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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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## Making Decisions

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"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15. Good morning, friends. I would like to talk to you for the next few moments about making decisions. It is very important that you make decisions in life. As one grows into manhood and womanhood they also have certain responsibilities to themselves and to others.

The question then is--how shall we face these responsibilities and make the most of them? It isn't enough to make a good decision, but being able to carry this out is the next thing. To be half way persuaded isn't enough to be successful in this matter of serving the Lord. God is looking for men and women who are fully persuaded that what God has promised he is able to perform. Joshua was just such a man. He was wholly persuaded to serve the Lord regardless of what others did.

Figuratively speaking, some people try to straddle the fence when it comes to a vital question. They are afraid to offend some of their friends, and so they are reluctant to take a stand. But that can get you into trouble, too! Did you know that? Let me be more specific and give you a real example. Some years ago I was traveling in the northwest part of the country. I believe we must have been at that time in the state of Idaho. Out there as some of you know they have some rather husky hills with plenty of boulders and rocks. Of course there are some beautiful streams too!

Well, at this particular time things were going well as we traveled along the road. The car was running good and all at once we came around a curve and there lay a big rock right in the road. Something must have caused it to break loose and roll down the hillside. I was driving. Now, what was I to do? To swerve the car and try to miss it might create a problem and upset us. So rather quickly I decided to try to straddle it. In other words, I thought I might get by and pass over the rock by letting it go beneath the car. But as you might suppose, this was a bad choice too, and we soon found out to our own sorrow. The rock was too big for us to pass over it like that without damage. Something had to give! And rocks you know can sometimes be rather stubborn! Such was the case with this one.

As the car passed over the boulder, there was a crashing sound and all at once the car began to make a terrific noise. It sounded about like the noise the old model T Ford made many years ago when the exhaust pipe became disconnected from the manifold on my



father's car and he had such a time finding someone who knew what was the trouble.

Fortunately, we were not injured in this accident, but oh, the noise that car did make when the manifold exhaust system broke loose from the block. We knew right away something was wrong. It didn't take an expert mechanic to tell that! We were able to drive on and tried to find a garage who could fix the car, but the garage where we went did not have the parts so we drove many miles with that deafening noise all because I tried to straddle a boulder in the road instead of going around it! How well I learned that lesson.

It took some mending before that car was fixed. Now, let me ask you this: Do you know what James and his brother John were doing when Jesus called them to follow him? Let me give you the scripture: "And going on from thence, he saw two other brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him." Matt. 4:21-22.

Now, I would think that mending a net would be rather an unexciting experience, wouldn't you? Just think of the smelly fish nets, covered with fish scales! But they either had a torn net, or one that was about worn out and if they were going to catch some more fish it was necessary for them to mend them. But isn't this true to life? It seems there is always something to be mended. Either the car, the home, clothing or appliances and many other things need fixing. I would say it would seem rather foolish to fish with a big hole in the net. A fisherman could not expect to take

home many fish with a net like that!

But now, let us look at the spiritual application! Did you know men and women are often torn because of the snags they hit either knowingly or unwittingly? It doesn't matter whether you hit a snag on purpose or otherwise, but the damage is done nevertheless. And when it is, some mending is necessary. Peter hit a snag when he denied Christ. It almost made shipwreck of him. But he mended the net by going out and weeping. Forgiveness and pardon was granted. His net was mended. Another thing about a net--it can grow brittle by not being used while lying in the sun. Or perhaps it can mildew while hanging in the shed.

Remember the man with the talents? Because he failed to use his one little talent, he was held responsible.

Dear ones, the Lord has given everyone of us the job of winning souls. Are you working at it? Are your nets mended and ready for use? Jesus told Peter and Andrew "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." I believe he is still telling us that today. A real fisherman has a lot of patience. He may fish all day and catch nothing, but it doesn't keep him from going back again and again. I say, mend your nets, check up on your experience and be prepared to witness for the Lord in winning souls.

There is one thing about mending something. You first need to take a survey and see how much damage has been done. Some material may need to come out altogether and new material must be added. If the rent is of our own making, repentance, complete, sincere, and honestly should be made.

Here is a poem:

## ALL THE WAY

I walk in danger all the way.  
 The thought shall never leave me  
 That Satan, who has marked his prey,  
 Is plotting to deceive me.  
 This foe with hidden snares  
 May seize me unawares  
 If e'er I fail to watch and pray.  
 I walk in danger all the way.

I walk with Jesus all the way,  
 His guidance never fails me;  
 Within His wounds I find a stay  
 When Satan's power assails me;  
 And by His footsteps led,  
 My path I safely tread.  
 In spite of ills that threaten may,  
 I walk with Jesus all the way.

My walk is heavenward all the way;  
 Await, my soul, the morrow,  
 When thou shalt find release for aye  
 From all thy grief and sorrow.  
 All worldly pomp, begone!  
 To heaven I now press on.  
 For all the world I would not stay;  
 My walk is heavenward all the way.

Friends, can you say like Joshua of old,  
 As for me and my house we will serve  
 the Lord?

Let us pray:

Our father, bless the scriptures and the  
 thoughts of the message to the good of  
 every listener. We realize time is run-  
 ning out. What we do for the Lord must  
 be done quickly or the opportunity will  
 be forever gone. Help us run with  
 patience the race set before us and thine  
 shall be the praise through our Saviour  
 Jesus Christ. Amen.

Thank you for a few moments of your  
 time. If you have enjoyed the message  
 and it has been a blessing to you, we

would be so happy to know about it. You  
 may write us by addressing your letter  
 to the Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla.

Here is a song: "Free Indeed", The  
 singers are Kenneth and Lois Abbott,  
 Johnnie and Della Gutwein.

Until we meet again this is Willie  
 Murphey, saying may God bless and  
 keep you in the center of his will and a  
 very cheerful goodbye!

*Correspondence*

From Jamaica, West Indies: "Dear  
 brother Murphey, Greetings of love to  
 you and family. We trust you are all  
 well. It has been quite a few months  
 since I have written to you but this does  
 not mean that we have forgotten you.  
 Our christian love for you remains the  
 same and our interest in the work you  
 are doing for the Lord is still dear to  
 us. For quite a number of years every  
 first Friday night in a month members  
 of the church here meet for special  
 prayer for revival and missionary work.  
 Since this year we have decided to give  
 an offering for foreign mission when we  
 meet. This is our second contribution  
 and we are sending same to you to assist  
 in The Mission Trail. As you are aware,  
 our assembly is not large... That God's  
 choicest blessings ever remain with  
 you, and that your broadcast and The  
 Mission Trail will always be a bless-  
 ing to others is our sincere prayers.  
 It is my earnest desire to see men and  
 women anointed to preach the old time  
 church of God message in the old time  
 church of God way here in Jamaica  
 again. God is the same and the power  
 of His church should remain the same.  
 Thank God we are trying to do what we  
 can but we need to see greater. Also  
 remember us and the work here in your  
 prayers. Yours in Christ, "

--Israel and Olga Smalling



From La.: (Continued from last week)  
"The second incident of which I wish to tell happened about 12 yrs. ago during the Myrtle, Mo. camp meeting. Husband and some of our children were at the camp meeting and I was at home alone with the other children. In the wee small hours of a Sun. morn. the Lord awakened me with a heavy burden for some young saints who were going through a hard trial. I arose and knelt down by my bed and prayed earnestly for those young folks. About 5:30 that morn. I was awakened again with a burden to go and be with these young folks who lived about 100 mi. from us. My first thought was that I had no way to go but again I prayed earnestly for them and the more I prayed, the heavier the burden became to visit them--so, as is often the case, I began trying to figure out a way to get there and wondering who I could get to take me. The Lord made me know to leave that up to him that He could and would make a way for me to go if I would just obey. He told me to get the children up and get them ready and get my chores done up and he'd provide me a way to go, so I hurried to get ready. In a short time the phone rang and I said "praise the Lord! that will be someone to take me to these dear young saints". It was Sis. Ruth Murphey. She asked me if I needed a way to go to services or else where, said the Lord had burdened her heart so heavy the day before and sent her home from the Myrtle, Mo. camp meeting, 200 mi. or more because she felt that I needed a way to go somewhere. I told her about my burden so she came and picked up my children and I and drove us where the Lord was leading us. You see the Lord talked to Sis. Ruth's heart and burdened her for me several hours before He talked to my heart and burdened me to help some one else but by both Sis. Ruth and me obeying the

voice of the Lord, He could work out His will and bring encouragement and a blessing to others as well as to us. When the Lord has a duty for us to do, He will always make a way for us to do it, no matter the obstacles that may loom up before us. I desire your prayers that I'll ever live where the Lord can lead me."--Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

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From Mo.: "Greetings in Jesus dear name! We are glad we can report victory today. Surely we appreciate keeping grace that He gives us day by day. We too can sing with the poet 'He is so precious to me--' 'Tis heaven below, my redeemer to know, for He is so precious to me.'" --The Glen Inmans

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From Mo.: "I am writing you a few lines to tell you my husband is sick. He is in the hospital. He has a blood clot in his lungs and a touch of pneumonia. He is lots better now. We are asking all the dear saints for prayer for husband and me... Love always."

--Elmer and Edna Blacksher

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From Colo.: "the Lord has helped me wonderfully this winter--so glad I settled it to go with God, several years ago. I just want to draw closer to him and do what little I can for him at least. I think of the song--"This little light of mine." We sing it at children's meeting. I'm going to let it shine and if we'll live for him our light will shine. We won't have to try to let it shine. I may not get it out like I feel it in my soul but praise God for his goodness to me and mine."--Sis. Addie McEndree

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From Ga.: "This to tell you that my brother who was sick and I asked you all to pray for --he passed on the 8th of this month. His funeral was last Sunday. Please remember to pray for us."

--Sister P. R. Bowers



From La.: "Dear Friends, Might I take a few moments of your time to express my appreciation for the wonderful lessons I have learned about Christ from the Mission Trail...God is a most gracious person because he has allowed me to come thus far. For myself I know that I am indebted to Him and my faith in Him as supreme has increased steadfastly. Might I say that I wish above everything to continue with Him. I am not at Angola any longer. I was transferred here in Monroe to work in the food service dept. I am still an inmate and would not be discharged before this coming July. However, I think the Lord has really blessed me because I am doing the kind of work that I enjoy doing and I am now able to earn a few pennies that will enable me to send an offering to you to help with the Lord's work. Surely this and many other things is a blessing. Please continue to send me the Mission Trail at my new address, and please continue to pray for me. Give my regards to everyone and say to them the God I serve is able to deliver us from hope of despair through a regenerated and dedicated life. Let us keep our hopes high, our aspiration exalted, and our hearts renewed and God will intervene and make the impossible possible."--Monsanto Nesbitt

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From Texas: "This leaves me still pressing on for our Lord and Savior Christ, who gave himself for us, died that we might live...I have an unspoken request for the Lord to work out. Pray for me as I pray for you all."

--Sis. Nellie Lovell

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From Illinois: "Greetings in Jesus precious name. I am so thankful for salvation. Without him I don't know what I'd do. I am all alone but he gives me strength for each day. I am working 4 hours a day so pray for me. I am

sending you an offering for the work of the Lord. Yours in Christ,"

--Mildred Snell

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From Ark.: "It has been some time since I have sent a testimony, but I haven't forgotten you dear ones and your service for the Lord. I do enjoy the Mission Trail paper and pray every day for you and the broadcast, while I never hear it, but others do. The dear Lord is blessing his few here in Arkansas. I am so thankful he is every where to help in every nation all who will turn to him with their whole heart. He is so merciful and good to those also who don't take time to love and thank him for his great love and sacrifice for them. The weather is lovely here--flowers and birds to cheer, gardens so nice already and farmers busy. Many are sick yet. Several have passed away in this little town, but God has comfort for those that look to him. He has kept me all winter...Please remember me in prayer as I do you...If you think this worth the time and space put it in the Mission Trail. It's late, but just a few thoughts I had the last night of 1971--What a blessed thought this precious day has brought, this the last day of 1971. Another year has come and gone and what for the Lord have I done? I have watched and prayed, and my mind on the Lord is stayed. I have visited a few with a tender heart trying to get them to do a better part. I read in the Bible: to commit our all to the Lord, trust also in him, and he will bring it to pass. Oh what a blessed promise he will give us the things we need. He is our Saviour, our friend indeed. This has been a wonderful year with friendship and cheer. For many, it has been dreary and sad, loved ones gone, empty places, missing faces. Oh God, help them to look unto thee and live."

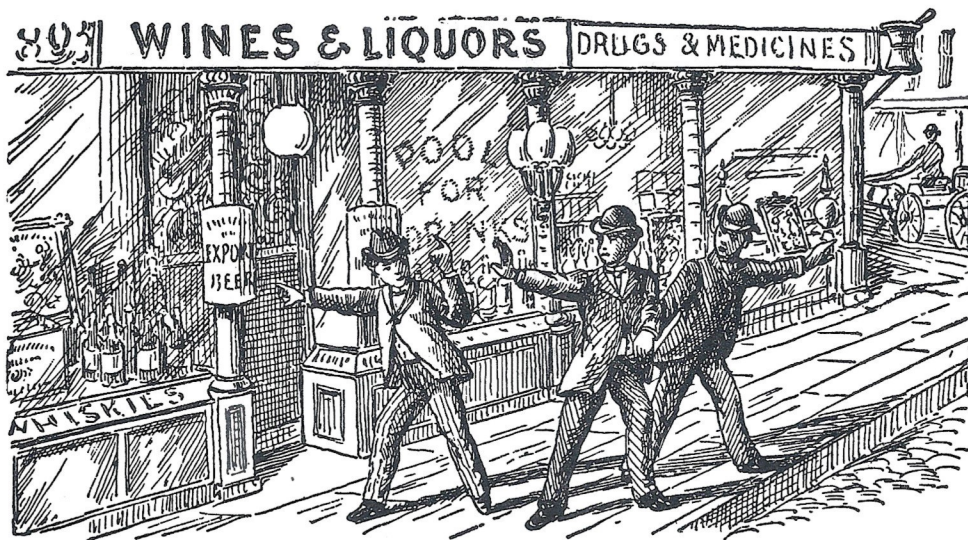
--Sister N. E. Adams



# Children's Page

READ THE BIBLE BY SYMBOLS.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And



but



For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory  
forever. Amen.

MATT. VI, 9-13.



# at press time

we understand:

## *A Gospel Broadcast*

"...I sure desire your prayers regarding an undertaking that I feel the Lord is leading me in. I feel that the Lord has worked it out for me to have a fifteen minute program on Sun. morning eight fifteen (8:15) A.M. KBTN Neosho, 1420 on your dial. The Lord worked it out without much effort on my part. It begins Easter Sun. We surely desire to be a blessing to souls."

--Bro. T. V. McMillian

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Coffeyville, Kansas: "We had a real nice all day meeting this month. We enjoyed having Sis. Anna Marie Miles, Dora Lela, Gene Beisley and girls, Bro. & Sis. Harmon, Glen and Leta Inman and Bro. and Sis. Donald Sharp and family from Kansas City with us. It encourages to know God hasn't forgotten us and remembers our little congregation enough to give us a good minister and these families from Independence and good all-day meetings."

--Sis. Wildenna Huffman

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Remember in prayer the James Huskey family as they travel to Michoacan, Mexico to be with Bro. Irineo Rama and have meeting in that mission field. Some will remember Bro. Irineo who attended the Monark campmeeting last summer. They also expect Bro. Miguel Gaspar from La Mission to be with them in this meeting. Bro. James and Sis. Charlotte plan to return to Guthrie just after Easter where their children are attending school.

From Pa.: "...at this writing I am feeling fine, happy in soul and body, all praise to him who reigns over all. What a blessed privilege we have through our Lord Jesus to be saved and kept by his love and power." --Sis. Olive Harres

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Congratulations to Sis. Nellie Poulos. On Friday, March 24 she was 82 years of age. She recently changed apartments at the Golden Rule Home which was very strenuous for her. Remember her in prayer. Happy birthday, Sister Poulos!

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From Ohio: "We appreciate hearing from you through the Mission Trail--enjoy every message and hearing from the saints, to better know how to pray for all. We have been home now for 3 weeks, have had the "flu". It served us rough, but God has blest us. We are not afraid to trust him. Bro. Abbott needs earnest prayer for his left eye. ...Our hearts are burdened to be "Out-in-the-work". There is such a need!" --Sister Armilda and Bro. Sam Abbott

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Congratulations to Wesley and Janice Williamson, R. 1, Box 191A, Loranger, La. 70446, on the birth of their twin boys March 17.

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Each Saturday continues to be work day on the Guthrie dining hall addition. It has been enlarged and much work remains to be done. There is carpenter work, plumbing, electrical and painting besides many other things. The state campmeeting begins May 26.





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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.
WFPR	Hammond, Louisiana	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a. m.

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