



# 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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## "Be Still, and Know that I am God"

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. . . A pleasant good morning to all the listeners of radio station KOMA. I am certainly happy to be bringing you another gospel message over this station. If you enjoy our broadcast from week to week, we would appreciate your taking the time to write us a few lines and let us know you are praying with us. Address your letter to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. This is Willie Murphey speaking to you. Listen to this poem entitled:

### MY BIBLE AND I

I have a companion of infinite worth;  
We travel together through this dreary earth.  
From pilgrimage here to a home in the sky.  
We're traveling together, my Bible and I.

I have a companion, a wonderful guide!  
A solace and comfort whatever betide;  
A friend never failing when others pass by--  
Oh, blessed communion--my Bible and I!

I have a companion, 'tis God's Holy Word,  
Revealing from heaven the mind of my Lord;  
My rock and my refuge when danger is nigh--  
We've blessings eternal, my Bible and I.

I have a companion, a heavenly light,  
A pillar by day and a fire by night;  
A lamp from the cradle until I shall die--  
What blessed communion--my Bible and I!

I have a companion, a dear faithful friend,  
A union of blessing that never shall end,  
Till Jesus returns with His saints from on high,  
We'll travel together, my Bible and I!

O light of my pathway! Thou lamp to my feet!  
O manna from heaven! So precious and sweet,  
With thee do I live, and with thee would I die,  
Forever and ever, my Bible and I!

I am glad for the Bible and the sound teachings which the truth of its pages reveal. I, for one, believe that it ought to be read in schools all over the nation, it ought to be kept handy in the home, it should be a guide for the life of everyone of us. Without it our nation is sure to lose its virtue and glory.

Listen now to the 10th verse of the 46th chapter of Psalms. "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth." Here are two more verses found in Psalm 4, verses 3 and 4. "But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call upon him. Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah." The central thought which I want to get to you is the fact that one must be still in order to recognize the greatness of God.

This is a little hard for many to do who live in such a fast age as our modern world is today. In speaking of the swiftness of our times, let me remind you that passengers are carried regularly from Oklahoma City to Los



Angeles by jet airliners in very little more than two hours. That's quite a bit faster than our parents used to travel when they used the old horse and buggy. Yes, it's quite a different age in which we are living.

For many it is a rush from the moment they hear the alarm clock in the morning until they finally drop off to sleep again at night after having spent some sixteen or eighteen hours on a busy schedule. We are living in a "sandwich age".

Even though many homes have the Bible on the shelves of their library, how seldom is the dust wiped off it, and its pages read with care as they seek to know the answer to the problems which are so perplexing in our day.

Instead of Bible reading and prayer at the close of the day, many of those who are careless and indifferent spend their time after work hours reading some worthless novel or attending some worldly entertainment such as the movie theater or the ball game and seldom really finding the time to "be still" and let God speak to them.

I am thinking also how often so many spend many, many hours watching worthless entertainment on the T. V. sets. How many ideas and thoughts are, no doubt, instilled into the young people of our day because they see it displayed on the screens. They chase the bubbles of life which are soon broken and vanish from their reach.

Let me read you a part of this verse again. It says, "Be still and know that I am God." No wonder people never find God. You must give Him an opportunity to speak to you if you would know his will.

In Romans 12:2 we read, "And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Friends, let me ask you this question. Are you willing and ready for God to speak to you? Let me read from I Samuel, 3rd chapter and beginning with verse 1 about the time when God spoke unto Samuel who was just a lad in the days of Eli the priest. "And the child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision. And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see; And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep: That the Lord called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I."

Friends, let me tell you, as the word of God was precious in those days, even so is it precious in our day. Especially so since so many times those who profess to speak the word of God practice a different doctrine than what the Bible teaches, but back to the thought here.

You see the Lord was talking to Samuel, but he thought it was Eli who had called for him. So for three times Samuel arose and went to Eli, and each time he was sent back after Eli told him that he had not called for him. However, Eli did realize that perhaps God was speaking to his young heart, and he instructed him what to say. Then we notice in verse 10 that "Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth."



The great need of our time is that God may find ears which are willing and ready to listen for his voice when he speaks. Then he needs hands to perform the tasks which yet await the duty of God's people. He needs minds which are sharp and active to think clearly and to understand the deep things of God. He needs feet which are willing and ready to go at his command to carry his word into the regions beyond. Of course, this can only be done when those at home also hear the voice of God and share in a material and financial way to spread the gospel.

We need to slow down and get still before the Lord. Restless souls will only find satisfaction and contentment when they find rest in God. Too many are in a state of turmoil and have insufficient time to listen to God's still small voice.

If all of those who profess to know God were in perfect tune and harmony with his will, don't you believe that we would be quicker to rush to the rescue of those who are not enjoying the blessings of the gospel? Let us pray.

Our Father,

Bless the words which have been spoken today to each one who listens to the broadcast. May they fall into good ground where they will germinate and bring forth fruit which will be a blessing to many, and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Let me leave these few words with you now.

"Why didn't you tell us sooner?"

The words came sad and low;

"O ye who knew the gospel truths,

Why didn't you let us know?

The Saviour died for those who sin,  
He died to save from woe;  
But we never heard the story,  
Why didn't you let us know?

"You have had the gospel message,  
You have known a Saviour's love;  
Your dear ones passed from Christian homes,  
To the blessed land above.  
Why did you let our fathers die,  
And into the silence go?  
With no thought of Christ to comfort,  
Why didn't you let us know?"

That is something to think about, isn't it, friends? Let us be up and doing for our Lord while it is yet day before the night cometh when no man can work. Here is a song now, "Do You Think to Pray?" as sung by Manuel and Marie Mitchell and Sherlene Mitchell and Cynthia LaCroix.

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 simply sending us your request. Now until next Sunday morning at 8:30 this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be yours and a very cheerful good-bye!

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### SPECIAL REQUEST

Special prayer is requested for Sister Lillie Miller of Bogalusa, Louisiana. She has been a saint for many years but is now sorely afflicted. She has severe pain in her head, and her eyesight is seriously impaired. Sis. Miller is 73 years old and greatly needs some sister to come and live with her and help care for her, as well as, pray with her in this time of affliction. Anyone who can help, contact Sister Dora Doolittle, 807 S. Olive, Hammond, La. 70401.



*" . . . we will remember the name of the Lord our God "*

From Missouri: "Bro. Murphey and family, We greet you in the altogether lovely name of Jesus. All here are doing pretty good. We finally got settled down--at least enough to get by. We are trying to get adjusted to everything here. Still looking for work--I am looking to the Lord for assistance in every way. We enjoyed the meeting at Guthrie, what we got to attend anyway. . . Sister Carver will be really missed by all. She was certainly a pillar in the church. Well, we will close for now. Write when you can. . . Christian love,"

--Willard and Helen Underdown  
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From Arkansas: "Dear Friends and workers at Mission Trail, Hope everyone is fine. As for me, I still need help for my body, but I'm praying and trusting God, so continue to pray with me. I'm enjoying Mission Trail very much, and when I finish with it, I send it to my daughter. . . My prayer is that God's blessings will be yours day by day as you devote your life to his service. Sincerely, A sister in Christ,"

--Belva L. Howard

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From Illinois: ". . . Remember me in prayer. I have been having trouble with my heart, and I know God is able and I am fully trusting him. . . I do love Jesus and am going to make Heaven my home--the way is strait and narrow, but Jesus is able to keep us. Praise his dear name. Don't forget to pray for my unsaved loved ones. . ."

--Sister Bertha A. Gill

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From Oklahoma: ". . . The Lord is good to us. He is our Saviour, sanctifier, healer, comforter, and keeper. Praise his dear name for ever. Christian love,"

--Emma L. Dilley

From Pennsylvania: ". . . Jesus will come one of these days soon, and we won't be able to work any more, so we must work now. . ."

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From Missouri: ". . . I don't get to be in meeting much, but I do want to live for dear Lord and do his will. I trust him for all my help. He healed me so many times. Praise his dear name. Pray for me and my loved ones . . ."

--Myrtle Niswonger

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From Ark.: "Bro. Willie Murphey and family, Greetings in Jesus' great and precious name. I enjoy reading The Mission Trail, but I cannot find your message on my radio. I wish I could hear it. I just want to tell you that the Lord God of all truth and love is so very good to me. It is lonely here since my dear husband is gone, but thank God he is blessing my heart with his word of promise. He has touched my body and gives me strength and courage to be true to him. I praise him for he is worthy. . . Your sister in Christian love,"

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From Kansas: ". . . Dear Bro. & Sis. Murphey, I am thanking the Lord today for his many blessings to me and most of all for salvation. I am truly saved, sanctified and satisfied with the truth and God's way. I still marvel and give thanks to God often for the wonderful peace he gives me within. While the devil roars and the storms roll, the Lord keeps us at peace and trusting in him. I see greater depths and higher heights that I need to reach and by the grace of God I am truly determined to press on and attain them. . . . May God continue to bless each one of your family is my prayer."

--Shirley Knight



## "Tied Down"

"They tie you down", a woman said,  
Whose cheeks should have been flaming  
red

With shame to speak of children so.  
"When babies come you cannot go  
In search of pleasure with your friends,  
And all your happy wandering ends.  
The things you like you cannot do,  
For babies make a slave of you."

I looked at her and said: "'Tis true  
That children make a slave of you,  
And tie you down with many a knot,  
But have you never thought to what  
It is to happiness newly found  
That little babies have you bound?  
Do you not miss the greater joys  
That come with little girls and boys?"

"They tie you down to laughter rare,  
To hours of smiles and hours of care,  
To nights of watching and to fears;  
Sometimes they tie you down to tears  
And then repay you with a smile,  
And make your trouble all worth while.  
They tie you fast to chubby feet,  
And cheeks of pink and kisses sweet.

"They fasten you with cords of love  
To God divine, who reigns above.  
They tie you, whereso'er you roam,  
Unto the little place called home;  
And over sea or railroad track  
They tug at you to bring you back.  
The happiest people in the town  
Are those the babies have tied down."

"But speak thou the things which be-  
come sound doctrine: That the aged  
men be sober, grave, temperate, sound  
in faith, in charity, in patience. The  
aged women likewise, that they be in  
behaviour as becometh holiness, not  
false accusers, not given to much wine,  
teachers of good things; That they may  
teach the young women to be sober, to

love their husbands, to love their  
children, To be discreet, chaste,  
keepers at home, good, obedient to  
their own husbands, that the word of  
God be not blasphemed. Young men  
likewise exhort to be sober minded.  
In all things shewing thyself a pattern  
of good works: in doctrine shewing un-  
corruptness, gravity, sincerity, Sound  
speech, that cannot be condemned; that  
he that is of the contrary part may be  
ashamed, having no evil thing to say  
of you." Titus 2:1-8

### MOTHERS OF AMERICA

Mothers of America, hearts aching,  
Come to your knees in prayer  
For son, for neighbors' sons  
For the dear boys that face each other  
there.

Mothers, place your hands in God's  
hand.

And plead and cry and intercede  
For our boys are bleeding, dying,  
Unprepared our Saviour to meet.

Oh! Mothers, how can you have bridge  
games

And be so unconcerned,  
While son is fighting, dying,  
Away from home and friends?

Mothers of America, awaken  
To your duty and privilege of prayer,  
And come before God in prayer, sup-  
plication,  
For our boys and men over there.

Mothers of America, come together,  
Not to play bridge and have fun;  
But to plead and pray for our dear boys  
That the will of God in them be done.

Mothers of America, awaken  
To the wonderful privilege of prayer  
That we on our knees may intercede  
Our God to save our boys over there.

## AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND:

We would like to remind those in the Jena, Louisiana area that The Mission Trail will be heard over KCKW at 7:30 a. m. each Sunday beginning Sept. 3rd.

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It was good to be back in services in Anthony, Kansas last Sunday after quite a lengthy absence during the summer months. We were also in meeting with the Enid saints Sunday night. Our appointment in Anthony is for the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

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Earnest prayer is requested for Sister E. J. Freeman of Mississippi and Sis. Mable Doolittle of California.

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It was a real inspiration to see Bro. & Sis. W. W. Crawley at the Boley meeting last Friday night Bro. Crawley is 92 and has preached the gospel for many years. Congratulations to both of them on their 68th wedding anniversary, Saturday, August 26th. Their address is: Route 4, Box 104, Okemah, Oklahoma 74859.

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". . . pray that God will heal my body of kidney trouble and gall bladder trouble." --Sister Ben Harrison

From Oregon: ". . . I am so happy I am His child and for His many blessings. . . I know quite a few of the old workers, but they are going to their reward and the younger folks must take their place. I have been to a number of meetings in Guthrie and Oklahoma City. . . I get homesick to be with the saints. . . Please pray for me when you think of me." --Sis. O. K. Myers

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From Missouri: "Oh, I am so glad I was raised by godly parents and accepted God as my personal Saviour young in life. Frances, of all the young people we have known in the past, so many have gone back on God. It makes me sad. But it is something we each one have to do for ourselves. . . Love,

--Pauline Lowe

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"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." Heb. 13:20, 21

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