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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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Advancement Is Costly

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. . . A very cheerful good morning to all the listeners of this radio station. It is a real pleasure to be coming your way once again with a short gospel message. We hope you had a nice Thanksgiving. Indeed we do have much to be thankful for. However, we believe that the Lord's people are thankful every day of the year and not just on special days.

For the benefit of our new listeners I would like for you to know that we print these messages and mail them weekly. If you are not already getting them, be sure to send us your name and address and let us mail them to you. There is no cost or obligation on your part. Or if we may be of help to you, you may write us by addressing your letter to: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. This is Willie Murphey speaking.

Listen now to this scripture from I Peter 5:6. It says, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time."

Many of you, no doubt, are familiar with that verse. Perhaps you have read it and heard it read many times. So have I. We so often think that when we humble ourselves, God is going to exalt us, but there is more to it than that. Did you notice that the verse ended by saying, "that he may exalt you in due time"? Now in due time means in God's time. In other words, when He is ready He will cause one to advance at the proper time, but the price of advancement is costly.

You see, the life of a Christian is one of constant growth and advancement. We cannot stand still. To do so means that we would die a spiritual death. Therefore, we must continually humble ourselves in the mighty hand of God if we would make spiritual gain and

advancement. A building must be started from the ground up. Humility is unpretended and modest. He who possesses true humility does not think too highly of himself. Humility is the opposite of pride and arrogance. If you are going to be proud and haughty, then it is a sure thing that God cannot use you.

Listen to this scripture from Luke, chapter 14 and beginning with verse 7. "And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them, When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him; And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place;

and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room.

"But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

You see, it would have been much better if this particular man had taken a lower seat and then the host could have invited him to a higher position in due time. But one must voluntarily take a lower place. This is not an easy and pleasant process.

Take for example the life of Moses. Moses was adopted the grandson of the king. He was educated in all the wisdom and knowledge of the Egyptians. The possibility of advancement was before him, nevertheless, he made his choice and that was to suffer afflictions with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Even after Moses made his choice his own people misunderstood him. He tried to help and only brought confusion. He was disappointed and yet his duty was to humble himself in the sight of God. This he did even though it took 40 years of schooling in the wilderness for him. God will not exalt one until he is able to stand the advancement. Think what a high and a great calling Moses had to stand before the king of Egypt and pronounce the judgments of God against him and his people. God honored Moses because he humbled himself and submitted to His will.

Yes, my friend, if we would advance, here is a prerequisite which we must

not overlook. Listen to this verse from Philippians 2:3. "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." I believe that the reason more people do not advance is because they have not truly humbled themselves before God. It is then that we realize that God alone can do for us that which we cannot do for ourselves. It is then that we can give him the glory which is due to God alone.

Does your burden seem too heavy to bear? Does the care and toil of life seem to press you down? Humble yourself in God's sight. He has promised to exalt you in due time. Listen to this poem which says:

OUR BURDEN, GOD'S GIFT

The burden is God's gift,
And it will make thee calm and strong,
Yet, lest it press too heavily and long,
He says, "Cast it on me,
And it shall easy be."

And those who heed this voice
And seek to give it back a trustful prayer,
Have quiet hearts that never can despair,
And hope lights up the way
Upon the darkest day.

Take thou thy burden thus
Into thy hands and lay it at His feet
And whether it be sorrow or defeat
Or pain or sin or care,
Leave it calmly there.

It is the lonely load
That crushes out the light of Heaven;
But borne with him, the soul, forgiven
Sings out through all the days
Her joy and God's high praise.

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I believe as the trials of life become greater we should become more humble

in the hands of God. I would like to share with you a letter from Arkansas. Kathleen will read this for you.

"Dear ones at Mission Trail, May God richly bless all of you today. It is with eyes blinded by tears that I write you this letter to say that I've just now read Bro. Willie's message of Nov. 10. To me this is the best issue I have received of Mission Trail. The letter from Sister Olive McFarling and the poems were a blessing to my soul. May God richly bless her. I know hundreds were blessed by this message and this letter read over radio.

"There is so much trouble and heartache in the world today, and some need our prayers who do not know how to trust God. We know, if we trust Him and pray, He will change things. So let us who know the love of God join in prayer that God will send a great revival, that saints will be drawn closer to God, and that souls will be saved. This is my daily prayer. . . Thank you, too, for praying for my body--I'm holding on to the Lord for his help. I have been healed many times before, and I know God is able to heal. Please continue to pray.

"May God continue to guide you. Sincerely, A sister in Christ, Belva Howard."

Thank you, Sister Howard, We trust that God will continue to give you victory in all of your trials. Let us spend a moment in prayer.

Our Father,

We are well aware that the troubles of life and trials which surround us on every hand would press us down and would be more than we could well bear without the sustaining grace of God.

May they only serve to give us more humility as we endeavor to advance the cause of Christ throughout the world, and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Listen now to this song, "The Upper Window". The singers are Bobby and Dorral Forbes.

To those of you who are hearing this broadcast over radio station WFPR in Hammond, Louisiana, I would like to tell you that today is the last Sunday of the assembly meeting right there in Hammond, Louisiana. If you have not been attending the services there, why don't you get ready and go over there today and enjoy a real spiritual feast with the people of God. If you are not familiar with the location, you can call the pastor there, Bro. T. H. Coffey, and he would be glad to tell you how to find the location. Get ready and go over there and enjoy yourself today with the people of God.

Now until next Sunday at this same time, this same station, this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be yours, and a very pleasant good-bye!

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From Illinois: "Dear Bro. Murphey and family, Greetings in Jesus' name. I guess this will be a surprise to you as I do not write much, although I still love God and live for him the best I know. He has been teaching me some good lessons that I need to know, and it is a joy to live and learn from the hand of God. It is wonderful how He cares for his children, praise his name! . . . There is a little hope that I might be able to attend part of the assembly meeting at Guthrie this year. If the Lord opens the way I am sure it will be a blessing. . . ." --Albert Green

Testimonies

From Ohio: "Dear Bro. Murphey, Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. We are indeed thankful today to still be saved and very much encouraged to press the battle on. We are getting some wonderful truths through your printed paper, The Mission Trail. We trust someday you will be able to broadcast over a station which we can pick up on a regular radio. . . Yours for the sake of the gospel,"

--Bro. & Sis. Theophilus Jones Jr.

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From California: "I pray God to give you more strength, more power and wisdom from God and the Holy Spirit for each sermon week by week. Thanks for The Mission Trail. . ."

--Rebecca Robertson

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From Oregon: ". . . We had a good meeting in Jefferson. Bro. Huskey and Sis. Greer were the only outside ministers besides Bro. Harmon and Sister Spaur. The attendance was good, and we had a nice crowd. Tomorrow is Thanksgiving, which has dropped a long, long way from the real purpose of thanksgiving many many years ago. The pilgrims within their hearts were thankful for all that God had bestowed upon them--the food, health, and most of all, the survival in a new country, knowing many didn't make it. Today. . . many are not thankful to God, while some believe God is dead, and some are not thankful for what they do have, only give me, give me, just more and more, still they are not thankful. There are many who are thankful for what God is, and for all the blessings He does bestow upon us--for health, for strength, for prosperity, but we who really know God are thankful for the gift of salvation. Praise the Lord. . ."

--Steve and Margaret Cable

From Missouri: "Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord, Greetings once more to you all in Jesus' dear name. Surely He has been real precious to our hearts. I surely do praise Him for all He has done for us. This morning finds us pressing on to glory. I was talking to a lady this morning, and she mentioned about someone having a hard time while growing up. I said, 'Yes, but those hard times. . . make good people.' I believe that still holds true for the saints of God today.

"We can look back at the Israelites. When they were going through the wilderness (the hard times), they were close to God, and God warned them to take heed lest when they got into the Canaan land with everything they could ever hope for given to them, they would forget God. And what did they do? They forgot God. People are the very same way today. May God help us to depend upon Him and call upon Him in the time of prosperity, because there is another day coming when things might not be so well. I'm thinking of spiritual things. The devil is working hard. May we always be on our guard. . ."

"I have been much concerned about the spiritual condition of the people in this community. We still desire to have a meeting here if it be the Lord's will. So do pray much about that. I believe there are precious souls here that are honest-hearted. We need the Lord to direct us to the place to hold it, the time, and send the ministers of His choosing. . . Yours for the cause of Christ,"

--Don McIntosh

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From California: ". . . It has been some time since you folks were here, and I am some older, 88 yrs., 8 months yesterday and every day a day older and a day nearer my eternal home if I hold out faithful to the end, and that is my decision. . ."

--Emma Luehring

at press time

we understand:

If you have not yet returned the coupon which we mailed out last week, be sure to do so at your earliest convenience if you would like to remain on our mailing list for 1968. There is no charge. We endeavor to make the gospel free as God provides the means. Your interest is much appreciated.

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From Louisiana: ". . . The meeting is sure going along fine--very little altar work, but a lot of good straight forward preaching which is what we are needing more of. We are now more responsible than we once were. . ."

--Byron Pruitt

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Sister Martha Moore of Route 2, Bristow, Oklahoma who is a daughter of Bro. Wheeler who recently died, had the misfortune to break her ankle, and Martha is now in a cast up to her hip. She loves the Lord, and the prayers of the saints are requested for her. She would, no doubt, appreciate a letter of encouragement as she recovers in bed or in the wheelchair.

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From Oklahoma: ". . . I want to go where He wants me to go and say only what He wants me to say. I want more of the love of God in my heart because I was lost, oh, so lost and unhappy, sometimes hungry and sometimes cold, but now He supplies all our needs. . . I am on the upward way. . ."

--Sister Leonard Roberts

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The Guthrie assembly meeting begins December 22.

From Missouri: ". . . I have a special urgent request for prayer. I want all of you dear saints to be earnestly agreed that the good Lord will answer prayer according to His will. . ."

--Lottie Hilton

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From Oklahoma: "I'm still enjoying salvation and still in the battle fighting against affliction. I intended writing you sooner, but I took another attack--heart-chest bleeding and vomiting and so sick, Nov. 2 and have been very weak and sick since. . . My trust is in Him and Him only. Christian love, "

--Nellie Poulos

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From California: ". . . The Lord is blessing us here in the home. Sister Stone is quite well for her age. Sister Atha isn't very well. The Lord is blessing me both soul and body. . . Christian love, "

--Murtice Hurst

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Sister Anne Severs writes that she has a new grandson, Jeffrey Lee French born Oct. 10. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry French, 234 E. 17th, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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From Arkansas: ". . . We are enjoying the Mission Trail. I read today the Nov. 3 issue, 'Christ our Deliverer'. It's amazing how a group of about 45 10th and 11th graders will listen. You can hear a pin fall. I do pray the Lord can wedge His love into the life of a hungry child by my weak efforts. . . to be a wee bit for Christ's cause brings joy to my heart. . ."

--Lou Bray



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For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

Broadcast Schedule

Listen for THE MISSION TRAIL weekly on one of the following radio stations:

RADIO STATION	LOCATION	DIAL SETTING	TIME
WFPR	Hammond, La.	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a.m.
KCKW	Jena, La.	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
KCIJ	Shreveport, La.	980 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.

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