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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 cheerful greeting to all the listeners of radio station XEG. We are happy to be coming your way once again by means of radio. We deeply appreciate your prayers and letters of encouragement and support which have helped us maintain our weekly schedule. Those who desire to write to us may do so by addressing their letter to: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. This is Willie Murphey speaking to you.

In the 6th chapter of Mark and beginning with verse 31 we read these words: "And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and

REST A WHILE:

for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. And they departed into a desert place by ship privately."

You see, Jesus found that many people were pressing him in those days when he walked the shores of Galilee. He was very busy with his Father's work and often he found time for praying in the quiet hours of the early morning while others were asleep.

Friends, don't you find it that way today? There are times when we need a secret place of prayer or a quiet place of meditation that we may rest both our minds and our bodies from the cares of life.

On January 6, 1967 our message over this radio station was entitled, "Walk with God". Of course, this message was also printed and mailed. From the response which we received from that message, I am convinced, that many of you know what it means to walk with God. Indeed, I will say that

I was most pleased to hear from those who were interested in walking with God. Some, no doubt, have walked with God for many years and have found it a very pleasant experience.

Therefore, I have chosen to go back and pick up some of these testimonies and scriptures which have been called to my attention concerning our walk with God.

So now as you sit by the side of your radio or drive along the highway in your automobile and hear these words, may you receive a blessing as others tell of their walk with God. Without further words, listen as Patsy reads to you from the correspondence.

Here is a letter from Bro. Archie Sweat of South Carolina.

"Dear Bro. Willie, Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Thank God for the privilege given to me to greet you once again in the joy of the spirit and love of the

heart. This leaves me still saved and much encouraged to live for God. Please forgive me for not answering sooner and sending the coupon in. Yes, I still want the paper sent to me. I look for it like I do my meals. Yes, I know it is good to have the printed copies of God's word coming to us through the mail if we cannot hear the broadcast. Oh, how I would love to sit up and hear it, but we cannot as yet. Oh, what a blessing it would be to hear it.

"Bro. Willie, I am asking you and all the saints to remember me in your prayers for I have many ailments in my body, but I just want his will done. I fear cancer in the left side of my throat. It just acts up all the time. . .

"We need a closer walk with God. . . Listen to these verses from Galatians 5:25. 'If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.' And another said, Galatians 5:16, 'This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.' And another Ephesians 2:10, 'For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.' Ephesians 4:1, 'I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.' And another Ephesians 5:15, 'See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise.' That's what Paul said.

"May the Lord bless all the saints everywhere is my prayer, and we are still in need of your prayers. A little poem: Oh, for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame.
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the lamb.
Brother in Christ," --Archie L. Sweat

Thank you, Bro. Sweat. We are glad the Lord has let you live to be 78

years old, and most of all we are glad that you have learned to walk with God.

Then here is a very interesting letter from Sister Vera Forbes of California.

"Dear Bro. Willie, Sister Frances, Kathleen, Patsy and Willie and Wayne, Just finished reading The Mission Trail of January 6 which I enjoyed very much. And I'm going to take time right now to thank you for sending it thru the past years, and I surely do want it thru 1967. I appreciate so much the good spirit-filled messages, the inspired poems and the news items on the last page, etc. which keeps us pretty well up to date on various items and people. I am still praising the dear Lord for the continuous blessing of salvation.

"Last year the dear Lord was so very good to me and besides keeping me saved, He kept me in health with good strength for which I bless His precious name. And now this year already His blessings are coming down in copious showers. O, 'it pays to serve Jesus'!

"I'm glad the Lord has made it possible for you to give out the gospel message over the air, and I'm thankful for those who have contributed to help. Maybe some day others can do more to help--(including me).

"You talked about 'walking', and I liked that, but there is one more verse that has been very precious to me the past few years. It is II Cor. 6:16B."

Let me read you this scripture just now. I quote, "as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

"Just to know He is dwelling in me

and walking in me, I know He is always on hand for every occasion, and to think--He is my God! Oh, it makes me feel so humble to think He condescends to live in me--the great God of this whole universe! How can He do that for us insignificant human beings? Pray that I be more careful to please Him. I pray God to bless and enrich your souls and your lives this year with His choicest blessings, and may His spirit guide you each one in the path of righteousness and duty for His glory, each day you live. Hope you are all keeping well. Several in the Home have had colds--all better now I think-- God has been blessing and healing. Much love to each," --Sister Vera

Here is another letter from California and is written by Sister Naomi Amey. She mentioned our walk with God.

"Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey and family, Greetings in the name of Jesus. I am enjoying the blessings of the Lord, and I always look forward to receiving The Mission Trail. It is indeed food to my soul. I especially enjoyed the scripture on walk with God. I am still in need of prayer for the healing of my body. May the Lord supply your needs to keep spreading the gospel."

--Sister Naomi Amey

Here then is a letter from Bro. Vada McMillian of Missouri. He tells how he rested in God.

"Dear Bro. Willie and all your family, . . . Trust this finds all of you well, happy and prospering in your soul and body. We thank you so much for The Mission Trail that you sent to us each week. We appreciate the soul food that we get out of it. I have intended to write you for a long time and let you know just how much I appreciate it, but have just neglected to do so. Please forgive.

"Once during my lunch hour I read one of The Mission Trails. It was the one that was written for Father's Day. I received much encouragement from it. The poem read by Patsy and written by Patsy Wilson was a real encouragement to me. I thought of how precious it was for God to be our Father and that He would give us whatever we ask him if we would ask in faith and according to our need and His will. I just rested in God for some time after reading the poem.

"I desire that you continue your good work both by radio and by printed copies of The Mission Trail. If I don't hear your message, I usually read it and enjoy it. We also want you to be a blessing to others. I am sending in the coupon and a little offering to help with the expense. I desire to remain on your mailing list. . . With Christian love and prayers, Pray for us."

--T. V. McMillian and family

Let us spend a few moments in prayer. Our gracious heavenly Father, We are glad that you have made provision for us to walk with God. Bless all those who are truly interested in walking with Thee. May they also learn to draw themselves apart from the cares of life and rest from the things of the world which would disturb and cause trouble, and to Thee we'll give the praise through Christ our Saviour. Amen

Here is a poem entitled:

MOMENT BY MOMENT

Never a trial that He is not there;
 Never a burden that He doth not bear;
 Never a sorrow that He doth not share,
 Moment by moment I'm under his care.

Never a heart-ache, and never a groan,
 Never a tear-drop, and never a moan,

Never a danger but there on the throne,
Moment by moment He thinks of his own.

Never a weakness that He doth not feel;
Never a sickness that He cannot heal.
Moment by moment, in woe or in weal,
Jesus, my Saviour, abides with me still.

Here now is a song entitled, "He Is Walking by my Side", by the Carver quartet. I like this song. We hope you

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FROM THOSE WHO HEAR AND READ THE MISSION TRAIL

From Oklahoma: "To The Mission Trail, We greet you all in the name of Jesus. We listened to the broadcast, and it was good. We are praying for you all that God will ever be with you all and keep you all in good health to send out the gospel to this dark and lost world. . . ." --Sis. Gabell Sanders and Sis. Nancy Jones

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From Indiana: "Dear ones in Christ, Greetings in Jesus' dear name. We were so glad you and the girls came by and visited us and for the good meeting we had while you were here. We love to read the Mission Trail so keep sending it. Christian love,"

--Brother and Sister Rufus Morton

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From Oklahoma: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, Greetings to you in our Saviour's dear name. I want to thank you all for coming down to see me. You will never know how these visits help me along. I hope next time we will be able to be together longer.

"I hope you had a safe trip back home. I sure am thankful for the copies of the Mission Trail. They are a big help to me. I wish I could listen to your radio broadcast here, but when I get out I am going to every night.

"I have a request for prayer for me in the coming months. I know God will never fail me. I just hope and pray that I can always walk close to him.

enjoy it.

This message has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If you would like a printed copy free of charge, you may have one by sending us your request. Until next Friday night at 10:45 this is Willie Murphey saying may heaven's richest blessings be yours and a very pleasant goodnight!

Oh, what a joyful sound that will be when I get to heaven and hear His voice say, 'Poor pilgrim, welcome home.' I will never forget that day in June when I was first saved. There were stumbling blocks, and at times I have been discouraged, but I have always prayed to God, and He has helped in so many ways.

"If there ever was a person who knows what it is to be one of God's children, I am one, for it's like that old song, 'I once was lost in sin but Jesus took me in.' Yes, he sure did take me in, and now I am so happy for it that there are no words to express my feelings about His love! . . . Yours in Christ Jesus,"

--James White

The above encouraging letter is from James White, a young man who is in prison. It is wonderful how the Lord has saved him. He came in contact with the saints at the Amite, Louisiana jail meetings and is now confined near El Reno, Oklahoma. Our visits with him have been very encouraging. He is looking forward to being released before too long. --Willie

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From Mississippi: "Greetings to our dear Mission Trail family, May the Lord bless and encourage you as you work together under His anointing to do the work that He has called you to. As you sow the seed, may He bless it to yield a great harvest.

"Thank you for your encouraging letter. . . Please keep me on your prayer list. I am resolved by the help and grace of God to go with Him all the way. The Bible reads just the same today. The world grows darker; the Bible way grows brighter and more precious to me. As I climb the hill and see shadows lengthen, the touch of His hand and the call of His voice-- 'Follow me'--gives me strength and courage to ever look up and press on toward the goal, with His promise, 'Lo, I am with you alway.' . . . Sincerely in Him,"

--Cressie Hudson
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From Missouri: "Dear Bro. and Sister Murphey, Greetings again in the Lord. This finds me still living for the Lord. I am glad the Lord made a way for me to be happy in him and trust Him.

"We often think of you all, and our heart is made to rejoice to know the good work you all are doing for him, so keep it up by his help and grace.

"I would be so glad if you all would remember my Sister at Joplin, Lottie. She has laryngitis in her throat for a while. She also would like for you to pray. I'll close for this time. Will say bye. May God's blessings be upon you all is my prayer. Yours in Christ,"

--Myrtle Glass

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From Tennessee: "Dear Ones, Again we send greetings of love in our Lord and Saviour's name. Trust this finds you all well and still encouraged in the work. I've heard several express how well they thought the paper and your work were doing. We know whatever happens, God's work will prosper and still draw souls to the one body. Maybe not in a great number, but there are a few who really long for the old paths. We find many who just can't seem to break off with the things they are in bondage to. It's that way here in our place.

"Bro. Mart Samons was down our way last Tuesday, and we had a wonderful service. Several attended, and Bro. Samons seemed encouraged with the folks here and said he'd like to come back, Lord willing.

"Also Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Laverna Probst are planning to be with us each 4th Sunday. I've prayed for that very thing, so God still hears and answers prayer. His word says 'his ears are open unto our prayers day and night, but his face is against those that do evil.' I certainly want to do his will because we all are needy creatures.

"We'd like for you dear ones to still pray with us concerning our grandson. The specialist have put him to bed for 4 months with a cast on each leg (Knees down) and his feet spread wide apart so his hip bone will be in place when it starts to mend. There has been a deterioration of the bone, and he says it goes through a cycle and they can do nothing about this, but we know one who can do all things. . . I must close. With Christian love and prayers,"

--J. B. and Sue Shell
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From Colorado: "Dear Bro. Murphey and family and all Saints, Greetings in the name of Jesus. Just a few lines to tell you that I still love to read the Mission Trail and enjoy it very much for it is sound Bible teaching, also for the news of some of the saints.

"I hope sometime we can have a congregation of saints in Colorado that I can attend. . . Your Bro. in Christ,"

--Fred B. Allen

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From Oklahoma: "Dear Christian Friends, . . . I'm so thankful the good Lord looked down in mercy and saved me. I'm saved today and sanctified and determined to go all the way with the dear Lord. I mean to go right on until the crown is won. . . Please pray for my family and me. Yours in Christian love,"

--Vera Mae Hawkins

From California: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey and children, Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. Oh His name is precious to me. Praise the Lord! I love Him with all my heart. Praise the Lord!

"I'm in Bakersfield in meeting. The Lord is graciously blessing the meeting. Many were at the altar today for spiritual help and consecrating their lives. Oh, it's wonderful! Praise the Lord!

"Lord willing I plan to leave next week for Stockton. I have a burden to go there and be with the saints there for a few nights' meeting.

"Feb. 6th--I believe around 10 souls sought the Lord for the salvation of their souls. We surely thank the Lord for them. Bro. and Sis. Phillips were here for meeting and are still here. This a. m., Mon., Feb. 6th is his 80th birthday. . .

"I left home Jan. 2nd to visit my brother that's ill in Houston--while there I visited an isolated saint, Sis. Edna Sandel. She is much encouraged. In fact, she was encouraging to me, relating some of her experiences in the Lord. I desire your prayers for her. She desires complete healing of an affliction on her body.

"Now about the Mission Trail as to whether I would desire you to continue to mail it to me--I'll answer your question by asking you one. 'Would you want your folks at home to stop writing to you?' I believe that's a good enough answer. I still want to hear from home, 'the saints'. One day while in meditation and prayer the Lord helped me to know that only eternity would be able to tell the good that is being done, through the efforts of your messages on the air (the radio). We surely thank the Lord for you all. Keep encouraged in the Lord.

"We are praying for you, and I desire your prayers. Christian love,"

--Katherine Williams

From South Dakota: "Dear Bro. Murphey and family: Greetings of tender love in the sweet name of our lovely Saviour, wonderful, wonderful Jesus.

"Have been intending to write for some time, but my strength is so very feeble. I am leaning heavily on the Lord and improving each day from the ravages of the disease which has all but taken my life. Praise God for his great mercy in sending you all this great distance to anoint and pray for me. I feel confident I should not have been healed had you not come. It was such an encouragement to hear the sweet songs of Zion and the Word. I appreciate so much the privilege of having you dear saints of God in our home. I am sorry everything was in such disarray and upset, but I had been ill for so long, the things of earth were receding, and it was all I could accomplish to try to keep the family fed.

"I received a definite touch of healing and began to improve, but Satan thought to strike another blow at my weakened body, and my cough became almost constant day and night, also a painful swelling developed back of my left ear. At that time Sister Eldeen called to request me to come down for urgent prayer for a request she had. We prayed earnestly for her, and she remembered me before the throne of grace for healing. . . Then I was minded to call the saints in Minneapolis which I did, and through the united prayers of the saints Satan has been routed, and I am getting better every day. . . May the dear Lord continue to bless the work there and all of you dear ones. Lovingly,"--Sis. McFarling

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From Oklahoma: "Dear Friends, . . . We do enjoy the little paper very much. . . We are endeavoring to serve the Lord and always to learn more about Him, as we know without Him in our lives, it would be null and void to us. . . Sincerely," --Jeanne Holder

From South Carolina: "Dear Ones, Greetings in the name of Jesus. Today finds me still saved and living for my dear Lord. He is everything to me. . . I am so glad we have a prayer answering God. My little boy had something wrong with his neck. At times it seemed to hurt him very bad. . . the Lord healed his neck for him. I want all the saints to remember me in your prayers that the Lord will heal my body if it is His will. Remember my family in your prayers also. Your sister in the Lord." --Rena Mae Crummie

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From Louisiana: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, . . . I enjoy the Mission Trail very much and the sacrifice of you and family in this work.

"The Lord has been good to us for which I'm very thankful. JoAnn was in a car accident about 2 weeks ago. Her car was a total loss. There were 3 cars and 1 truck involved. After the accident JoAnn told me it probably would have been worse had she not been praying just before. She had bad bruises, . . . a strained ligament in her arm and strained muscles in her neck. . . and still has to wear a brace part of the time.

"Recently I have been meditating on what the world looks on as a man of success in this life and how differently the meaning of a successful life really is. . . Some young men are very ambitious in the things of this life but leave God out of their lives altogether. . . I admire a young man who is strong enough to live for God. It doesn't show weakness but shows strength, wisdom and success when a man or woman can go against the world. . . Young people, you need God more than anything in this life. . . Show the world that you are man or lady enough to live that life you were placed in this world to live. . . Oh how foolish, how foolish, to risk that never dying soul for a little pleasure in this short life. . . Christian love," --Cassie Price

From Ohio: "Dear Bro. Willie, Sis. Frances and all the children, We greet you in Jesus' name. . .

"Mart. . . has only been in one revival meeting since we were there, and that was at Holly Hill, S. C. He stopped by the Biddix's in North Carolina over a week end and came back by Tenn. and spent the night at Bro. & Sis. Shells. He's been gone quite a bit. We made two trips to Anderson, Ind. to see Bro. Arthur and Sis. Mary, the ones that were in the car wreck. . . We went to Akron to pray for Sis. Clark when she was so bad. He was called to Penn. to preach May Johnston's funeral. . . We came back home and he went to Kentucky to see his dad and went to visit Sis. Baldrige and Dale at East Point, Ky., but they were gone. . . He stopped by Bro. Curtis Williams' last Sat. on his way home, and the night before He got a call from Penn. to come back over there to pray for the sick. Bro. Houck was pretty sick and also his sister-in-law. So you see he is a very busy man. . . Remember Sis. Donna Sallee in prayer. She has been real sick. She's quite a bit better right now. I know she is worthy of our prayers. . .

"Do pray for us and we will be praying for you. . . Love and prayers. . ."

--Sis. Verna Samons

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From Tennessee: "Dear Willie and family, We send greetings to each once again in our precious Saviour's name. . . This finds us encouraged to press the upward way that leads to heaven. Darlene and I don't have anything to complain of. Surely God is good to us. . . I went to Hammond. . . I got to attend the morning preaching and Sun. night we got another feast. Bro. Gene Harmon was there and preached a wonderful message. . . Bro. Coffey's message was about that living water that we the people of God receive. . . We covet your prayer. Your blood washed sister." --Nora and Darlene

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

"Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy." Psa. 130:7

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From Shawnee, Oklahoma:

"We are planning for the 26th of February to be the day for the anniversary service. There will be service in the chapel in the morning, lunch served after the morning service, and then in the afternoon we will have a time of appreciation in the Golden Rule Home of the added blessings of the Lord another year, then night service in the chapel. We want to invite each of you to come and spend the time with us, . . . Yours for the work of the Lord,"

--Charles R. Smith

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Our sympathy is extended to the relatives and friends of Jim Williams whose funeral was held in Hennessey, Okla. February 18th. Bro. Louis Williams conducted the service.

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Lillian Eck left by bus Friday evening to be with her mother, Sister Bessie Sorrell, near Myrtle, Missouri, who is afflicted and in much need of prayer.

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Sister Jessie Taylor of Guthrie and also Sister Grace Barber of Anthony, Kansas stand in need of a healing touch.

"Anywhere with Jesus in the fiery flame,
Anywhere with Jesus in the sun or rain,
Anywhere with Jesus in the house with flames,

Anywhere with Jesus you are safe in His name."

--Melissa Greer

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From Louisiana: "I thank God for all our ministers. . . We appreciate God sending Bro. Coffey and wife our way. . . . May God ever bless every minister and send His divine power down upon each that eternity alone will tell the good that's done through their lives . . . Your sister in Christ,"

--Ruby Quave

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WHAT ARE WE DOING?

Let us ask ourselves the question
What am I doing with my life,
Am I spending it for the good of others
Or wasting it in carelessness and strife?

Do we speak a word of kindness
To those who are in trouble,
Or pass them by--not caring
About their heartache or struggle.

What are we doing with our lives
And the talents God has given,
How we use them while we are here
Will determine our chance of Heaven.

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