



# 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 very pleasant greeting to all who are tuned to radio station XEG. This is THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma and your speaker is Willie Murphey. We are happy indeed to be coming your way once again by means of radio. We hope that each of you are well in both soul and body and enjoying the blessings of the Lord.

We would like to remind our new listeners that we print this message and mail it each week to those who request it. There is no charge or subscription price. If you are not receiving The Mission Trail, be sure to send us your name and address that we may begin mailing it to you at once. Simply address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma. Now Guthrie is spelled, G-u-t-h-r-i-e. That is Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Now for our benefit and edification consider this scripture in Hebrews, chapter 12, and beginning at verse 1. "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and

## LET US RUN WITH PATIENCE

the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."

Now I like this scripture because it points out that it is possible to live a victorious life right here in this world. The verses preceding this are filled with experiences of those who have endured great suffering to maintain their faith in God, and yet in spite of all their persecutions they remained loyal and faithful to their heavenly father. All of this, of course, provides us with a

great multitude of witnesses that such a victorious life is possible. First of all we have the perfect example of our saviour, Jesus Christ. He is the one to whom we must look for grace if we would be overcomers.

Now in these perilous days in which we live there are those who seem to believe it impossible to maintain a constant victorious life of faith. I once met an old gentleman in the post office and he appeared to be quite aged. I inquired of him somewhat concerning his age. In fact, he was not too sure of his exact age, but mentioned that the last time he had checked on some records he told me about what that age was. But before leaving him, I inquired, "Are you saved? Do you live

for the Lord?" He came back with a statement to this effect. "Well, I try to, but do you know the people are so wicked these days until they won't let you live for the Lord?"

This is the attitude that many people take. They decide there are so many other people who are wicked and ungodly that it is impossible for one to live righteously.

Friends, let us be honest with ourselves and face the word of God with confidence. Christ came to this world to save his people from their sins. I am of the firm opinion that he is not only able to save us from our sins, but that he is willing and ready to do it the moment we meet the conditions of his word. Since we have considered that there have been those who were faithful, listen to the exhortation once again which was given in the first verse of this 12th chapter of Hebrews.

It says, "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us," So the first requirement for us to do is to lay aside the sinful weight.

One may be ever so religious and pretend to be serving the Lord, but if the sinful things of life are still predominant in their lives, it is an evident fact that somewhere they have failed to meet these conditions.

King Saul when returning from the battle with the Amalekites also professed to the prophet Samuel that he had obeyed the voice of the Lord, for he said, "Blessed be thou of the Lord: I have performed the commandment of the Lord." But Samuel was not so easily deceived by the smooth words of Saul's profession, and he came back with this question. "What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?"

Samuel knew that Saul had disobeyed the commandment of God so he went on to say, "Stay, and I will tell thee what the Lord hath said to me this night." When Samuel pointed out to Saul his disobedience, Saul began to make excuses for his sin. He blamed the people and endeavored to shift the responsibility to others, but he was rejected and from this moment on, the pleasure of God was removed from his life. He had embarked upon a dangerous voyage which ultimately led to his own destruction. Let me emphasize that we must with patience run this race if we would find favor in the sight of God at the close of our lives.

Or else we might be classed with the type of people mentioned in Galatians, chapter 5, and verse 7. I quote: "Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?"

Here is mentioned the Galatian brethren who did accept the gospel teaching for a while, but then desired to return to the law. Indeed there are those today who once lived a life of faith, who once separated themselves from worldly amusements and sinful habits, but now they have grown weary and departed once again seeking for the pleasures which soon decay.

Friends, let me exhort you that we must have patience and perseverance in this Christian race. It is not enough to make a start, but we must continue with our life of faith. May we not be weary as the years to by, but let us gird on the gospel armour a little tighter and the helmet of salvation, above all taking the shield of faith with which we shall be able to be victorious even unto the very end. Let us spend a moment in prayer.

Our Heavenly Father,

There may be those tonight listening



to this broadcast who have grown weary in this battle of faith and given up their struggle for the right. We pray that you would rekindle this fervent desire in their hearts to forsake every evil way and cling only to thee both now and forever, for we ask it in Christ's name. Amen

Here then is a poem for you to consider. It is entitled:

### PATIENCE

"Not now, my child--a little more rough tossing,  
A little longer on the billow's foam;  
A few more journeyings in the desert darkness,  
And then, the sunshine of thy Father's Home!

"Not now; for I have wanderers in the distance,  
And thou must call them in with patient love;  
Not now, for I have sheep upon the mountains,  
And thou must follow them where'er they rove.

"Not now; for I have loved ones sad and weary;  
Wilt thou not cheer them with a kindly smile?  
Sick ones, who need thee in their lonely sorrow;  
Wilt thou not tend them yet a little while?" --Author Unknown

Friends, I hope that our message tonight will be a inspiration to you, that it will help you to gird on the armour of faith and not grow weary with the toils and struggles of life. No doubt, there are those tonight who have battles to fight which we know nothing about. Their struggles are greater than we are able to know, but I want to tell you that there is one who knows your struggles.

He knows your need of grace. He knows your need of patience, and he is able to give you the grace to run with patience the race that is set before you.

I certainly hope that each of you will do that, and if there are those listening to the broadcast tonight that you have started for heaven in the past, but for some reason you have been side tracked by the allurements of the world, I certainly hope and trust that this will be the moment you will make that decision anew and afresh to run with patience the race that is set before you.

Listen now to this song "Wonderful" by Lynn and Alma Carver, Manuel and Marie Mitchell.

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

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### YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECTION

by Kathleen and Patsy

One of the commandments which Paul gave Timothy was "Follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith." I Tim. 6:11, 12. Here he reminded Timothy that for the man of God to be able to fight the good fight of faith he must have all of these things present in his life.

One of these things which he considered so important is patience. Without patience we would not be able to receive the blessings of the Lord for Isaiah said, "Blessed are all they that wait for him." Isaiah 30:18.

## AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

The return envelope enclosed in your copy of The Mission Trail this week will make it easy for you to write us, and let us know if you receive your copy regularly. A number have mentioned that there has been some delay or failure in receiving each issue, however, we have mailed them here each week. Before notifying the postal authorities, please check with us first to be sure your name is still correctly shown on our mailing list.

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Also we would be pleased to have you write us any news item which you feel would be of interest to the Lord's people.

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My Prayer

"Lord, lead me in a plain path  
Help me ever be,  
Humble, watchful, prayerful  
While walking, Lord, with Thee."

--Verga McCoy

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From Oklahoma: "I'm thankful this morning to know that we have a living God to call on any hour of the day or night. . . He still loves us enough to come to our rescue in time of need."

--Clara Wahl

Shawnee, Oklahoma: "Our dear Bro. Willie and Sister Frances and Children, Greetings in the name of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who has saved us from a life of sin and is keeping us by grace divine. All praise and honor be to His great name. We want to spend the balance of our days in deep devotion and service to Him and precious souls, will you continue to pray for us that we will have grace to serve Him acceptably and in Godly fear. . . We wanted to report that we cannot have our dedication of the new chapel until the 22nd of May, due to the fact that our new seats will not be delivered until the 16th, this was real disappointing to us but it is one of the all things. We plan to have a full day the 22nd Lord willing. Dinner on the grounds and we want all that can to come and be with us. The chapel is located on Cooper Drive, 3/4 miles south of the river bridge on South Beard Street. East side of the street. We trust all is well with you and yours at this writing, all is well here in Shawnee, thank the Lord. . . Must close as it is near meeting time. Pray for us as we do you, come and see us whenever you can. Yours for the work of the Lord."

--Charles R. Smith

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