



# 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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## Self-Examination

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... and a cheerful greeting to each and every listener of THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast. We are happy to be coming your way with a short message from the word of God. I feel that the people of our day need the word of God and we need it very greatly. We should build our lives around it from day to day. Without it life doesn't have the meaning that it should. And yet with it we become heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

In the 13th chapter of II Cor. and in verses 5 and 6 we find these words, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates." Now friends, there is a lot of religion in the world but there is only one true religion. Many folks have professions of Christianity but how few really know the depths of full salvation. So now I am going to talk about examination—self examination if you don't mind. You know it is a good thing to find out what you have, whether that be a financial investment or a spiritual asset. Some folks accept religion about like 'buying a pig in the poke'. Did you ever hear that expression, 'buying a pig in a poke'? I suppose that 'poke' in this case means a sack. Now, of course, if you were in Louisiana you might call it a 'tow-sack'. At least that is what we used to call it when we were boys at home. Then if you should happen to be one of those a little further north you might call it a 'gunnysack'. But at any rate whether it is a gunnysack, a tow-sack,

or a poke, this 'buying a pig in a poke' symbolizes to me that one would be buying something which they haven't seen and really they don't know what they are getting.

Now, let me ask you this question. Are you willing to trust your soul of such great value upon a mere profession only? Are you accepting hearsay or some theologian's statement and risking a thing so important as your eternal soul without really knowing that you are indeed a child of God and have been created in his image and likeness. Think about that for a moment. But listen once again at the scripture. It says to "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves". In other words, this is a commandment and it is absolutely necessary to do this if you would know where you are standing. Otherwise you might be a reprobate or an out-cast.

Now preceding this scripture in the 11th chapter of I Cor. beginning with verse 28 we find these words, "But let a man examine himself, and so let



him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged." You know something? No one else is quite in the position to know just what is in your heart better than you know yourself. Anyway why should we leave the examination for some one else to do when we are commanded to examine ourselves?

Here is a couple of good verses in Psa. the 4th chapter 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 unto him. Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah." So we should examine our hearts with awe or in other words with a deep concern and respect for the truth. Then Psa. 77:6 says this, "I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search." Did you notice those words, "my spirit made diligent search"? I should think that would be a rather rigid examination, wouldn't you?

And then it might be well to invite the Lord to help us with this examination. Psa. 26:2 says, "Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart." Are you willing for the Lord to examine your heart or is there something you would want to hide from him? It seems to me that these next two verses would certainly be coming from one who was honest at heart, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in

me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psa. 139:23, 24

Now, if one should think he had salvation and didn't have it, that would be sad, wouldn't it? Do you suppose such a thing is possible? Listen to this verse from Gal. 6:3, "For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself."

In other words, within ourselves we are nothing, but through Christ we are indeed the children of God. And the next verse goes on to say, "But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another."

Let me give you a verse of poetry which would be a good motto for the day,

My heart is open, Lord, to thee,  
My life is in thy hand;  
Search me and try me as pure  
gold,  
For in thy presence I must stand.

Let us pray,

Our gracious father,

We invite thee to search our hearts and to know them. Bless each listener of the broadcast and may they diligently seek to know thy will and also the depths of their own hearts and to be found in Christ without spot and blameless and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Friends, after you have searched your heart and know for sure that you are not a reprobate but you are indeed God's child it is then that you are in a position to go forth with the gospel message. And may I remind you that there is a job for every one of us. Listen to this:

## Tidings

O Zion, haste, thy mission high  
fulfilling,  
To tell to all the world that God is  
Light,  
That He who made all nations is not  
willing  
One soul should perish, lost in shades  
of night.  
Publish glad tidings, Tidings of peace;  
Tidings of Jesus, Redemption and  
release.

Behold how many thousands still are  
lying  
Bound in the darksome prison-house  
of sin,  
With none to tell them of the Saviour's  
dying,  
Or of the life He died for them to win.

'Tis thine to save from peril of  
perdition  
The souls for whom the Lord His life  
laid down;  
Beware lest, slothful to fulfill thy  
mission,  
Thou lose one jewel that should deck  
His crown.

Proclaim to every people, tongue,  
and nation  
That God, in whom they live and  
move, is love:  
Tell how He stooped to save his lost  
creation,  
And died on earth that man might live  
above.

Give of thy sons to bear the message  
glorious;  
Give of thy wealth to speed them on  
their way;  
Pour out thy soul for them in prayer  
victorious;  
And all thou spendest Jesus will  
repay.

He comes again; O Zion, ere thou  
meet him,  
Make known to every heart His saving  
grace;  
Let none whom He hath ransomed fail  
to greet him,  
Through thy neglect, unfit to see His  
face.  
Publish glad tidings, Tidings of peace;  
Tidings of Jesus, Redemption and  
release.

Just a reminder now that this broad-  
cast is brought your way each week  
over this radio station by The Mission  
Trail of Guthrie, Okla. We are indeed  
grateful to God and to those who give  
of their means to make it possible for  
us to continue this work of faith. If  
we may be of any help to you in a spirit-  
ual way or if you would like to have a  
printed copy of the message you may  
have one without cost or obligation by  
simply writing The Mission Trail,  
Guthrie, Okla.

Here then is a song: "Come unto me".  
The singers: Bob and Dorral Forbes,  
Leslie Busbee, Waldo Eck, and Willie  
Murphey.

Friends, be with us again next week at  
this same time on this same station  
for another broadcast of The Mission  
Trail and will you pray for us and may  
the Lord richly bless each and every  
one of you. Now until we meet again  
this is Willie Murphey saying a very  
cheerful good-bye!

To make Christ known,  
Can gladder task employ one?  
To make Christ known,  
Can greater joy be found?  
To make Christ known,  
Where none have ever owned Him,  
To preach the blessed freedom  
To captives bound.



## Testimonies

From Arkansas: "I do enjoy the Mission Trail and desire prayer for soul, mind and body. The Lord has been good to me and I must be more thankful and desire to know God's will better. May the Lord ever bless your work for Him." --Mrs. J. C. Morris

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From Oklahoma: "This beautiful morning finds me happy in the Lord and encouraged in my soul to be up and doing for Jesus, for he has done so much for me. I owe everything to him. The Lord has blest us with a wonderful revival meeting which closed last night, March 16th. Almost every message was concerning the condition of our hearts. It has made me to search deep and I'm not through. I took the scriptures down and I intend to study them over and over for my own soul's benefit. Titus 2:3, 4, 5th verses has stirred my heart to try to be of help to our dear young mothers. I remember my mother made us, her 5 daughters, dresses to cover our knees and when we sit down we were told to take notice to pull our dresses down over our knees. We were taught strict modesty. God still wants it that way for surely the trend of the world is pulling hard today to destroy the purity and virtues of our precious little girls and boys. Oh, in deep love and tenderness I feel like warning our young mothers to teach those little daughters while you have the opportunity and bring them up in the way they should go. Prov. 22:6 Now, I have been kept very busy the past month, as the Lord has made a way for me to find a little home for me to move into, out of my little travel trailer house. I am so thankful for this little home where I can entertain the dear people of God, also my loved ones and friends. I truly thank

the Lord for each of your prayers in my behalf for I know and feel that this is a blessing from God to me. I also want to say I received so many lovely birthday cards for my birthday, Feb. 12th. Some sent gifts and I truly appreciated them every one. I have not answered all of them. It was such a job getting moved but I will as I can get to it. I do want to thank every one for their thoughtfulness of me. The Lord bless you every one is my humble prayer," --Sis. Evelyn Gibson

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From Michigan: "Greetings in the dear Lord and Savior. We hope and pray that all is well with you. Wife is not too well. We went down to our son's house last Sunday. The trip was very tiresome on wife. The round trip was 100 miles. Our son is in poor health . . . So pray that he will get saved and healed. . . Your bro. and sis. in the Lord,"

--Floyd and Esther Hines

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From Alabama: "Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord. This leaves me saved and trusting God for both soul and body. The Lord is so good to us all. I want to thank you all for your prayers for me. On Dec. 10th, 1967 my ankle begin to pain and swell. A boil rose and festered. This caused much pain. I suffered very much. When the pain would get so great it seemed I couldn't stand it any longer the Lord would give me ease. I thank Him for it. All this went on until April 1968 before it begin to heal. I had quite a bit of sugar in my blood. I couldn't eat but very little. Thank the Lord He healed me of the sugar. By the first of June my ankle was well. To God I give all the praise for I fully put my trust in Him. Keep praying for me and my unsaved loved ones."

--Sis. L. Cook



# at press time

we understand:

From Missouri: "Greetings of love to you. We trust all is well with you. We are encouraged in living for the Saviour and stirred to seek more diligently His will. He has been blessing us here in His service. It is precious how He comforts us in times of distress. . . We are happy with our new addition, Philip Glenn, another son. Sylvia and baby came home yesterday afternoon, Sunday. We are thankful for how God has blessed us. Surely He gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let us be encouraged to wait on the Lord that we can enjoy His blessings. Yours sincerely,"

--Bro. Leslie Busbee and family

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Pray that the Anthony, Kansas congregation may be able to obtain a suitable building lot for a new chapel. Getting the rezoning which was necessary to build on some of the sites which were selected has thus far been blocked.

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From Texas: "We send greetings to each of you. Trust you are prospering in both soul and body. We are so thankful for the mercies of the Lord to us. We are having services in Fort Worth each 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month and how we do enjoy being with the children of God. . . We still have to drive 40 miles to be in meeting but thankful it is that close. Pray with us the Lord will raise up a congregation in that place. Hope to have more definite news about the work at our next writing."

--Edith Wall

Congratulations to Maxine and Loren Vance Busbee of Edmond, Okla. on the birth of their daughter Monday, March 17th.

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The Lord richly blessed and anointed in the revival meeting in Guthrie last week. Brother Mart Samons brought some soul searching messages.

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Bro. and Sis. Ira D. Stover have returned to their home in Tulsa, Okla. after considerable time spent in California.

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From Missouri: "Greetings of Christian love to all. We are encouraged in the Lord today and happy to be so. He's been so good and faithful to us and we do appreciate His blessings. He's blessed us, not only spiritually, but also naturally and physically. He's encouraged our hearts, drawn us closer to Him, worked out many requests and needs we've had before Him, and kept us well. He's been so good to care for the baby and keeper from any sickness or cold. I feel we just can't thank Him enough because He deserves so much and we're too feeble in ourselves to express it the way He deserves. Our hearts surely do thank and praise Him though, with all the gratitude they're able to contain. We are writing at this time to inform you of our change of address beginning on March 21st. We are moving to Neosho on that date. . ."

--Don, Lana, and Lisa Johnson



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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 stations:

RADIO STATION	LOCATION	DIAL SETTING	TIME
KGGF	Coffeyville, Kansas	690 kc.	Sunday, 8:00 a. m.
KCKW	Jena, Louisiana	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a. m.
KCLO	Leavenworth, Kansas	1410 kc.	Sunday, 3:00 p. m.
WFPR	Hammond, Louisiana	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a. m.
KCIJ	Shreveport, Louisiana	980 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a. m.

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