



# 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 warm and cheerful greeting to all the listeners of radio station XEG. We are happy to be coming your way for our weekly visit, and we hope each of you are well and happy in the service of the Lord. This is Willie Murphey speaking to you. Our mailing list of the printed copies of these messages from week to week continues to grow, and if you would like to have your name added to this list, you may receive the weekly messages without cost or obligation by simply sending your request to: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. Guthrie is spelled G-u-t-h-r-i-e. That is Guthrie, Oklahoma. May the Lord richly bless those who have stood by with their prayers and letters of encouragement to help us maintain this weekly schedule.

Listen now to this scripture reading from II Corinthians, chapter 13 and verse 5.

## "EXAMINE YOURSELVES,

whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?"

It is a common practice for those in business to take an inventory at least once a year and see what they have on hands. When they do so, they sometimes find items which have very little value and consequently need to be disposed of. Just as this is true in the natural, I believe it is well for a child of God to examine himself and to take inventory of his spiritual life and see if he is well pleased with that which he has on hand.

First, I believe we should examine our consecration. In Romans the 12th chapter and verse 1, we read these words, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice,

holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." We should realize that our spirit, soul and body belong to God, and we should act accordingly. Not only do we ourselves belong to Christ, but also our time, our talents, and our possessions. You see, this is a complete consecration for those who have given themselves wholly to God.

Next, we should examine our conduct as it applies to our home life. In fact, I believe this is really the beginning of true godly living. Let us ask ourselves the question: Do our loved ones have confidence in us? In St. John, 11th chapter and 3rd verse, we read these words, "Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick." You see this is the message which Mary and Martha sent to Jesus when their brother Lazarus was sick. I believe they loved

Lazarus and so did Jesus. In other words, they loved one another. Really this is what makes a happy home--to have love freely abounding one to another.

Then, let us consider whether or not our life is an example among those with whom we associate. Ephesians 5:11 says this, "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." We should not fall into fellowship and harmony with those who are walking in darkness. We read in verses 15 and 16 of this same chapter some further instructions. It says, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

Then we should use great caution in our conduct before the public. Listen to these words from I Timothy, chapter 4 and verse 12. "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

Furthermore, we should examine our attitude. You see, one might have a correct intellectual faith which was coupled with a wrong attitude of heart. This is both deceptive and dangerous. Listen to this scripture from I Corinthians, chapter 13 and verse 2. "And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing."

Sincere heart-belief is manifested by a spirit of love. In Galatians 5:6 we read, "For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love."

Therefore we should carefully con-

sider our attitude from three different angles.

First, we should have the correct relationship with Christ. In John 14:15 we read these words, "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

Then our relationship toward our brother should be such as would be profitable for him. In Galatians 5:13 we read these words, "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another."

Then last, but ever so important, our esteem of ourselves should be such as to not elevate ourselves above others. Listen to this verse from Romans, chapter 12 and verse 3. "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."

Friends, I have given you a few Bible standards by which you may examine yourself. It is not my duty to be your judge. Neither is it your responsibility to judge another. But it is your solemn obligation to examine yourself.

Now as a result of our examination let us not accept a crushing self-accusation, but in honesty and sincerity, let us have an humble, teachable spirit. Along with this we need a desire to draw nearer to God. One verse of a well known song says:

"Are you adorning the doctrine,  
The glorious doctrine of God?  
Walking so holy before him,  
Following where he hath trod?"

Listen then to the words of this poem entitled:

## WILL YOU FAIL

He is counting on you,  
 He has need of your life  
 In the thick of the strife;  
 For that weak one may fall  
 If you fail at His call.  
 He is counting on you,  
 If you fail Him--  
 What then?

He is counting on you,  
 On a love that will share  
 In His burden of prayer,  
 For the souls He has bought  
 With His life-blood and sought  
 Through His sorrow and pain  
 To win "Home" yet again.  
 He is counting on you,  
 If you fail Him--  
 What then?

He is counting on you,  
 On life, money and prayer;  
 And "the day shall declare"  
 If you let Him have all  
 In response to His call;  
 Or if He in that day  
 To your sorrow must say,  
 I had counted on you,  
 But you failed me--  
 What then?

He is counting on you,  
 Oh! the wonder and grace,  
 To look Christ in the face  
 And not be ashamed.  
 For you gave what He claimed,  
 And you laid down your all  
 For His sake--at His call.  
 He had counted on you,  
 And you failed not.  
 What then?

Let us spend a moment in prayer.

Our Father,

In the light of thy word which shall  
 judge us in that great judgment day,  
 help us to rightly examine ourselves.

Then when we have correctly appraised  
 the attitudes, desires and motives which  
 we have on hand, may we willingly and  
 gladly forsake any and all of them which  
 would be displeasing in thy sight and to  
 thee we'll give the praise through Christ  
 our Saviour. Amen.

Listen now to the song, "Are You  
 Adorning The Doctrine". This is the  
 one which I referred to a little earlier  
 in the broadcast. It is sung by Lynn  
 and Alma Carver, Manuel and Marie  
 Mitchell.

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 until next Friday night at 10:45 this is  
 Willie Murphey saying, may heaven's  
 richest blessings be yours and a very  
 pleasant goodnight!

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## CORRESPONDENCE

From Oregon: "Dear Bro. & Sister  
 and Family, I just read the Mission  
 Trail paper. Am glad to get it. I want  
 to send a little offering to help to keep  
 you on the air. I think you are doing a  
 good work. May God bless each one of  
 you and supply your every need. I am  
 a widow in an old peoples' home. . . I  
 expect to stand true to the dear word of  
 God as long as I live. My husband was  
 a minister in the straight way. One  
 time we traveled in the work--in new  
 fields, so I know what it is to trust the  
 Lord. But He will take care of us if  
 we do our part. I have seen wonderful  
 answers to prayer, and God never  
 changes. O, how I love Him and want  
 to do more for him! I will be 86 years  
 in April, but the Bible says we can  
 bear fruit in old age. So do pray I may  
 be of some use yet. . . So remember  
 us to the Lord. I feel so little and un-  
 worthy. Christian love to all. Your  
 sister in the Lord," --O. K. Myers

## AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

From Guthrie: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, Just finished reading The Mission Trail and enjoyed it so much. It gave me a real lift to read the message and testimonies.

"The Lord is blessing me daily in so many ways. The saints are so precious to stand by with their prayers and other deeds of kindness. I know that the dear Saviour knows all about my case and is doing the very best for me. I want to take this opportunity to tell the saints how I appreciate their prayers, cards, and letters. I am realizing more and more my indebtedness to God and his people. I am looking forward to having a well, normal body again with which to glorify God. At the present time I'm 'letting patience have her perfect work' and expecting deliverance at any moment. The Lord is so precious and so near--I'm not afraid to trust Him all the way.

"May He continue to bless your labors for Him. Christian love to all,

--Jessie Taylor

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Sister Verna Samons of Ohio has a special request for prayer which she is trusting the Lord to work out for her before school is out and the summer vacation begins.

Our space in this issue of The Mission Trail is insufficient to tell of the many blessings which God has showered upon us and upon those with whom we have come in contact in the past two weeks as Kathleen, Patsy and I made a trip which extended as far west as Calif. and into Mexico where we visited and saw first-hand the work of the Lord which is being carried on there. In our absence Frances has faithfully remained at her post of duty while keeping the boys in school and caring for the correspondence. We were in three services in Pomona, two in Pacoima, and one in San Bernardino. We were very pleased to visit the Senior Citizens' Home and to see the happiness of those there. We also were in two services at Patzcuaro where Sister Edith Cole is laboring. Bro. Harland Smith and I made stops also in Rosarito where Sis. Carrie Shepperd is busy for the Lord, and we stopped a few moments to visit with James and Charlotte Huskey and went as far south as Valle de Trinidad where Bro. Tomas and his family are faithfully spreading the gospel. Two mission stations are vacant because of a lack of consecrated workers. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest will send forth more laborers into his vineyard.

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