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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 once again. This is THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma and your speaker is Willie Murphey. We feel deeply indebted to those who have stood by with their prayers and letters of encouragement to help us maintain this radio message. We hope that each of you are well and that God is supplying all of your needs for both soul and body.

Consider this scripture found in St. Luke, 9th chapter and beginning with verse 61. I quote: "And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plow, and

LOOKING BACK,

is fit for the kingdom of God."

How true it is that there are many who profess to be following God. In many cases I believe there are those who have a sincere desire to follow him. However, although this is true, there are many things to hinder those who are sincere from doing the will of God.

You may have heard the expression often that "If one is sincere, this is all that really matters. We are all striving for the same place." Yes, I agree that one must be sincere. I also agree that we are striving for the same place. But here is where the difference comes in, it is not enough for one to be sincere. This does not make them correct or righteous to merely just believe that they are sincere.

You may drive down our modern highways and make a wrong turn at an intersection. This you may be unaware of. At the same time you may be ever

so sure that you are on the right road, but sooner or later you will find out to your dismay that you're headed in the wrong direction. Even though one may be ever so sure, this does not make him right.

Listen to this verse from St. John, chapter 4 and verse 24. I quote: "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

We see then that there are two things to indicate whether we are on the right road or not. The first one is--we must measure ourselves by the word of God. This would be like a road map. It is not advisable for you to argue with the road map. Neither is it advisable to disregard the Bible which is the Word of God.

I'm reminded of the words which Jesus spoke to his disciples the night before his crucifixion. He had left them an example of feet washing and

these are his words of admonition to his disciples. In St. John 13:17 he said, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

So we see then that it is not enough for one to believe that they are sincere, but with this sincerity they must be guided by the Word and the Spirit. In other words, not only must we have the truth, but we must also have the Spirit of God. Now the Spirit serves as a witness to our hearts that we are in the truth and we obey the word. The word and the spirit must accompany each other.

But let us further consider our first text. Here are the words which were spoken to Christ by one who was, no doubt, interested in following Him. However, he said, "But let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house." In other words he was not quite ready to do the Master's will.

Friends, don't you find it this way in your life. There are so many things to distract and to cause one to delay to do that which they feel in their heart is their duty to do. Therefore, they put it off until tomorrow, hoping that at some more convenient season they will find a better opportunity to do that which they know is their duty to do.

But let us pause a moment and consider this gentle rebuke which the Master gave. He said, and I quote from verse 62. "No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

There comes a time when God chooses to separate those who profess to follow him and those who do so in spirit and in truth. Sometimes this occurs even in this life, but even more so is this true of the great and final separation which God shall make in that

judgment day when the wicked shall be separated eternally from the presence of God. Listen now to this poem entitled:

LOOKING AROUND

By Russell H. Douglas

When Peter walked upon the water
He wasn't looking around.
His eyes were on the Saviour;
But oh! When he looked down.

Fast He began sinking.
He must have thought he'd drown.
Three words he cried, "Lord save me."
He knew he was going down.

Today some people are looking;
But not where God is found.
They are looking for faults in others,
And they're really looking around.

Jesus asked Peter if he loved him.
Peter's answer was profound;
But when Jesus said, "Follow me",
Peter turned and looked around.

"What shall this man do?"
He spoke of the Apostle John.
"What is that to thee," said Jesus,
"If I will that he live on."

Look to Jesus Christ today;
For through Him we are saved.
He alone can set us free.
Then no more are we enslaved.

Jesus Christ is the only door
Through which we enter in--
The kingdom of God, eternal life.
He saves us from all sin.

Thank God for His Holy word.
It is true and it is sound.
Once we have it in our hearts,
No need to look around.

"Remember Lot's wife," Jesus said.
She took time to look around,

And she turned to a pillar of salt
That just lay there on the ground.

People today who look around,
Just wondering about another,
If they are looking down;
How can they help their brother?

What we really need to do
Is to examine ourselves for right;
Be sure our heart to God is true,
And live by faith and not by sight.

Then we can pray a prayer to God,
And know that He is found.
When we humbly kneel before him,
We never look around.

Thank you, Bro. Douglas, for that poem. Will you join me in a sincere prayer that God may bless his word tonight?

Our Father,

There may be those tonight who hear this broadcast who have a sincere desire to do thy will. We pray that you would give them the courage and strength not to look about them or to look back, but to fasten their eyes steadfastly upon thee and thy word and the eternal reward which thou hast promised to those who serve Thee. And as they turn from every known sin, we pray that you will fill them with all joy and peace in believing thy word and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Saviour. Amen

Now one further word of caution, if you should find yourself a little unstable and you know you want to do the will of God but you are not fully persuaded to do so just yet, beware lest you should look around hoping to find an easier way to satisfy your conscience. There are many who have done this by joining the creeds and doctrines of men hoping to find favor with God. This is not the way his peace is found. It is found by true repentance and sincere

faith coupled with a willingness to obey His word and follow the leadings of his spirit. May he guide each of you in the full truth and I am sure that as he does this, you will find the eternal peace of God. And if there is any comfort or word which we might be able to bring to you, we would appreciate a letter from you. You may address it to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Listen now to this song entitled, "My Sins Are Gone" as sung by Bob Forbes, Dorall Forbes, Randall Flynn, and Melvin Doolittle.

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 simply sending us your request. Until next Friday night at 10:45 this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be yours and a very pleasant goodnight!

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TRIALS TRANSFORMED INTO JOY

The experience of the two men on the Emmaus Road, found in Luke 24, is such a good example of our Christian life today.

They had suffered grief because their Lord was taken from them, and they could not understand or see the joy that these few moments of sorrow would bring to the world. But as Jesus walked with them and explained the scriptures, they learned many lessons, and their joy was unbounded when He revealed Himself to them.

So it is in many of the experiences of our lives. We cannot see the good that will come through a trial or grief we must suffer, but through it we learn many precious lessons, and when it is over, it has wrought a beautiful work in our life.

--P. M.

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

MANY WILL REMEMBER SIS. KEY



A picture of Bro. and Sis. Ray Key taken Oct. 11, 1939.

On Monday, August 1, a very useful life in this world and one which will be long remembered by many came to a close. Sis. Ray Key who spent many years in the service of the Lord and administered to the needs of others who have not forgotten her kind words, died on this date in the Golden Rule Home. Her body was returned to Louisiana for burial where much of her ministry was spent. Below is an appropriate text and her signature as it appeared in a birthday autograph book which she signed.

November 13th

It is only by the good grace of God that we accomplish things worth while. C. W. Griffin

Mrs. Katherine Key

Sister Evelyn Lynch informs us that the new rest home in Pacoima, California which will accomodate 24 guests will be ready for the opening day about August 14.

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Congratulations to Bro. and Sis. Gordon Humphrey of Fairborn, Ohio upon the birth of their son, Jonathan Dean, on July 28.

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"Dear Bro. Willie & Family: Although I've lived here in Guthrie for many years, having heard you speak and preach many times, being well acquainted with you and your family, I still enjoy the Mission Trail very much. It is always good and refreshing to my soul. May the dear Lord bless you all in the good work He has chosen for you to do. I know your labors will not be in vain in the Lord. I am still encouraged to press on for Him who has done so much for me. It pays to serve and trust God always for all things. He never fails. I love Him today."

--Sis. Jessie Taylor

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The Oklahoma Campmeeting starts here today in Guthrie. Only time will reveal the good accomplished in these services which are held for the benefit of souls.

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