



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 the listeners of radio station XEG. This is Willie Murphey coming to you with another gospel message and speaking in behalf of all of THE MISSION TRAIL family of Guthrie, Oklahoma. We hope that each of you are well and happy in the service of the Lord, and let me assure you that if you are interested in God's service, there is plenty for you to do, and may I add that we deeply appreciate those who have stood by us with their prayers and letters of encouragement which help to make this broadcast possible. We sincerely hope that God will reward you a hundredfold for the service you render unto him.

Consider now this scripture reading in II Corinthians, chapter 4, and beginning at verse 7. "But

WE HAVE THIS TREASURE IN EARTHEN VESSELS,

that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body."

I would like to especially point out that mankind in his natural state is void of the grace of God and a most miserable failure. Most people would be ready to acknowledge this, in fact, they seem to enjoy elaborating on the fact that mankind is sinful. Now the scriptures do teach that "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." This is certainly true for we have experienced ourselves the bitter disappointments of our failures without the grace of God.

However, let us not stop here, but

I want to tell you about a Saviour which is able to reach down and change a sinful heart and a wicked life of sin and despair into one of joy and gladness. God is not only willing that you should be saved, but he is given the supreme sacrifice of his son that you might be redeemed from your sins and in place of the bitter regrets you should enjoy the peace and satisfaction of the knowledge that your sins are covered with the blood of the Saviour.

Now to the primary thought in this message consider a part of this 7th verse which says, "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." So we see then that in this frail mortal frame of our earthly existence is the abiding presence of the all-powerful Saviour, and so because of his presence in the earthly house of our tabernacle we have nothing of which to boast for it is only

through his power that we are kept day by day. Let me remind you that this change which comes about will cause you to love your enemies and to do good to those who hate you.

Let us go back and take a look into the history of some of the great men of our nation. Take, for example, Abraham Lincoln. His chances of success in life were very limited. His mother died while Abraham Lincoln was yet a young child. His early comforts of life were quite limited, and we understand that he worked hard splitting rails in Illinois and at night would study and seek to gain more knowledge from a borrowed book by the flicker of the flames of an open fireplace.

Now I am not in a position to say what Abraham Lincoln's personal experience with God may have been. However, we do know that certain fundamental principles of faith were deeply instilled in his character. Furthermore we do know that the grace of God will cause one to even love his enemies.

Listen now to this touching experience of a Confederate General's wife, Mrs. La Salle Corbett Pickett.

"I was in Richmond when my soldier fought at the awful battle of Five Forks. Richmond surrendered, and the surging sea of fire swept the city. News of Five Forks reached us, and there was a report that General Pickett had been killed. I did not believe it, but I was very anxious.

"The day after the fire there was a sharp rap at the door. The servants had all run away. The city was full of Northern troops, and my environment had not taught me to love them. With my baby on my arm, I opened the door and looked up at a tall, gaunt, sad-faced man in ill fitting clothes, who asked:

"Is this George Pickett's place?"

"Yes, sir," I answered. "But he is not here."

"I know that, ma'am," he replied. "But I just wanted to see the place. I am Abraham Lincoln."

"The President!" I gasped. The stranger shook his head.

"No, ma'am; no, ma'am. Just Abraham Lincoln, George's old friend."

"I am George Pickett's wife and this is his baby," was all I could say.

I had never seen Mr. Lincoln, but I remembered the love and reverence with which my soldier always spoke of him.

"My baby pushed away from me, and reached out his hands to Mr. Lincoln, who took him into his arms. As he did so an expression of rapt, almost divine tenderness and love lighted up his sad face. It was a look that I have never seen on any other countenance. My baby opened his mouth wide, and insisted upon giving his father's friend a dewy, infantile kiss. As Mr. Lincoln gave the little one back to me, he shook his finger at him playfully, and said:

"Tell that rascal, your father, that I forgive him for the sake of that kiss and those bright eyes."

"He turned and went down the steps talking to himself, and passed out of my sight forever; but in my memory those intensely human eyes, that strong, sad face have a perpetual abiding place--that face which puzzled all artists, but which revealed itself to the intuitions of a child."

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Let us spend a moment in prayer.

Our gracious Father,

Take the words of the message today and bear them by thy spirit to the hearts of those who may be most receptive to thy word. Bring comfort and peace, deliverance and healing to those who may be troubled or by sin distressed. And help us to lift up our eyes and look upon the fields all about us that we may pursue more earnestly the task before us of spreading thy word unto the ends of the earth for we ask it in Christ's name. Amen

Now let me remind any new listeners who may be hearing the broadcast tonight for the first time that this message has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and we print this copy each week and mail it free of charge to those who request it. If you would like to have it mailed to you free without obligation on your part, just send us your name and address. Now along with this weekly mailing, we include a little news which may be of interest to the Lord's people, and we would be glad to add other names to our mailing list. If you would, just address: The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Now, of course, if you have any problem or burden which you would like for us to pray with you about, you might mention that when you write. We certainly feel indebted to the Lord and his people, and I personally feel that I owe my life to Him and to his cause. It is our desire that we may accomplish more for Him in the days ahead than we have ever done in the past. We hope to be bringing you some missionary reports too, as the weeks go by. So if you would like a personal letter, please write to us. You may address it to me personally: Willie Murphey, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Listen now to this song "What a King-

dom". It is sung by Lynn and Alma Carver, Manuel and Marie Mitchell. Remember now we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

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 may God's richest blessings be yours and a very pleasant goodnight!

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECTION

by Kathleen and Patsy

A short time ago I was sitting in prayer meeting and enjoying the testimonies and hearing what the Lord had done for others, and I was made to marvel that some people say there is no God. And then I thought how important it is that we should not fail the Lord in speaking for him when an opportunity presents itself. There may be someone listening whose courage will be renewed by hearing of the personal contact we have with God. "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." John 15:8.

". . . Keep this zeal for God burning in your souls. The Lord has many good things in store for his servants. We serve Him because we love Him and we know He loves us.

"The Lord is blessing the work here at Hammond. We are so thankful and happy over what has been accomplished. We now have a precious group of young people who are shining for the Lord. God has given them to us in answer to prayer. When they testify in prayer meeting, my heart just bubbles over.

"Yes, Our God is still a prayer hearing and a prayer answering God. Such blessed privilege we have to be able to live close to God where we can get our prayers through and enjoy the answers.

. . . "

--Sister Gladys Cashio

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

In the Guthrie chapel during services Sunday night, Bro. M. A. Davis read a letter from the pastor, Bro. Ira D. Stover, in which he stated that due to his health he felt it best to resign as pastor. Bro. and Sister Stover have faithfully labored here for a number of years. We regret that the time has come for this decision to be made. They presently are away from home getting a much needed rest.

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Sister Jessie Taylor is rejoicing for answered prayer. She states that she is feeling better than she has for five years and is now doing her own sewing and house cleaning.

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Kathleen writes concerning her trip to Mexico that they "had service at Mexicalli Sun. morning and then went to another place for service that afternoon. Edith talked about the creation and they had never heard of it before . . . They're planning the El Alamo camp-meeting for July 1, 2, 3. Love,"

--Kathleen

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Congratulations to Carl Miles Jr. and his wife, Bernice, of Denver, Colo. upon the birth of their daughter, Beverly Jane who was born April 25.

EARNEST PRAYER of the saints is desired by Bro. Arnett Carver of Shreveport, La. for healing of a severe skin rash which is causing him much suffering and pain.

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From Missouri Sister Evodna writes that they are praising the Lord for the good all day service at Myrtle Sunday. Bro. and Sis. Abbott were the only ministers. The Lord healed Louie Don of kidney trouble!

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Also from Missouri Sister Mildred McIntosh writes that: "Bro. Gibson is feeling better. He went to town the other day, but suffered greatly for it. He can't seem to be up and about too much without suffering for it. . . It sure is an encouragement to talk to him."

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Sister Agnes Gatties and Sister Jessie Houck from Springfield, Mo. made a trip to visit the Golden Rule Home near Shawnee. They are considering moving there to assist with the work. Sister Essie Wilson accompanied them to Guthrie for Sunday night services, also Anna Marie Smith and her sister Theresa.

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From Pa.: "Thank God for the people who will stand for the truth of God's word. We do appreciate so much the sermons and the poems enclosed in the leaflet. . . May God richly bless you in all you do for Him. Yours in his service,"

--Eva Cox

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