



# 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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. . . A great privilege it is to come to all the listeners of radio station XEG with the gospel message. This is THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma. Your speaker is Willie Murphey. We are really happy to be coming to you once again, and we have been made to rejoice by the interest that many are taking in the Word of the Lord and those who are willing and ready to help carry the gospel to the mission fields of the world.

We certainly appreciate those who have helped us to keep this message going. Now in case there should be some new listeners tonight and you are not receiving our weekly printed messages, be sure to send us your name and address so we may add it to our mailing list. You may address us at THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma, or if you like, just address it to me personally, Willie Murphey, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Listen to this verse in Matthew 10:22, I quote: "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake; but

## HE THAT ENDURETH TO THE END SHALL BE SAVED.

But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come."

Here then we see some of the instructions which Jesus gave to his twelve disciples after he had called them together and prepared them to go forth to carry out his will. It was not an easy road which lay before them for they were to meet with much opposition in many places. They were brought face to face with the sick and the crippled and those who were possessed with devils, but let me be quick to point out that even though this was not an easy road, they were fully supported by the promises which Christ gave them. He endowed them with power to face all the

deadly forces of darkness.

Now, if this was good advice for the disciples, and we certainly believe that it was, I am sure that it is sound instruction for us to follow as we endeavor to perform the will of God. Especially am I interested in this one thing which he told his disciples. Let me call your attention to it once again in verse 22, "but he that endureth to the end shall be saved."

Listen to the admonition which the Apostle Paul gave to Timothy in II Timothy 3:12. "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

When Jesus was speaking about the parable of the seed and the different



types of ground upon which it fell, he explained later to his disciples about one class of people in Matthew 13 and verse 21. "Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended."

There are some who make a start in the service of God, but they only endure for a little while. When the trials become hard and the persecutions become great, they give it up as a bad job. Don't forget the text. It says, "he that endureth to the end shall be saved." And for your further encouragement, consider what the Apostle Paul said about his persecution. In Romans, chapter 8 and beginning at verse 35, I quote. "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors." I was skipping down there a little bit from the original verse. Notice again. "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

It is possible that tonight there are some listening to this broadcast who are having severe trials or persecution. If so, let me encourage you to be faithful to God. Be true to his cause and endure to the end, ever believing and looking forward to the reward which he has promised to those who are faithful.

Listen to this scripture from Malachi chapter 3 and beginning at verse 16. "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels."

But speaking of difficult situations, let me remind you that the spiritual battles of a child of God is often compared to the conflict among nations. If you are familiar with some of the early conflicts which the United States endured, you may recall the experiences of the now famous Capt. John Paul Jones which he had with the battleship of that day. He was captain of the "Bonhomme Richard", and sailing along the shores of Great Britain he captured several vessels from the enemy. One of these vessels, the "Drake", he tied to his own and continued his search for more trouble.

This he found when he encountered the British vessel "Seraphis" under Capt. Pearson. At that time and place one of the most notable battles of the war was fought. The British vessel "Seraphis" had the advantage by being the largest, but by no means, was able to bluff out the famous Capt. John Paul Jones. The fighting raged for hours. In fact, we understand that the fighting was terrific with hand-to-hand combat. When the British Capt. Pearson on that date of September 23, 1779, asked John Paul Jones for a surrender, Jones uttered the now famous words which will no doubt be long remembered in the history of our country. "Sir, I have not yet begun to fight." And sure enough Capt. Jones was the victor of that battle.

And so it is in our spiritual conflict today. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds, casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. Remember the text. "But he that endureth to the end shall be saved." Let us gird about us the armour of righteousness and prepare ourselves for the spiritual battles which lie ahead.



We might well remember the famous voyage of William Willis who attempted to sail from Peru to Australia in July 1963 on a raft which he called "Age Unlimited". Now this man was almost 70 years old when he attempted this long voyage all alone. His first effort was a failure and he came to shore in one of the islands of Samoa; nevertheless, he was not to be easily defeated in his purpose to sail for Australia. Therefore in the early morning hours of June 26, 1964 William Willis was once again afloat on this tiny raft which measured 34 feet long and 20 feet wide. Once again his goal was to reach Australia which he estimated would require 75 to 90 days, but on this voyage there were many dangers to befall him. First the lack of wind to move him along. Then he was injured while enroute and lay almost helpless afloat for days. At other times he encountered rough seas and the danger of being dashed upon the coral rocks northeast of Australia before he reached his goal. He only had with him a few simple instruments such as a sextant and a compass and a receiver to get the incoming radio signals but no charts of this coral reef. Nevertheless, after many days at sea and a voyage of 10,500 miles he finally landed upon the sandy shores of Australia.

The experiences of William Willis and his notable voyage in the tiny raft to Australia will be long remembered. But, I am speaking to you tonight about a voyage upon which all of us enter when we begin our spiritual warfare for Christ. Remember the text. "But he that endureth until the end shall be saved." Let us pray.

Our Father,

We pray tonight for those who sail the sea of life. Give each one courage to bravely face the storms which will arise and to endure the tide of opposition against thy word and help us to be

victorious in Christ's name. Amen

Listen now to the poem:

WE MUST ENDURE UNTO THE END  
by Russell H. Douglas

Any old log can drift with the tide.  
The more rotten it is, the easier the ride.  
Bucking the current on the upstream swim,  
Takes lots of courage, vigor and vim.

Day by day your strength renew,  
And you're able to help a brother too.  
A blessing to him, a blessing to you  
When you know you've done what you could do.

Man gets his power through faith in Him,  
Whose way is bright and never dim.  
God's way is plain and it is light.  
The truth does make our pathway bright.

Jesus Christ is the only door,  
To the life that is forevermore.  
Beyond the stars and the heavenly blue,  
In those mansions fair for me and you.

There are no floaters on the heavenly way.  
We are pressing on from day to day.  
With joy we do the Father's will,  
Unto the end His word fulfill.

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

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I must have the Savior with me,  
In the onward march of life,  
Thru the tempest and the sunshine,  
Thru the battle and the strife.

## AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

We appreciate so much the prayers and interest which has been shown in behalf of The Mission Trail. Your letters of encouragement have meant so much to us in our missionary effort to reach more souls for the Lord. Following are a few excerpts from the mail. The space would fail us to include all. The theme of our message is to "lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." Address all correspondence to The Mission Trail, Box 101, Guthrie, Oklahoma, 73044.

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Shawnee, Okla. ". . . I have been wanting to write you for some time to tell you that we really enjoy getting the Mission Trail each week. . . I thought the letter from V. V. Samy so good and really touching. Thank you and may the good Lord bless you abundantly."

--Sis. W. C. McMakin

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Springfield, Mo. ". . . We really enjoy The Mission Trail. Leslie heard the program Fri. night out in the car. We had gone out to Pea Ridge that night. Had a good little meeting. Bro. Samons held meeting here from Fri. nite to Wed. nite. Three were saved. . ."

--Sylvia, Leslie Busbee

Carthage, Miss. ". . . I have taken cold with neuralgia pains. . . do not feel well up or in bed. . . Will appreciate your telling the saints. . . that I think about them and want to write, but can not well do it, will appreciate their prayers. . ."

--Sis. Dorothy Bridges

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Fairborn, Ohio: "Dear Sis. Frances and family. . . We are encouraged this morning to press on for the Lord. We feel the Lord has been especially good to us. We've had many tests and trials this winter, but we do thank the Lord for victory today. . . We are praying for a revival meeting here in Dayton. It is supposed to start the 1st of April and last til the 10th, Easter Sunday. That is our all-day meeting. . . I guess you know by now we plan to take the evangelistic equipment out. We are looking forward to it. We will miss being in the campmeeting, but maybe we'll get to Monark. We hope so anyway. . . Lots of love and prayers,

--Sis. Verna Samons and family

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Forbes, Mo: Greetings in the lovely name of our dear Saviour to all the dear saints of God. This finds me rejoicing that my name is written in heaven...

--Sis. Mary Whitmore

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