born March 9.

From India:

"My house shall be called the house of prayer for all people." Isa. 56:7

Dear Sir: Every week I am getting your Mission Trail. I am thanking for the same. It makes me a good blessing in my life. Some of my co-workers and friends enjoy to read it. One month before I decided to send a reply but I could not do it. . . because I was running for meetings. I am a young man of 25 years. Three years ago God saved me wonderfully. I was working in an estate. One year before God called me for his glorious work in full time. Then I asked God where will I get my support, who will help me. Praise God he taught me the faith life and faith work. My parents and brothers are unsaved. They put out me from my home. God gave me some poor people and a good ministry. While Bro. Carver was here I had a good time of fellowship with him. I know that he is from God and his words are such a blessing to me. . . Please pray for my poor people and literature work. If we are poor physically we are riches in spiritually. . . I am praying for your great work among the world. . . With love and prayer. Yours in his glorious work,

--Bro. V. A. Thampy

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