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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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Are There Few That Be Saved?

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. . . A pleasant good morning to all the listeners of radio station KOMA. We hope that today finds each of you encouraged in the things of the Lord. We are happy to be coming your way once again by means of radio. For any who may be listening to THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast for the first time, let me explain that we print and mail these weekly messages, and you may have your name added to our mailing list without cost or obligation by requesting it.

It is our desire and purpose to spread the truth through the Word of God both over the air and by means of the printed copy. Our work is a work of faith, and we depend upon the Lord to supply our needs. If He should speak to your heart to write us, we would be happy to hear from you. Just address your letter to: The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma. My name is Willie Murphey.

Now here is a question which one of the disciples asked Jesus, and I believe it is applicable to our day. In Luke 13 and beginning with verse 23, I quote. "Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? and he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able."

This is the answer that Jesus gave, and it seems to indicate that the majority of people are not going to be saved. In fact, He said they would seek to enter in and would not be able.

Now why was it that they would not be able? Is it because Christ is partial to some people? Is it because He has special favorites and others are outcasts? Is it because some people are of a different nationality that they cannot be saved? Now just a moment, friends. Before we go any further, and any should get such an opinion, let me tell you plainly that this is not the reason people are not saved. I fully believe that the thing which hinders

most people from becoming a true child of God is because their own will stands in their way. In other words, they are unwilling to pay the price.

In Matthew, chapter 7 and beginning with verse 13, we read. "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat; Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

Do you know what strait means? Now that is spelled s-t-r-a-i-t. It means a narrow passageway where

there is not much room. Therefore, the reason more people fail to find the peace of heart which they are looking for is because the true way is a strait way. It is a difficult way. It is not because the Lord would exclude any from serving Him, for this is his will that all men should be saved. In fact, one scripture says, "For he willeth not the death of any, but that all should come to repentance."

Friends, I am not asking you if you are a church member, but I am asking you if you know what it really means to have a deep and genuine "born-again" experience brought about through repentance and faith in Christ. God's way is the route of crucifixion and self-denial. It is the route of complete surrender. It is the right way even though it may seem unpopular. The multitudes are going the broad way. To move heavenward is to go up-grade or up-stream. It is a road of hardship and endurance. It means suffering, and persecution is implied because it is a road where sin is not admitted. It is the way of holiness.

The masses are unwilling to pay the Bible price. Some people are continually looking for bargains. Now this may be all right when it comes to material possessions, but when it comes to complete redemption of your soul, there is no bargain or cut-rate price.

You cannot obtain it by a cheaper method. The Bible salvation is the only kind that will stand in the judgment. Yes, I know there are easier ways of living. Many have found these easier ways, but there is just one true way to heaven. This is the Bible way. None other will lead to the portals of glory.

In speaking of a strait and narrow way, let me assure you that there have been a few who accepted this pathway of truth and considered it a real challenge to carry out the purpose and plan of God in their lives.

It has not been hardly a hundred years yet since the missionary David Livingstone died on May 1, 1873. Before his death he was greatly concerned about those in Africa who had not heard the gospel message. In order to reach them with this joyful news, he endured many hardships.

On his last birthday, March 19, 1873, he made the following entry in his journal: "Thanks to the Almighty Preserver of men for sparing me thus far on the journey of life! Can I hope for ultimate success? So many obstacles have arisen. Let not Satan prevail over me, oh! my good Lord Jesus."

Then a few days later this entry was made. "Nothing earthly will make me give up my work in despair. I encourage myself in the Lord my God and go forward."

You see, David Livingstone had a real love for the people of Africa, and even though the way was rugged and hard, he pressed onward with a great desire to fulfill his Father's will.

Finally toward the last of April in 1873 Livingstone became so weak that it was necessary for him to be carried.

At last they reached Chitambo's village in Itala, where he had to lie under the eaves of a house in a drizzling rain till a hut could be prepared for him. Think of it, friends. He was sick, of course, while they were preparing this hut for him and there he was in the rain.

Then he was laid on a rude bed in the hut for the night. The next day he lay quietly all day, the attendants knowing that death was not far off. During the early part of the night following, nothing occurred to attract attention, but about four in the morning the boy who lay at his door keeping watch called in alarm for Susi, one of his old servants, fearing that their master was dead.

By the light of the candle still burning, they saw him kneeling by his bedside as if in the act of prayer, his head buried in his hands on the pillow. Praying as he went, he had gone on his last journey, and without a single attendant. Alone, yet not alone, for He who had sustained him through so many trials and dangers had gone with him through the river of death and brought him safe to the celestial country. That was in the early morning hours of May 1, 1873.

Friends, God may not call you to be a missionary. He may not ask that you endure such hardships as David Livingstone did. But let me assure you that He does call upon you and me for the best of our service which we can render. Even though the way be strait and narrow, let us face the challenge with courage and ever press onward and upward with the gospel message which will bring cheer and comfort to those who sit in darkness. I believe that it is time that we as the people of God should be about our Father's business carrying his word to the ends of the world.

Friends, are you willing to do your part? Are you willing to answer the call of God and fit into His great plan in bringing the gospel to those who have not heard? Listen now to this poem entitled:

We Break New Seas Today

Each man is Captain of his Soul,
And each man his own Crew,
But the Pilot knows the Unknown Seas,
And he will bring us through.

We break new seas today--
Our eager keels quest unaccustomed
waters,
And, from the vast uncharted waste in
front,
The mystic circles leap
To greet our prows with mightiest
possibilities,
Bringing us--What?

Dread shoals and shifting banks?
And calms and storms?
And clouds and biting gales?
And wreck and loss?
And valiant fighting times?
And, maybe, death! -- and so, the
Larger Life!

For, should the Pilot deem it best
To cut the voyage short,
He sees beyond the sky-line, and
He'll bring us into Port!

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Let us spend a moment in prayer.

Our Father,

Help us to realize that even though the way is narrow which leadeth unto life eternal, the grace of God is sufficient for all our needs. In this grace we are trusting. Bless each one who is tuned to this station today, and may they receive comfort and strength with a willingness to walk in the light and be of service in thy great harvest field, and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Let me leave this thought with you before we go.

Show me the way not to fortune and
fame,
Not how to win laurels or praise for
my name--
But show me the way to spread "The
Great Story"
That "Thine is The Kingdom and Power
and Glory."

*Take time
to be holy*

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. And now
until we meet again next Sunday morn-
ing at 8:30, may God's richest bless-
ings be yours, and a very pleasant and
cheerful good-bye!

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Testimonies

From Arkansas: ". . . This leaves
me still saved and going on for my dear
Lord mid the strong temptations which
come our way. I can look around and
see the many afflictions of the dear
saints of God, and mine is just a small
one to compare with some of the other
saints. It just really does encourage
me to read the good testimonies through
the little Mission Trail and would like
for all the saints to remember my son
David who lives in Anaheim, California.
He has got his call to be examined for
the army. . .

"We really did enjoy Sister Edith
Cole's visit with us here at Grubbs.
Wish she could have stayed longer.
May God bless her in her work in Mexico,
and we sure miss Sister and Bro. Eck
too. May the dear Lord soon send them
back. . .

"Pray that I will get to attend some
of the campmeetings. I sure enjoy
them. We were blessed to have Sister
Ruth Murphey with us a few times.
So remember the saints here at Grubbs,
Arkansas." --Sister West

From Missouri: "Dear Bro. Willie,
Sis. Frances and family, Greetings
once again in the name of our Lord.
I'm thankful today for His love and
mercy to all of us. I wanted to write
and tell you how much I appreciated
the message in The Mission Trail for
the week of July 7th. It was so en-
couraging to me. It was right along the
line that I've been feeling a need of
lately. I've been so desiring to have
so much more of the love of God in my
heart. The little message was an in-
spiration to me. Jesus promised that
whatsoever we asked the Father in His
name, He would give it to us, so I'm
looking to the Lord to fill my need in
every way.

"The little poem, 'His Lamp Am I',
meant a lot to me, too. Especially
the part where it was talking about the
lamp not being seen, just the light. I
want to be that way so much. Just
manifesting the love of God toward
souls, without self being seen at all.
And truly His love will be the flame if
we let Him work the way He wants to.
Pray for me. I can feel the enemy
working against me, but I'm looking to
the Lord to help me and keep anything
the devil might bring against me out of
my heart. I want to shine for Him and
have more of His love within my heart.

"Even the prayer was encouraging
to me because I had asked the Lord that
very morning to help me not to look at
faults in other people, but to look to
myself and keep anything out of my
heart that shouldn't be there. I truly
want to shine for Him and let Him have
His way. --Lana Lasiter

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From Oklahoma: "Dear Brother,
I am glad to be saved and walking in
the light. I heard your program July
2nd. It was all I could ask for. It was
heard all over the Golden Rule Home.
Yours in his service." --Manly Jones

From Oklahoma: "Dear Bro. Willie, Sis. Frances and family, Greetings of love to you all in the dear name of our Saviour. I am sending in some names to send The Mission Trail to, with this small offering to help in any way it can. May each little paper bring a thought to a needy soul is my prayer. May God richly bless each one of you in this work.

"The Lord has been so good to me. He has healed me many times. To Him goes all praise and honor.

"Soon another campmeeting will be here at Monark. If it is the Lord's will, we will meet again there. Until then--With love," --Doris Bowers

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From Oklahoma: "Dear Bro. and Sister Murphey, Greeting you all once more in Jesus' dear name. I truly thank and praise the dear Lord for His goodness and mercy unto me. Oh, if it weren't for the Lord, what would I do? He is everything to me. Praise his holy name! I listen to the program every Sunday at 8:30. Oh, I sure enjoy hearing it, also the Mission Trail paper. May the dear Lord continually bless you in the work for him is my prayer. Enclosed is a little offering. I wish I could do more, but our God knows all about it. Please pray earnestly for me. I have heart trouble. Close with Christian love,"

--Sister Lillie Hood

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From Oklahoma: "Dear Brother Murphey and family, Today I am saved and rejoicing in the Lord who made heaven and earth and everything therein. . . . Our campmeeting here in Tulsa was a success. Some souls were encouraged, and a good many were saved. The Hoffman campmeeting was successful, although our hearts were sad to some extent about the passing of Bro. Bowman. We feel that our loss was

heaven's gain. I feel Bro. Bowman can sing, "Home, beautiful home, free from sorrow and care". Quite a number of children were saved in children's meeting.

"I enjoy the Mission Trail very much, also the broadcast. It is encouraging. I will be looking forward to listening to your broadcast at 8:30 Sunday morning." --Vera Mae Hawkins

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From Kansas: "Dear Bro. Willie & Sis. Frances, Greetings in Jesus' dear name. We are thankful to be up and about. We are still weak in our back and are limited in what or how much we can do, but thanks be to God, we are progressing every day, looking and expecting every day the Lord to do a complete work in our body. We want to be healed to the glory of God. . .

"Keep praying for us that we'll be able to perform our duty in both body and soul. May the Lord bless you dear ones. Love to all,"

--Ralph and Inez Beisly

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From Arkansas: "Dear Bro. and Sister Murphey and children, I'm sitting here alone in the wee morning hours. I have been up all night with my father. He is very ill, and my daughter also is very ill. My heart is so heavy tonight. I can't be with both of them, and they both need me. . . Please all of you ask God to help me. I am so alone and so burdened. I feel that you are all my dear friends and brothers and sisters in Christ.

"I can't get your program on my radio, and I enjoy the printed copy so much. I am sending it to a friend in a rest home here in Jacksonville. I'd like to send a little contribution to help but I can't make it this week. Maybe I'll have more work next week. May the good Lord bless you all and keep you safe. Sincerely," --Sibyl Delahunt

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND:

A large number is expected to attend the National Campmeeting at Monark Springs, Missouri (near Neosho) which begins today, Friday, July 21st. An invitation is extended to those interested in hearing spirit-filled messages, singing, and praying. God is not dead but a living reality! Come praying for full salvation and healing for your body.

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HELP NEEDED AT GUTHRIE

It has required considerable work and effort on the part of the Guthrie congregation and others to get the chapel with the new addition ready for the coming campmeeting which begins Friday, August 4th. Some work and cleaning up of grounds yet remains to be done. Those who can come and help following the Monark Springs meeting are requested to do so.

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DOVER, OKLAHOMA WORK DAY

Saturday, July 22, is work day in Dover, Oklahoma. Saints are planning to put in water, toilets, and showers, hoping to have it ready by campmeeting time, September 1st. If you are unable to come on the 22nd, your help on a later Saturday will be appreciated. For further information call Bro. Henry Caldwell, VA 8-4430, Dover, Okla.

The Pacoima, California campmeeting was well attended, and the presence of the Lord was felt in the services. We were happy to be in attendance in most of the services there. Quite a number came forward and knelt at the altar in prayer for spiritual help. Bro. and Sister Mart Samons with their family from Ohio were there, also a number from Oregon was present as well as many from parts of California. Some of the missionaries from Mexico were present, and in one service they told some of their experiences. More about this will be said on the broadcast next Sunday morning.

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On our return from California we were pleased to be in two services with Bro. Ed and Sis. Addie McEndree in Lamar, Colorado.

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Bro. Louis Williams of Wichita and Bro. Warren of Okmulgee attended the Akron, Ohio meeting, which is reported to have been good.

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HOLD ON

Hold on to your faith, my brother
Life's race will soon be won,
No matter what others may do or say
Hold on - hold on - hold on.

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