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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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The Second Mile

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. . . A cheerful greeting to all the listeners of this radio station. We are glad to be coming your way once again with a message of hope and cheer. We hope that each of you are well and happy today in the service of the Lord. But if the Lord is allowing you to go through trials, we hope that you will find His grace sufficient for your needs. If we may be of any help to you, you may write us by addressing your letter to: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. This is Willie Murphey speaking.

On the last broadcast I spoke about the trials of Job and how the Lord permitted Satan to put him in the fiery furnace and take his possessions away from him. It is my desire to continue the study of Job's life. But first let us begin by reading a text from Matthew 5 and verse 41. "And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain."

Now we realize that God is not going to compel us to walk with him, and this is not the meaning of this verse. But on the other hand, I do believe that we should make a firm decision on our part to walk with God through sunshine or shadow, through storm or through calm. Therefore, I would like to call the text of this message, "The Second Mile".

In the book of Proverbs, chapter 24 and verse 10 we read these words, "If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small." So you see, the Lord wants to give us greater strength, and this is the way we get it--by trying of our faith.

But let me give you another example. When the Apostle Paul had sought the Lord three times to be delivered from the thorn which he had in the flesh, the messenger of Satan which was to buffet him, he received this answer from the Lord, in II Corinthians, chapter 12 and verse 9, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is

made perfect in weakness." Then Paul went on to say, "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."

One more illustration now before we turn once again to the life of Job. In Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, faithful Christian saw an example in the house of the interpreter that made a lasting impression upon him. But let me give it to you in Bunyan's own words.

"Then I saw in my dream, that the Interpreter took Christian by the hand and led him into a place where was a fire burning against a wall, and one standing by always casting much water upon it, to quench it; yet did the fire burn higher and hotter.

"Then said Christian, 'What means this?'

"The Interpreter answered, 'This fire is the work of grace that is wrought in the heart: he that casts water upon it to extinguish and put it out is the devil; but, in that thou seest the fire notwithstanding burn higher and hotter, thou shalt also see the reason of that.' So then he had him about to the other side of the wall, where he saw a man with a vessel of oil in his hand, of the which he did also continually cast, but secretly, into the fire.

"Then said Christian, 'What means this?'

"The Interpreter answered, 'This is Christ, who continually, with the oil of His grace, maintains the work already begun in the heart; by the means of which, notwithstanding what the devil can do, the souls of His people prove gracious still. And in that thou sawest that the man stood behind the wall to maintain the fire; this is to teach thee, that it is hard for the tempted to see how this work of grace is maintained in the soul.' "

I like that, don't you? We are made to see that God has grace for us as we pass through the trials. But let us consider further the man Job and the afflictions which were sent his way.

After his possessions were taken away here in the 22nd verse of the 1st

chapter of Job, I quote, "In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly." So Satan began immediately to seek further inroads into Job's life. Now that was as far as God had given him permission to go. The hedge which God had about Job prevented Satan from afflicting him further.

Listen to the conversation then as Satan once again came into the presence of the Lord. I quote from chapter 2, starting with verse 4. "And Satan answered the Lord, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

"And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life. So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.

"Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die. But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips."

Here then was the second mile in Job's life. First his possessions were taken away, next God allowed Satan to afflict his body. He was smitten with sore boils from the sole of his feet to the crown of his head. Then to add to his affliction his wife threw this tantalizing statement at him. She said, "Do you still trust God? curse God and die." But here he made that long-to-be remembered statement, "Thou speakest

as one of the foolish women."

Surely it is foolish for us to accuse God and reject him merely because we faint in the day of our adversities. Instead we should open our hands and hearts wide even in the time of affliction that we may receive the blessings which God has for us. Listen to this poem entitled:

TREASURES

One by one He took them from me,
All the things I valued most;
Until I was empty handed,
Every glittering toy was lost.

And I walked earth's highways grieving,
In my rags and poverty
Till I heard his voice inviting,
"Lift up your empty hands to Me".

So I held my hands toward heaven
And He filled them with a store
Of His own transcendent riches
Till they could hold no more.

And at last I comprehended
With my stupid mind and dull
That God could not pour His riches
Into hauds already full.

Let us pray.

Our Father,

Bless the words of the message today. For that one who is being tried, we pray that their faith may not fail. Strengthen them, bless them, and keep them through thy marvelous grace, and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Saviour. Amen

Here is another thought I would like to leave with you, found in verse 10 of Isaiah, chapter 48. "Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have

chosen thee in the furnace of affliction." Remember, friends, for your faith to be tried is no sign that God has left you. He is merely attempting to refine in your life the best things of God. May your faith be strong in him.

If we may be of any help to you, write us a letter. Let us join with you in prayer that God will help you both in soul and body. Address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Listen now to this song entitled, "He Is Walking by my Side", as sung by Lynn Carver, Alma Carver, Arnett Carver and Genevieve Carver.

This message has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If you would like a printed copy free of charge, write us and let us send you one without cost or obligation to you. And now until next Sunday this is Willie Murphey saying may the Lord's richest blessings rest and abide with each of you until we meet again. A pleasant good-bye!

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From New Mexico: "Dear Bro. and Sister Murphey, Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I want to say thank you so much for the little paper. I enjoy it as well as all the encouragement I get to keep pressing on for the blessed Lord. I am much encouraged to do God's will. . . God bless you in all you are doing for Jesus. Christian love,"

--Ruth Doolittle

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From California: "Dear Willie and Frances, . . . The Lord has been blessing me. My burdens have been heavy, but I'm sure looking to the Lord to work them out. I thank the Lord so many times for being taught like I was and knowing how to take my burdens to Him. . . With Christian love,"--Hazel Savage

Testimonies

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God in him will I trust."

From Missouri: ". . . Greetings of love in Jesus. I was glad to hear from you and get good letter. I enjoy the little paper every week. I read and send it or give it to others to read. I thank you all for your prayers. . . I'm feeling better for which I give the dear Lord all the praise. He is so good to us all the time. . . May the Lord bless you all in every way. With Christian love,"

--Myrtle Niswonger

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From California: "Dear Saints, Greetings to all of you. I have just gotten home from a week-end in Phoenix, Arizona where I visited my son's family. My daughter-in-law is very ill, and I desire your prayers for her. . . It saddened me to read of Eldon Wilson's passing away. . . My prayers are for you and the work there. . ."

--Edna Murry

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From California: "Dear Bro. Willie and all, Greetings again in His most precious name. We are glad to report victory over the powers of the wicked one. We enjoy the Mission Trail and hope some day that we will be able to listen to the broadcast. We are sending you a little offering. May God bless all your efforts in the spread of the gospel. With lots of love,"

--Your Bro. and Sis. Huskey

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From California: "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33
"Bro. & Sis. Murphey. . .

Hope it cheers you a bit
And strengthens you, too,
To know there are friends
Who are praying for you!"

--Sister Geneva Norling

From Arkansas: "Dear Brother Murphey and family, Greetings to you in Jesus' name. I love Him so, and I can't begin to tell you the joy and peace I have in my heart and the blessings I get every day from the Lord. . .

"I feel so good in body--never felt better as long as I sit or lie down. When I get up, I get shaky. I am looking to the Lord to feel better. I do give Him all the praise. . . I have a special unspoken request for prayer. God knows all about it, and I'm looking to Him for the answer. . . Be sure and keep my paper coming. I read the testimonies first. They bless my soul. Your sister in Christ,"

--Ruth Scalf

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From Kansas: "Dear Frances and Willie, Greetings once again in the precious name of Jesus. I'm so glad that God loved me so much that He stopped me in my sin when I was young and caused me to give my heart to God. What a merciful God we serve! I've often told myself that I wished when I was younger I would have lived a deep sincere life for God that He could have used me for one of His missionaries. . . My mother lived such a good life and very little did she get to go to church. God knows just how to work with us and what it takes to cause us to dig for that deep well water. . .

"I'm so glad to get The Mission Trail, but I am praying that God will open the way and choose the station or stations for you. He never makes a mistake. I'm sure when He chooses the stations, He'll supply the means. . . Remember us in prayer. . . With Christian love,"

--Mamie Norcutt

From Minnesota: "Dear Bro. Willie Murphey, Greetings of love in Jesus' Holy and precious name. . . I often times wonder why I don't hear a message on the sincere milk of the word such as John 14:5-7. St. Luke 18:13-- this verse shows how to be saved, and after we have asked God to be merciful unto me a sinner, He will do just that if we put away all sinful things that stand between us and God or all that we know about. We all make mistakes, but they are not counted as sins. My conception of sin is a willful transgression of God's word. We all know that it is written that thou shalt not steal. If we do that, that for one thing is a willful transgression of God's word. I have looked everywhere for tracts on the sincere milk of the word that I might give them out to sinners and professing Christians that they might know the way. We know the way, but many do not know the way to get to heaven. When I go to campmeetings and hear God's word go forth, I get much food for my soul, but how about the unsaved? They don't understand unless the simple milk of the word is given to them. I thank you for The Mission Trail paper and for the food that it contains. It is a blessing for us all. I could write more, but this will have to do for this time. God bless and keep you all in the center of His will. Praise the Lord God almighty! With much Christian love," --Bro. Andrew Senti

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From California: "Dear Bro. and Sister Murphey, . . . I am praying for you and your work of labor. I trust God will continue to bless and prosper you in soul and body for the good work that you are doing. I am thankful to be saved and doing what I can to get the truth to poor fallen humanity. Pray for me as I need your prayers. . ."

--Your Sister Melissa Greer

From Kentucky: "Dear Bro. Willie, Sis. Frances and family, Greetings from Kentucky. We finally made it. We got moved Saturday night the last load. It was quite a job, but the Lord was so good to comfort our hearts. Mart was using the gospel truck to move in since it was here, and he was going back after the last load Friday afternoon. He was on the north side of Lexington, Ky., and the motor blew up and threw the rod right through the motor. It didn't give him any warning at all. Bro. Wilson from here went and pulled him back down here. So the next day they got a pickup truck and trailer and went after the rest of the furniture. They got in about midnight Saturday night.

"Bro. Louis Morgan and Sis. Sue came down Friday night about thirty minutes after I got here. . . Lord willing, they are planning on moving down here in about three weeks. We are so happy about it. I know they will be a real blessing to the work here.

"Mart and the brethren are working on the meeting house today. It's in very bad shape. They didn't buy it but leased it for five years. Bro. Harris wants to get it ready for meeting by Sunday. . . The folks here seem to be real happy about our moving here. We do trust we will prove a real blessing to them. Pray much for us. . ."

--Bro. and Sister Mart Samons, General Delivery, Junction City, Kentucky. Telephone (606) 854-3811.

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True wisdom is in leaning
 On Jesus Christ, our Lord;
 True wisdom is in trusting
 His own life-given word;
 True wisdom is in living
 Near Jesus every day;
 True wisdom is in walking
 Where He shall lead the way.

--Selected by Florence Squire

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND:

From Missouri: ". . . We do wish we could get the radio program. We have gotten Shreveport, so will try that station Sunday, Lord willing. Bro. Curtis Williams is at Grubbs (Ark.). Leslie and Eula drove down for the service last night. . . I'm sure your family has enjoyable times together in printing and sending out the paper. . . May the Lord bless your labors of love and keep the good work going."

--Evodna Marler

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Special prayer is requested that God may give a healing touch to Sister Ruby Stover and also Sister Marie Miles. Both of them have spent many years laboring in God's service and now they need extra strength and healing for their bodies.

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Bro. Ostis Wilson and his wife Evelyn from California are presently with the saints here in Guthrie in revival meeting. We trust God will richly bless.

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We yet have a few books containing past issues of the broadcast messages which we are offering free and postpaid to those who request them.

Third Station Added

". . . proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord. . ." Jeremiah 7:2

As the cool weather of autumn days approach, we expect reception of the radio broadcast to improve. A scripture in I Cor. 16:9 says, "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me. . . ." As Paul was ready and willing to take advantage of the open doors before him, even so, we should redeem the time by witnessing for Christ. A new door has recently been opened for the broadcast to be heard over radio station WFPR in Hammond, Louisiana. The broadcast time will be 7:45 Sunday morning, beginning October 29th. The radio dial setting is 1400 kcs. We hope that the singing and the word will prove a blessing to both saints and sinners in that area. The Jena, Louisiana station, KCKW, has been carrying the broadcast since September 3rd and continues to be heard each Sunday morning at 7:30. The dial setting is 1480 kcs. KCIJ of Shreveport, Louisiana is also carrying the message each Sunday morning at 7:30. The frequency is 980 kcs.

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