



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 good evening to all of those tuned to radio station XEG. This is THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and your speaker is Willie Murphey. We are certainly happy to be coming your way once again with another gospel broadcast. We hope that each of you are well and enjoying the blessings of the Lord.

As many of you know, this is a recorded message, and I wish it were possible for you to hear the singing of the birds about me here in Guthrie, Oklahoma, as I make this recording. It seems as if all nature has come to life, with the grass turning green and the birds are singing, in fact, you might even hear them in the background if you had the opportunity to do it, but we certainly appreciate the blessings of the Lord. We hope that each of you are enjoying his blessings.

In case you would like to know more about the broadcast, and also about the printed copies which we mail each week, we would be pleased to have your request or a letter from you stating that you would like to receive these printed copies each week. You may address us at The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma. You may expect a letter from us in reply to yours. We would be happy to hear from you.

Please notice this scripture found in Romans the 14th chapter and the 7th verse. It reads this way:

"FOR NONE OF US LIVETH TO HIMSELF,

and no man dieth to himself." Now from the earliest moment that we come into the world as a little child, there is someone who is right near us to attend to our every need and wish and to look after us. In fact, I think human beings are perhaps the most helpless creatures that are born into the world because they require very delicate care from the moment they are born, and then on down through life from day to day. They do require lots of attention. In fact, some people think they require quite a bit more attention than they get, but, anyway, especially then we notice

the last part of life how it says here that no man dieth to himself.

We surely need others around us at that moment of sickness or trouble when we come down to the end of the journey of our life. We need others standing nearby to be a comfort and a help to us, and when we remember that this is true, I think it will be helpful to us as we go along the journey of life.

We do not live in the world alone, in fact, you know that is where our problems come many times. It is the

problem that we have in dealing with others. Were we the only ones in the world, it would be a different story, wouldn't it? It would be a different matter. Were we just living in the world alone, we could do as we pleased, we could go when we were ready, we could return when we were ready and no one to bother about us, but this is not true.

We live with others, we deal with others, this is what makes our problems many times even greater than they would be were we the only ones in the world.

Now another scripture here that might be of interest to you is found in Acts, the 8th chapter and the 31st verse. Here we are seeing the story which is related regarding Philip and the eunuch.

Now the eunuch was not in the world alone. Perhaps he may have felt like it, but he wasn't. He was in the world where there were many others around him. Just suppose he were the only one in the world. Wouldn't that have been a tragic thing for him to have been reading the scriptures and wanting someone to tell him about the gospel story, and there to find that no one could come to his help, but this was not true. In Acts 8:31, 32, notice this reading. "And he said, How can I expect some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth."

So here we have the story of the gospel message which was written even there in the book of Isaiah, and yet the eunuch felt that he needed someone to teach him, it was a wonderful thing that he was not alone in the world, but there

was Philip just ready to answer the call of God and to carry the gospel message to him.

Notice the 35th and the 36th verses: "Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?"

Oh, you see, he felt the need, no doubt, after the scriptures had been revealed to him what it meant to be saved, he then felt the need of being baptized.

The 37th verse says: "And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

Notice the 38th verse: "And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him."

Well, we are glad that the eunuch accepted the gospel and received the story of the Christ with great gladness.

Now notice again in I Corinthians, chapter 1, and verse 18: "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."

Now it takes the preaching to bring deliverance and joy to the hearts of those who are looking for the Christ.

We are glad that we are not in the world alone. We are glad that the Lord chose this method of carrying the gospel to others. He could have chosen some other method if he had desired to

do so, but it pleased him through the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. This is the way the Lord has ordained that others should hear the gospel, and this is where you and I come in. We are not in the world alone neither are others who are without Christ in the world alone, but the Lord is counting on you and on me to carry the gospel message to them. He desires that we be not slothful in getting this message to others who are in need. He wants us to be ever up and doing the service of the Lord, and so often our hearts are made to bleed when we think there are those in other lands who have not the opportunity to hear the gospel as we do.

Let us ask ourselves what are we doing about this call. Are we answering the call which God has given. Are we willing and ready to take the message to them. I am sure that if we will say as the prophet did, here am I, Lord, send me, no doubt the Lord will choose the ones that he would have to go and to carry this message.

I certainly have been made happy by the way the Lord has helped us to get this message of The Mission Trail not only to those in our own land, but we are thankful for the privilege of mailing some of the copies of The Mission Trail to those who are still hungry for the gospel over seas. We are certainly glad for this opportunity. We hope that we will be able to take advantage of this even more and more.

Now as we think about the call of the Lord and that we are not in the world alone, but that the Lord is counting on us to take this message to them, let us spend a moment just now as we think about the need. Let us spend a moment in prayer.

Our gracious Father,

We are thankful today for the privilege of the gospel and of preaching the gospel and sending forth thy word to those who are hungry. Just as Philip preached to the eunuch here, we pray that we may speak to those who are hungry and to those who are seeking to know the right way. Direct our lips, our thoughts, our words. We pray that you will make them effectual to those who hear the gospel, and we will give you the praise for we ask it in the name of Jesus. Amen

Notice now this little poem entitled:

ONE BY ONE

One by one the sands are flowing,
One by one the moments fall;
Some are coming, some are going;
Do not strive to grasp them all.

One by one thy duties wait thee--
Let thy whole strength go to each,
Let no future dreams elate thee.
Learn thou first what these can teach.

One by one (bright gifts from heaven)
Joys are sent thee here below;
Take them readily when given--
Ready, too, to let them go.

One by one thy griefs shall meet thee;
Do not fear an armed band;
One will fade as others greet thee--
Shadows passing through the land.

Do not look at life's long sorrow;
See how small each moment's pain;
God will help thee for tomorrow,
So each day begin again.

Every hour that fleets so slowly
Has its task to do or bear;
Luminous the crown, and holy,
When each gem is set with care.

Do not linger with regretting,
Or for passing hours despond;

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

The public schools in Guthrie closed this week for the summer. Many parents and children will be planning for vacations. When making your plans for such a trip, why not consider the Lord's work and attend some of the meetings in various places which will be in progress? If you are not familiar with the summer schedules of such services near where you live, write us a few lines and tell us when and where you plan to travel, and perhaps we can direct you to such meetings where you will feel the fellowship of the Lord's people.

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Beginning Sunday night, June 12, we hope to be in services for two or three nights with some of those who have been faithfully laboring in Arkansas. This will be in the community building near Garfield known as Pea Ridge. If possible, plan to be with us at this time.

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If the years are accumulating in your life more quickly than you can prepare for them, and you are wondering what you will do in old age, be sure to hear the message next Friday night, June 3 at 11:00. The testimony of an aged saint should inspire your faith for the future.

From La.: "Dear ones, . . . We were at Edinburg (Texas) for two nights this week. Sis. Duncan needs prayer. She said she would like for you to request prayer for her in "The Mission Trail". Arnett is some better and is working; but the itching on his face, neck, and arms is still very bad. We plan to have 2nd Sunday meeting in Shreveport, June 12th. . . "

--May Carver

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From Illinois: "Dear Willie Murphey, Just a few lines to thank you for The Mission Trail paper that I enjoy reading so much. I love the truth and thank God for people that will send it forth without fear or favor. May God bless and keep you in every effort you put forth to send the truth forth to this lost and dying world. Your blood washed sister,"

--Bertha Gill

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We are indeed thankful that the Lord has made it possible for us to obtain a little earlier time for the broadcast beginning June 24. The new time for our broadcast beginning on that date will be 10:45 p. m. each Friday night. We are deeply grateful to those who are helping to make this broadcast possible from week to week. Until June 24 the broadcast is still at 11:00 p. m.

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