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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 Right Place at the Right Time

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"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Rom. 8:14. Good morning, friends. Today it is my desire to bring you a few thoughts from this text which I trust may prove helpful to all. It is important that each person be led by the Spirit of God. When this is true, we might say, it means being at the right place at the right time.

Let us think for a moment--"The right place at the right time." How can this be? Well, it means being led by the Spirit of God. You see, it is possible to be at the right place at the wrong time if you are not prepared. Or, you may be at the wrong place at the right time, if you are prepared, but the right opportunity isn't available at that particular moment. But real success for the child of God means following the Spirit of God at all times. Then one will not be trusting in a matter of luck or chance. We need to be aware of opportunities which God may send our way, and take advantage of them when they are presented, because we are ready for them! In this way we can be at the right place at the right time.

Do you remember how God spoke through the prophet to warn the unrighteous? In fact, we are told that "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Tim. 3:16-17.

Take for instance the Prophet Elijah. He knew where he was going and why and when at the time he went down to Naboth's vineyard. Naboth had been put to death unjustly and Elijah was there to tell Ahab, the wicked king of Israel about it. He was at the right place at the right time because God sent him there. Imagine if you can, Ahab, as he walked about in that lovely vineyard of Naboth. See him smile as he thought how smoothly this scheme had worked to destroy Naboth. Now, he thought I will take this vineyard for myself. But while his covetous heart pondered these things Elijah appeared on the scene. How did Elijah know where he was? Who had told him? Why had he come? This puzzled Ahab. "And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the Lord." 1 Kings 21:20. You see, God knew exactly how to send Elijah, and when and where. He was led by the Spirit of God.

Look at another example: The early

church was prospering and souls were being added day by day. Peter had been preaching to the people of Samaria and some wonderful things had been accomplished. But one day "...the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. Acts 8:26. Now where was Philip going and why? Well, he was going toward the south, the direction in which lay the desert! Who was down there? Well, by being in the right place at the right time he found the eunuch who was earnestly seeking to know the meaning of this lamb which was led to the slaughter. Or that is, the parable, or the illustration of Christ. This referred to Jesus of Nazareth and Philip told him the account. By the time Philip finished, the man of "great authority" was ready to be baptized.

And more than by chance, there was the water along side the highway. The eunuch believed and was baptized and went on his way rejoicing. I can see why! Philip had been led by the Spirit of God who put him in the right place at the right time! Then, since it is such an excellent plan to be led by the Spirit of the Lord, why are not more people directed in this way? Let me give you briefly a few things which come to my mind. There are three chief reasons: 1. Pride. 2. Ignorance and 3. Stubbornness.

Now let us go back. First: Pride. Jeremiah speaking of a certain people who were lifted up with pride had this to say: "Thy terribleness hath deceived thee, and the pride of thine heart, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: though thou shouldest make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down

from thence, saith the Lord." Jer. 49:16. Friends, did you know the Lord hates pride? Well, he does and it keeps one from being led by the Spirit of God.

Second, Ignorance. If one does not know how to yield to the Spirit of God or know the difference between right and wrong, then how can he be led thereby? "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." Heb. 5:12-14.

And last but not necessarily least--Stubbornness. Did you ever hear the expression, "Stubborn as a mule"? I have heard of mules that just absolutely refused to work under certain conditions. They were balky! It seems this trait invades the realm of horses too. "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink!" What a blessing if this characteristic could go no further than mules and horses! But sad to say, this is not true, for it comes into the realms of human nature also.

God put Samuel in the right place at the right time when he gave that solemn warning to Saul after he had transgressed. Listen: "And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the

Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king." 1 Sam. 15:22-23.

Now let us look quickly at the book of Romans, chapter 8 and verse 14, which is my original text: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." And verse 26--"likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

Dear ones, let us be quick to follow the leadings of the Spirit of God all the way! And this will mean--

CONSECRATION

While we choose, we are not willing;
Consecration yieldeth all;
Consecration means obedience
To the Spirit's every call;

Meaneth dying, meaneth living,
(Death of self and life in God);
Meaneth work of patient waiting,
Or submission 'neath the rod;

Meaneth such a full surrender
We shall never dare to ask
Why he gives our faith such testing,
Or assigns so hard a task.

We are here to be perfected;
Only God our needs can see.
Rarest gems bear hardest grinding;
God's own workmanship are we.

Our Father in heaven, we are grateful
for the privilege of bringing this Word
of the Lord to the listeners of the radio
station. May it find lodging in good and
honest hearts and for that which is ac-
complished we will give thee the praise
in Jesus name.
Amen.....

Testimonies

From Pa.: "Greetings in the precious name of Jesus! Oh! how I love Him and am so thankful for a Christian mother to teach me the right way. There are so many ways and people will take any way but the true way. I must lean more heavily on Him for I know He can do all things and will be our stay when storms beat around us. I do like that hymn "When storms around me are beating and...I have trod, I love to be alone with God." We are having real hot days. We got a little shower last night, some thunder and just about five minutes of rain. The grass is turning brown, so we are waiting on the Lord to supply our need, as He said He would do...Am sure you folks have been enjoying many campmeetings and would surely like to be in some of them too, but my duty is here for right now. If God makes a way I will surely enjoy going. His will be done. I used to go as a young girl and when my children were growing up. I took them with me and we heard the Word of God."

--Sis. Eva Cox

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From La.: "It is so good to say good morning to you; and praise the Lord. Your message was so good, and oh! that song "Be sure your anchor holds and grips the solid rock."...I had to sing glory! glory! Praise the Lord for I am very sure my anchor holds fast in the solid rock, Christ Jesus. I keep trusting the Lord to heal my heart condition...I tell you, it is wonderful how the Lord helps us. I am so wonderfully blessed with dear saints here, from the Church of God at Midway, to come and pray with me. I hope you all will have much happiness and joy as you go to worship and fellowship with the saints at camp meetings this summer."

--Sis. Mildred Spurlock

From Jamaica: "Warm greetings of Christian love to you... Loving memories of your visit to us still linger in our hearts. When we remember how you enjoyed the fruits, we wish it were possible for you to always get them from us. We received The "Mission Trail" with report of your visit to brother Thomas' home. We enjoyed reading it. Brother Thomas says how much it is encouraging to him. Well, your letter found me in bed as I could not stand then, having been bitten by one of brother Henry's dogs. You will remember my little peas garden beside brother Henry's home. While working in it, I was attacked by his two dogs and one succeeded in biting me. The following day after I was bitten, the wound started to bleed alarmingly. Satan threatened that I would bleed to death. I called Sister Smalling, brother and Sister Ferguson and asked them to pray that the Lord stop the bleeding. After Sister Ferguson had prayed she said the bleeding would soon stop and so it was. Praise the Lord! I saw the seriousness of the dog's bite but I saw the power of God as greater, therefore I rested on His promises for healing... Many times He strengthened my faith by giving me various passages of Scripture. Some are "Let not your heart be troubled." John 14:1. "If any man serve me, him will my father honour." John 12:26... "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him." 2 Chron. 15:2; 16:9... Within two weeks I was able to leave bed and walked, and now I am rejoicing in the healing power of God who is alive and never changes. ... It is a great blessing to hear something from God when one is in difficult circumstances... Please continue to pray for us and the work of the Lord here." --Israel and Olga Smalling.

From Kansas: "I heard your good message on pollution this morning. I taped it and now I've heard it two times. It is the truth... I also remember your sermon on honesty. It makes me happy to think we were taught honesty from a child on up. My neighbor lady and I bought some apricots together. We each paid half. She divided them, but when we had them put up, I had more pints than she did. The next day the Lord impressed me to go tell her how many pints I got, and to give her back a dollar. She said, "Mamie I was pleased." I said, "So am I now." You know I walked away with a blessing upon my soul. Obedience to God never fails to bring a blessing." --Sis. Mamie Norcutt

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From Calif.: "It is time to let you know I still enjoy the Mission Trail and hope all is well at your house. I am still trusting God and saved and trusting God for body and soul. What would we do without our God? He is a help at all times... the devil has blinded people's eyes and put them to sleep, thinking of everything but their soul and I believe time is soon going to stop and oh what then?..." --Sis. Ada Leach

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From Miss.: "Good morning, dear Bro. and Sister Murphey. Truly hope this finds you both still happy in the Lord. Each day to me is sweeter than the day before, for I know I'm one day closer to seeing my Jesus (who died for me) and my loved ones that have gone on before. I love the 4th chapter of 1st Thess., all of it, but from verse 13 and on through, and especially verse 17 really means a lot to me. I read it often. I don't think I'll be here to be caught up in the clouds, but I'll be one of the ones that God will bring with him, verse 14, so I'm looking for that day when he will call me. I'm ready to go or ready to stay...." --Sis. Grace Gill

I ASKED, "MASTER,
WHERE SHALL I WORK TODAY?"

And my love flowed warm and free.
Then he pointed out a tiny plot,
And He said: "Work there for me."
But I answered quickly: "O no,
not there!"

"Not anyone could see,
No matter how well my task is done--
Not that small place for me!"
And His voice, when He spoke, it
was not stern,

But He answered me tenderly:
"Disciple, search that heart of thine,
Are you working for them, or for me?
Nazareth was just a little place,
And so was Galilee."

--Sel. by Sis. N. E. Adams
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From Va.: "Greetings once again in
the name of our precious Lord and
Saviour. I know he is with me always,
even till the end of the world. I am his
child and he does care for me. Oh to
belong to the Lord. I love him, he is
dear to me. My soul is drawing more
and more toward the Lord. All my love
for this sinful world is gone. It has
lost its meaning. My heart is fixed on
Jesus ... I have no friend like Jesus.
He gave his life for me. I feel so un-
worthy of his love. I desire to keep
humble before him...I have nothing to
go back to. I have found the hidden
treasure. I have found the pearl of
great price. I have sold all and bought
it..."

--Nancy Wagoner

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From Minn.: "Happy are we who know
the Lord and his saving power and keep-
ing power. I thank the Lord that I can
get around good in my old age and how
he keeps me day by day in the Holy way.
I pray for all of God's ministers and all
Saints..."

--Bro. Andrew Senti

From La.: "May the good Lord of love
and mercy be with you is my prayer...
My husband passed away August 22nd
(Alex Johnson) and I live alone...I used
to think if I was ever left alone, things
would be a lot worse than they are. I
just pray and ask God to take care of
me, and he sure does. I have made it
a lot better than I thought with the help
of the good Lord and my children...I
sure do want the prayers of the saints.
I want to keep humble and obedient to
God's will at all times... Yours in
Christ Jesus,"

--Sis. Beulah Johnson

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From Ark.: "...this has been a lovely
day at home alone with the Lord. Oh,
how wonderful it is to know him, to love
him and to know he is near. He is just
the right Saviour for me. He is blessing
me in a wonderful way. He has taken
the pains away in his healing compas-
sion, praise him for ever, and giving
me strength to do for myself again,
staying alone now. Bro. and Sister Eck
were with me a week, then my daughter
from Atlanta, Ga. with me a week, then
another daughter from Memphis, Tenn.
was with me a week and now for 2 weeks
I am able to do, and be alone. I am still
weak...I do thank everyone who has been
so faithful in prayer for me..."

--Sister N. E. Adams

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From Colo.: "The Lord is very pre-
cious to me. I am a widow and don't
have much of this world's goods. But
I have treasures where neither moth
or rust doth corrupt nor thieves break
through and steal. I have some very
special prayer requests...please pray
for my sister. She is very frail. She
has been in hospital three times since
Oct. She needs help physically, spirit-
ually and mentally. I know the Lord
can work a miracle in her case..."

--Mrs. G. M. Young

From Okla.: "Dear ones in Christ: It has been a long time since I have written and sent an offering for your work, so am enclosing a check. Surely we need to be busy for our Lord. The means he entrusts to us need to be put to good use. We know time is fast coming to an end. What is done for Christ will last. The king's business requires haste. To hoard and store up for future use I am afraid will bring sorrow to many. When the fields are so white ready to harvest we need not worry about future. God has promised to supply all our needs. If he says give we need to obey. It surely is more blessed to give than to receive, but God gives us such sweet comfort and rest in Him as we obey His command. Bless His name. Yours in Him,"

--Sis. Edith R. Cramer

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From Okla.: "Still saved and much encouraged to live for the dear Lord... desire your prayers, still enjoying the Mission Trail." --Sis. Fannie Taylor

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From Kansas: "I have just listened to the broadcast over Coffeyville station. So I am writing to you again. I've listened for the last 3 weeks to the program. It is good to hear Bible preaching without having to make a one hundred mile drive. Despite all the heart crushing discouraging things, I mean to press on for the prize that lays at the end of the race! As I was praying recently the parts of an old song came to me "Press on my brother, sister and face the deadly foe; Thro' Jesus Christ we'll conquer, while traveling here below, Press on, press on, says Christ our loving friend; press on, press on, I'm with thee to the end" and then came the text "Lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world." I was encouraged... Keep me on your prayer list."

--Bro. Homer Fee

From Okla.: "We do love Jesus, want to follow him is my prayer. Read James 3 this morning in worship. The Lord bless us always with wisdom that is from above. We are doing fairly. Thanksgiving for the lovingkindness of our God."

--Sis. Eva Penner

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From La.: "We thank the Lord for His love and care of us from day to day. We need Him so badly in these evil days when the powers of darkness are coming against the people of God... Our trials have been heavy the past several months, at times the burdens and cares have pressed in very heavy upon us, but the dear Lord has stood by us and brought us through, praise His dear name."

--Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

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From Miss.: "Greeting once again in the name of our wonderful and precious, Lord Jesus Christ. He is everything to my sister and me. Every day we are nearer to Him. It could be today or tomorrow we will see Him."

--Cressie Hudson

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From Okla.: "I'm so thankful to God for His great great love to all of us, for giving His only begotten son for the redemption of our sins, praise the Lord! It's so wonderful to be saved! ...I'm so very thankful Bro. Murphey, how the Lord is blessing you in your ministry and for the many souls that are being reached through the printed page and the radio broadcast. We often pass out the Mission Trail to shut-ins etc."

--Sis. Katherine Williams

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From La.: "Just a note to let you know I am so very thankful to be up much more than have been for so many months. The Lord has been so good to us. I have a ways to go yet so pray for me when you think about it."

--Sis. Myrtle Savoie

at press time

we understand:

It was wonderful to be on the old camp grounds again this year at Monark Springs. Many improvements was evidence of the great amount of work which had been done by the business manager, and others entrusted with providing for the saints in this meeting. The new grounds proved a great blessing in making room for the large number of saints who came. Anointed messages went forth and souls were blessed.

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Kansas: "We are very much encouraged and pressing on by the grace of God... We are still enjoying the Sunday morning broadcasts and may the Lord continue to bless it."

--Shirley Knight

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From Minn.: "The Lord has been very good to us and we truly thank him for keeping us in good health."

--Elmer Olson and family

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From Calif.: "Dear ones, be agreed with us in prayer for dear wife. Her afflictions are getting worse it seems... Request prayer for her."

--Bro. & Sis. H. P. Huskey

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From Ga.: "I am happy in my soul and I have a strong determination to go all the way with Jesus. I am in the world but I am not of the world praise the Lord. This is a pleasure seeking world. The majority of the people are seeking worldly pleasure. They are not seeking Jesus. They can have all the worldly pleasures, all the styles, all the television, but give me Jesus. I want more of Jesus."

--Sis. P. R. Bowers

ONE DAY AT A TIME

Life isn't a matter of making
A wearisome, unbroken climb
Over endless ridges and bridges--
We live it a day at a time.

Why strive for a storehouse of courage
As misers heap dollar and dime?
Our Father will lend it, and send it
To us, just a day at a time.

We don't need grace now for tomorrow
When we may not be at our prime.
If we're weak and quailing or failing,
God will give it, a day at a time.

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From Okla.: "Have much to thank the Lord for this morning. He is good to us, and we do appreciate the dealings of the Lord so much. I want to please the Lord more than anything else in this life. We are only going through this world once, and what we do for Christ is all that will count in the end."

--Sis. Emma Dilley

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From Kansas: "...The devil has been showed up and his destructive tools exposed, and oh how thankful we feel as he has been a defeated foe. Never could we praise God enough!! We're so thankful that God is still on His throne and that he remembereth His own."

--Randel and DeLoris Bradley

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A hearty welcome is extended to Delmar and Linda Craddock and their two children Bunnie and Chris, who have recently moved from Illinois to the Guthrie congregation.



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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."

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