



# 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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. . . It is with pleasure that we greet all the listeners of radio station XEG. We are happy to be bringing you another message from the Word of God. Your speaker is Willie Murphey. For the benefit of our new listeners I would like to say that we print these messages and mail them free of charge to those who request them. If you would like to have your name added to our mailing list, please let us know at once. You may address us in this way: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. Then, too, may I say a very hearty "thank you" from all of us here to those who are helping to make this program possible. Your prayers and cooperation are appreciated.

Today I want to take a text from the book of Philippians, chapter 1 and verse 10. It reads this way, "That ye may approve things that are excellent;

## THAT YE MAY BE SINCERE

and without offence till the day of Christ." I am much concerned about one word found in this text--the word "sincere". This is definitely a must for every true saint of God.

First, a definition of sincerity would be in order. Sincerity is being in reality what one professes to be; not assuming, feigning, nor pretending; single-heartedness, frankness, straightforwardness. A man is said to be sincere when there is a proper correspondence between his inward sentiments and convictions and his outward words and actions.

Now let us consider sincerity and divide it into three elements. First, sincerity means simplicity. This is unalloyed and unmixed with deceit.

Secondly, sincerity means honesty. This includes intention, action, and profession. In other words sincerity

is opposed to artfulness, cunningness, and hypocrisy.

Then, thirdly, sincerity means genuineness, reality, not sham or pretense. However, let me point out that sincerity does not constrain us to divulge everything we know or to tell things which are not proper and in order.

Sincerity when applied to one's life means that the governing motives are pure. Many of you will recall the stunts and pranks which are often done by young people on Halloween night. Usually this is done while they are wearing a mask. In other words, they pretend to be something which they are not. They look like animals, witches, goblins, and you name it, and all the while they pretend to carry out actions which would conform to some unearthly creature. We should make no such pretense of our service to God. Neither is it

necessary for one to wear a literal mask to behave in an unseemly manner. A child of God should be sincere, and his profession should correspond with the heart and life.

Listen to the testimony which Peter gives concerning Christ who was our example. In I Peter, 2nd chapter and verse 22 we read these words: "Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth." Now if Christ was our example, we believe that his disciples should also manifest and practice sincerity.

Listen to this verse from II Corinthians, the 1st chapter and verse 12. "For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward."

Listen then to this testimony of Jesus himself concerning Nathanael. In John 1:47 we read, "Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!"

Then in the instructions which Paul gave to Titus we read in Titus 2 and verse 7. "In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity." Listen again to II Corinthians 4th chapter and verse 2. "But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God."

Friends, I realize that many of you who hear this program have not had the opportunity to be in my home be-

cause it has not been convenient for us to become personally acquainted with one another. But I invite you to come and visit us. Prove us, and see if we are practicing the same word we preach to you on this radio station.

Not only do I invite you to come to my home, but there are many other homes to whom I can direct you of those who love God, believe His Word, and practice it with all sincerity. You will indeed find a family of God's people who not only teach the doctrine of salvation, but are willing to live by it. Sincerity is an absolute necessity for a true Christian!

However, sincerity is not a substitute for faith, neither does it justify those who hold erroneous beliefs concerning the truth. I would say then that sincerity is a safe characteristic when it is linked with truth, but when it is joined with error, it is certainly a dangerous thing. You see, it does not necessarily mean that one is right just because he is sincere. He might be ever so sincere and believe false doctrines concerning the Word of God. This certainly would be a tragic thing.

Therefore, let us seek the truth and follow it with sincerity and faithfulness. Furthermore, I would advise all to be sincere in their home life, in their business, and in the worship of God. Let us shun the sin of hypocrisy and "make-believe", and let us with genuine purpose of heart with all simplicity and sincerity serve God.

Listen to the poem entitled:

### WE CAN'T FOOL GOD

God knows our every thought and deed  
He has them written down,  
His books are kept in Heaven  
And all our lives are known.

Let us not try to fool Him  
Thinking He doesn't know,  
Because what we do does matter  
The Bible tells us so.

If He sees the little sparrow's fall  
And counts our every hair,  
He surely knows the lives of each  
This makes us know He cares.

Some day there will be a reckoning  
For all those who try to hide,  
And then no excuses will count  
By His Books He will decide.

If in doubt about our future  
Let's make sure while we have time,  
Ask God to clear our record  
And fit us for that life sublime.

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Let us spend a few moments in  
prayer.

Our Father,

We come before thee with simplicity  
and sincerity. Not only do we call upon  
Thee with our lips, but we beseech Thee  
from the depths of our hearts to give  
us wisdom and understanding to serve  
Thee without hypocrisy. Deliver us  
from pretense and help us to be sincere  
in our efforts to spread the gospel to  
the ends of the earth, and to Thee we'll  
give the praise through Christ our  
Saviour. Amen

Friends, we would be very pleased  
to hear from you if you have enjoyed  
our little visit today. It gives us a  
great deal of inspiration and hope when  
we hear from those who hear the broad-  
cast.

Then, too, we hope that you will  
join with us in helping us spread the  
gospel throughout the world. We are  
much concerned about our beloved  
United States. Of course, this is where  
we were born. These are the people

we love and certainly we love the Word  
of God. We also desire to see it spread  
in the lands beyond the sea. We are  
concerned very much about those who  
have not had the opportunity as we  
have had to hear the gospel many,  
many times, over and over again.  
Let us ask ourselves the question:  
"Are we doing what we can to spread  
the Word of God into the regions be-  
yond?"

Here now is a song which certainly  
expresses my sentiments--"The Echoes  
of Calvary", as sung by Kenneth and  
Lois Abbott.

Until next Friday night, this is  
Willie Murphey saying, may heaven's  
richest blessings be yours each and  
everyone and a very pleasant goodnight!

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From Texas: "Dear Friends in the  
Lord, I want to say again, I am happy  
in the Lord. I praise Him so much  
that he showed me his Church before  
it was too late. I wandered around so  
long before I really found the true  
light. I was already saved and had an  
honest heart, but really hadn't found  
what my heart longed for. I am truly  
glad for his blessings and hope I have  
in him. I am greatly thankful for the  
little Mission Trail paper. I appreciate  
it very much. Continue to send it to  
me. . . Your Friend in Christ,"

--Sister Frances McDonald

From California: "Dear Frances,  
Willie, and family: Just a few lines to  
say how much I enjoy the Mission Trail  
paper. I miss church so much due to  
my work and, too, have been so ex-  
hausted in my body, but each week I  
look so forward to getting the paper and  
can hardly wait till I can retreat some  
where and read it. Many times the  
message is what I needed, and I thank  
the dear Lord for it. . . Love,"

--Mary Reece

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From Canada: "Dear Bro. Murphey and family, Greetings in the Lord's precious name. I trust this letter will find you all happy and in good health.

"Thank you kindly for sending the Mission Trail each week. Reading the messages and testimonies has helped and encouraged me to follow the Lord's way more closely. God truly knows how to meet our every need, no matter what it may be.

"My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.' (Ps. 73:26) 'The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.' (Ps. 16:5-6) 'The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.' (Lamentations 3:34)

". . . Enclosed is a gift of ten dollars to be used as God would see fit. May the God supply your needs to the spreading of the Gospel. 'Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.' Yours with Christian love," --Florence Squire

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From Oklahoma: ". . . Now this will tell you I really enjoyed the Friday night meeting very much, but one verse you read that really stuck to my mind . . . 'Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace.' Now you know I love that Psalm but I never had that verse to stay with me as it did last Friday night. . . Do you know if I live till the 13th of July, I'll be 86 years young?"

--Sister Fannie Hunter

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From Indiana: "Dear Bro. Willie and family: I am glad I can greet you once again in Jesus' dear name. I just received the Mission Trail and sat right down and read all of it. I sure do get a blessing everytime I read your

little sermons and also all the fine letters and testimonies. Some are outstanding, but we can feel the Spirit of God flowing in our heart each time we read them. Sometimes the tears flow as the Lord blesses our soul. Keep encouraged in the Lord. I am still praying for the Lord to wonderfully bless you and your labors. . .

"I get encouragement from the 37th Psalm. 'The happy state of the Godly, and the short-lived prosperity of the wicked.' Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity, etc. I know God's Word is true. . .

"I am thankful for the way God has kept me saved and healed my body many times. I appreciate His wonderful kindness toward me. I am depending on Him to carry me through to Heaven, where there will be no more sorrow and no more tears. Thank the Lord! Yours in Christ,"

--Earl B. Bliss

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## STRENGTH THROUGH TRIAL

Could we read the final chapter  
Of our life then we should see  
Great advantages and blessings  
In all of our adversity.

When there seems to be no justice,  
And no help from God and man,  
We should know this comes to strengthen  
Our weak faith as naught else can.

We should travel on undaunted,  
Hopeful, Cheerful, free from fear,  
Perfect peace and joy of heaven  
Ever gleaming through each tear.

We should know that in His mercy--  
Though our sight were very dim--  
He had blessed us in each trial  
Just to keep us close to Him.

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From Kansas: "Dear Frances and Willie, I thank God I'm still encouraged to press on in the name of Jesus. This is the way of the 'Old Rugged Cross', but it is a precious way. I wouldn't trade it for all the wealth of the world.

"One week we got the paper before you preached the message over the air and that was really inspiring to read the message from the paper and still listen to you on the air. I really enjoyed it. We are thankful God has opened the way that the truth can go forth over the air.

"Sometimes in the message it seems as if it was just spoken to fit my needs, to encourage me, then I wonder how many people listening needed those words spoken to them. I thank God for both of you and your family. . .

"I have papers to grade tonight so I better close. We remember you all in our prayers. May the Lord bless and keep each of you. . ." -Mamie Norcutt

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From Ohio: ". . . Just a few lines to tell you how much I appreciate The Mission Trail. . . It . . . carries a life giving message to a lost and dying world. . . I am glad that I have found His grace sufficient for every storm or trial that has come my way. He has proved more than a father unto me. In Isaiah 48:10, 'Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.' I can say as David of old, 'this poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.' I am glad for over-coming grace and desire your prayers that I will be faithful even unto death. Would you please change my address--3092 E. 5th Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43219, as I have moved to my son's in Columbus. I want to thank each and everyone for their beautiful cards and letters of encouragement. They have been appreciated from the bottom of my heart. Your Sister in Christ,"

--Sister Maudie Sharp

From Colorado: ". . . Greetings in the name of our precious Saviour Jesus Christ who hath cleansed us from all sin. We do thank you and the Lord for the broadcast. . . We enjoy them very much. We have been getting the broadcast clear and plain and then to read it again in the paper--it is really good and encouraging.

"Wife is improving. Her shoulder and arm are still troubling her--arthritis I think. Otherwise we are well. In Christian love,"

--Ed and Addie McEndree

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From Missouri: "Dear Bro. Murphey and family, Greetings of Holy love in the precious name of our beloved Lord and Saviour. 'Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.' I Peter 5:8. The devil is surely out to take advantage of every Christian he can, so it means much to watch and pray lest he get the advantage over us. . . Maybe he will get them to be just a little foolish. . . He will slip something evil in, right when you least expect it. . . May God stir us up, and help us to watch and pray. . . Love in Christ,"

--Don McIntosh

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From South Dakota: "Dear Friends, Greetings from Soldier Creek Indian Village. We, the Lyons family, are glad that Jesus never fails. We hope each of you are enjoying the blessings of the Lord. He is our Saviour, Sanctifier, and healer. Praise His name! . . . The attendance at our Indian chapel has been fairly good, considering the cold weather. We have several new ones coming now who weren't coming a couple of months ago. Two young men, especially, have been under deep conviction. Pray for these and others that they may yield to the Lord before it's too late. . . Charles and Marilyn Lyons and children

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

After revival services with the Shawnee, Oklahoma saints last week, Bro. Mart Samons is presently in meeting in Enid, Oklahoma.

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From Louisiana: ". . . We want to be able to accept the events of life each day as coming from God's dear hands and know that he knows best for us. . ."

--Bro. & Sis. G. A. Nichols

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Our sympathy is extended to the relatives and friends of Sister Bettie A. Churchman whose funeral was held March 4th in Los Angeles, California.

Congratulations to Sue and Louis Morgan of Indianapolis on the birth of their new daughter, Thursday, March 9th.

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Bro. and Sis. Stover left for California this week, and they plan to be in Pacoima while Bro. Ostis Wilson is in meetings in other places.

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From Oklahoma: ". . . My desire is to be all in this life the dear Lord will have me to be by living a saved life every day. . . Let us not forget the soldier boys in our prayers. . . A sister,"

--S. Williams

*The Willie C. Murphy Family, Guthrie, Oklahoma.*

*Dear Radio Friends: I have been ill so would have returned the coupon sooner - missed "The Mission Trail" so much when it stopped coming! The interesting little magazine has been ever-so-informative and inspirational to a shut-in like me. I regret that I am without income and lack support for your good work. I enjoy your Friday-night radio programs over KXIB, too, and am appreciative of the fine singing and preaching; always listen and receive a great blessing! Thanking you,*

*Most Sincerely: - Evangeline Loe.*

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