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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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"Faith Without Works Is Dead"

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Good morning, friends. We are glad for the privilege of coming your way another time by means of radio. It is my sincere desire that the time you spend in listening to this short broadcast will be the means of drawing you nearer to the Lord and doing his will in your life. If there was ever a time that we needed the encouragement of one another it is today. There are many problems that we are called daily to face. Now there are some problems to which we do not know the answer. There are some questions we cannot answer. But I believe that faith will see us through day by day.

I am reminded of the illustration of the man who wanted to hire a pilot for the riverboat, so he asked the prospective applicants, "Do you know where all the hidden rocks, and the obstructions are in this river?" One of them said, "No, I don't, but I know where they aren't."

You see he didn't know where all the trouble spots were. Maybe he had never been into them. But he knew where the deep channel was which was free from snags, and bars, and other dangers to the boat. Friends, isn't this what we need today. It is not necessary to know by experience all the things which cause people trouble. We'll have enough experience as it is. You don't have to smoke a cigarette to understand and know that they are harmful. You don't have to take whiskey and beer into your system to see the evil effects of it. Neither do you have to take the drugs which are so wide spread today to know that this is not what you want. Leave this experimenting for those to do who make excuses

defending their use. Let those who say "It won't hurt you" be the ones to find out whether or not it hurts them.

There is one sure way to be in the clear, stay away from it.

Well, those things are just thrown in for good measure. I really didn't start out to make that the topic of this discussion. Listen to this scripture: "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." James 2:26 What I really want to talk to you about is the importance of doing the will of God and not just saying so only. This verse says that "faith without works is dead". Now, I hope no one gets the thought that they can by their good works earn a passport into heaven. You can't do that. It is not by works of righteousness which we have done that we are saved, but I do believe that if we are genuinely born again there is a work for us to do.

Listen to this poem:

Nothing to Do?

Nothing to do in this world of ours!
Where weeds spring up with fairest
flowers,
Where smiles have only a fitful play,
Where hearts are breaking every day.

Nothing to do, thou Christian soul!
Wrapping thee round in thy selfish
stole;
Off with the garments of sloth and sin!
Christ thy Lord hath a kingdom to win.

Nothing to do! There are prayers to
lay
On the altar of incense, day by day;
There are foes to meet within and
without;
There is error to conquer, strong and
stout.

Nothing to do! There are minds to
teach
The simplest form of Christian
speech;
There are hearts to lure with loving
wile
From the grimmest haunts of sin's
defile.

Nothing to do! There are lambs to
feed,
The precious hope of the church's
need;
Strength to be borne to the weak and
faint;
Vigils to keep with the doubting saint.

Nothing to do! And thy Savior said,
"Follow thou me in the path I tread."
Lord, lend thy help the journey through,
Lest, faint, we cry, "So much to do!"

Now, these verses, "But be ye doers
of the word, and not hearers only, de-
ceiving your own selves. For if any
be a hearer of the word, and not a

doer, he is like unto a man beholding
his natural face in a glass: For he be-
holdeth himself, and goeth his way,
and straightway forgetteth what manner
of man he was. But whoso looketh into
the perfect law of liberty, and contin-
ueth therein, he being not a forgetful
hearer, but a doer of the word, this
man shall be blessed in his deed."
James 1:22-25

You see, dear ones, there are many
folks who hear the word but the trouble
is they just don't do what they should.
Perhaps they realize their lost and
undone condition. They know that there
is a lot of work to be done for lost
souls, but they don't feel that they are
in a position to do it. I would say,
then, that the first thing would be to
do what that sign says which we occa-
sionally see painted on some building
or signboard along the highway, "Get
right with God." In other words, "Be
ready."

Let me bring this out a little more vi-
vidly with my own personal experience.
Not long ago we were in a funeral pro-
cession. There were many cars fol-
lowing behind with their headlights on.
We approached a check point on the
highway where a number of patrol cars
were parked. I suppose it was some
type of a routine checkpoint, but they
made no attempt to stop the funeral
procession. Well, I thought that was
good. But I remembered that before
long if I returned the same way I went
I would be passing this same spot again.
I glanced down at the annual inspection
sticker on my windshield. Yes, it was
all right. It was next month before a
new inspection date was due. So be-
fore we left the cemetery I had my son
get out of the car and watch the lights
while I tested the headlights, the tail
lights and the turn signal lights. In the

meantime I flipped on the windshield wipers, and I saw that they were working. Then as we proceeded down the road I had my driver's license out of my pocket and I was all set to hand it to the patrolman when we reached the checkpoint. Well, the fact of the matter was by the time we got there they didn't stop us at all. I suppose they had finished with that part of their work. I didn't mind that. It was alright with me. But I would say it was a good thing to be prepared, wouldn't you? If I had done nothing to be ready that might have been the very time they would have stopped us. Dear ones, the Lord wants doers of the word, not hearers only. What are you doing to save those about you?

In the 7th chapter of Matt. Jesus spoke and said, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Notice he didn't say that it would be everyone that would enter the kingdom of heaven, "but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Then a little further on down in this same chapter he told what would happen to those who heard and didn't do. They were likened unto folks who built their house upon the sand. When the rain and floods came the winds blew the house down and it fell. I hope that you dear ones, will be doers of his will that your house may stand the storms of life.

Let us pray,

Our Father in heaven,

Cause the word sent forth over the broadcast to awaken those who are asleep ere it be too late. Cause them to arise and be doing the will of God which will not only save their souls,

but others who hear it. Bless the sick and suffering. Help them in the way which they need most and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Thank you, friends, for taking time to listen. If you would like to write us you may do so by addressing your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. We do appreciate so much those who help us keep the word going forth over the air and through the mail each week. Do tune in again next Sunday at this same time for The Mission Trail broadcast.

Here is a song, "In times like these". The singers are Bob Forbes, Dorall Forbes, Melvin Doolittle, and Randall Flynn.

Until we meet again this is Willie Murrey saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you and a very cheerful good-bye!

ONE THING THAT NEVER CHANGES

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever." Isa. 40:8 As the bloom of youth fades, papers turn yellow with age, and loved ones go before us, isn't it good to know that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Testimonies

From Jamaica: "These are days when many try to modernize the gospel, but thank God for the remnant who are earnestly contending for 'the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.' Of it they now say 'oh truth unchanged, unchanging, oh light of our dark sky, we praise thee for thy radiance that hallow all our days, a lantern to our footsteps, shine on from age to age.' . . . We solicit your prayers."

--Israel and Olga Smalling

From Okla. : 'Greetings in Jesus dear name. I was real glad to hear from you. It is always good to hear from some saints. I trust all of you are feeling fine. I had bad spell with this arthritis. It is some better now. This March really was bad. I am sure it is God's will or He wouldn't have sent it. We have to take bad along with good. When I look around and see so much sin and hatred in people's heart it almost chills your blood. Thank the good Lord one day all our sorrows and troubles will be over. . . He has mercy and love for His saints. It is appointed unto man once to die, after this the judgment. Many have been called but few chosen--so much religion in world, little salvation. People are thinking the Bible tells them people will be burned up like stubble and there won't be any hell to go to. I am afraid they will find out different at judgment. There is hell as sure as heaven. Thank good Lord for good Word. I am sure it is true. It will do to die by and also live by. The blood of Jesus cleanseth from all sin and keeps us living for good Lord. I am glad I am saved and kept by power of God, although we have trials and troubles in this life. . . God bless you all in your work for Lord.'

--Sis. Della Harrison

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From Pa. : "Greetings in the precious name of Jesus! He is so wonderful to us, supplying all our needs. He is so precious to me, while going through these trials here below. Couldn't live without Him. It has been snowing for days now. Snows real hard for 15 minutes, then sun comes out. Last night we had 3 more inches. Quite windy and cold, but this is March. We usually look for most any kind of weather. Offering enclosed. Mother is about the same. Just sits and reads most of the time. She had a sore throat but it is

better. She has been a real mother in Israel for she has stood true through many on slaughters of the devil down through the years. Being the oldest, I can see the hand of God leading her to teach us the right way. Praise His Name! God bless all you do for Him and protect you on your travels working in His vineyard is our daily prayer. Yours in His service,"

--Eva Cox

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From Okla. : 'I am saved and living for the dear Lord. I am feeling pretty good at this time. Thank the Lord I am feeling no worse. I hope you all are enjoying the best of health. Help me to pray that I won't be looking for all good and no bad. That's what Job said to his wife. I am still enjoying reading the Mission Trail. May the Lord bless you all in the good work you are doing. From your sister as ever,'

--Mary May

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From La. : "We love the Lord this morning and are endeavoring to live closer to him each day. We know that if we have his approval upon us, we must grow and make some progress each day for there's no standing still in the Christian way. I'm sending a small love offering this morning to be used wherever it is needed. Seems I've sort of neglected you dear ones here of late, but there are so many needs in the church and we have so little to give. Often my heart is so burdened when I see the cause of God being hindered for lack of money. . . if I don't have much to give at least I can pray for God to work and provide otherwise. We look forward to the little Mission Trail and go on our knees in prayer for all the requests as soon as we read the paper. We get such a blessing from the messages, poems, letters, and news from the saints."

--Bro. Ben and Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

STILL SMALL VOICE

God is here, God is there,
 God is everywhere,
 On the ocean's briny deep,
 On the cloud's wind that sweeps.

He is strong, mighty, and great,
 He can keep us true and strait;
 Lead us straight to Heaven's gates
 If we'll always on Him wait.

Wait on Him, His guiding hand
 To lead us to the promised land
 He will keep us night and day
 In the strait and narrow way.

If we will heed the still small voice
 Always make His will our choice
 Heed the still small voice, everyday,
 every hour,
 He will break the tempter's power.

Give heed to that still small voice
 In the conscience, in the heart,
 Never let it from us part,
 The Spirit reigning in the heart.

--Dolly Williams

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From Calif.: 'This leaves us still trusting God to help us through all of our trials. We have been so torn up around here for some time as we sold our home here in Glendale and had so much work getting ready to move. . . plan to go to our son Gerald Harmon in La. for a while and possibly visit others in different places, Lord willing. We have no settled plan but have in mind to be at Jefferson, Ore. for campmeeting and possibly other campmeetings. My burden has been for many years to work among the saints as I see so much lukewarm conditions. I am interested in helping God's people make a safe landing on the other shore of life. If we do we must work hard against wickedness of this time. I read

the poem of who loved the most. It inspired me for a greater depth of love. We love him because he first loved us. We can't love him unless he puts his love in us. . . We have taken note of how many people responded to fear of the earthquake. Many thought it was the end. We thought how easy it would be for God to shake the whole world, which he will some day. Please pray for us to know the mind of the Lord in all things. '--A. E. and Loretta Harmon

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From Mo.: "I am thankful to you for the little Mission Trail paper. Especially do I love the poetry the March 19th issue. 'I need thee Lord'. That is so true for us and our country. We need thee, Lord. Surely we are a nation that has forgotten God. . . We here desire an interest in your prayers."

--Mrs. J. Edward Leach

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BE NOT WEARY IN WELL DOING

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9 Don't you suppose that evil folks get tired of continually doing wrong? I am sure it must grow monotonous. They no doubt sometimes even become dissatisfied with themselves. There is an evil conscience which is hard to live with. Then there are those who sometimes even try to "end it all" by taking their own lives. What a mistake! How much better it would be if they began doing the thing which is right. And even then we are instructed to be not weary. God is able to renew our strength and help us to run and not be weary and walk and not faint. If one sows to the flesh they shall of the flesh reap corruption. But if we sow to the spirit we are promised a reward. Even the right way will sometimes bring hard places, but greater will be the victory to those who conquer through Christ.

