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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 Solitary Way"

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Good morning, friends. What a pleasure it is to be coming your way once again with a short gospel message. Sometimes a child of God feels all alone. It is a mystery to him why he dwells in a solitary place. But be assured God understands all mysteries and he knows and cares for each faithful one. Listen to this scripture:

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south. They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in. Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.

And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness." Psa. 106:1-9.

How wonderful and great it is that God would and does care for his own in such a tender way. So when you feel all alone and that you are in a solitary place, just remember it is for your good and God is there too. Listen:

### THE SOLITARY WAY

There is a mystery in human hearts,  
And though we be encircled by a host  
Of those who love us well, and are  
beloved,

To every one of us, from time to time,  
There comes a sense of utter loneliness,  
Our dearest friend is "stranger" to our  
pain.

And can not realize our bitterness.  
There is not one who really understands,  
Not one to enter into all I feel!  
Such is the cry of each of us in turn.  
We wander in "a solitary way,"  
No matter what or where our lot may be;  
Each heart, mysterious even to itself,  
Must live its inner life in solitude.

And would you know the reason why  
this is?

It is because the Lord desires our love;  
In every heart he wishes to be first.  
He therefore keeps the secret-key  
himself,

To open all its chambers, and to bless,  
With perfect sympathy and holy peace,  
Each solitary soul that comes to him.  
So when we feel this loneliness, it is



The voice of Jesus saying, Come to me!  
And every time we are not understood,  
It is another call to us to come;  
For Christ alone can satisfy the soul,  
And those who walk with him from day  
to day  
Can never have "a solitary way."

Dear ones, there are mysteries which we may not understand. One of them is found in 1 Tim. 3:16--"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." A person in his natural reasoning might ask, "How could it be?" This is a mystery, but I believe it anyway!

Whenever a thing appears to be wrapped in mysteries there is usually a secret by which the mystery can be solved. How many have tried to unravel the twine from a feed sack? It seems so securely sewed up! You cut and pull, cut and pull, one side and then the other. Finally the right combination is struck and the sack falls apart as the twine is pulled out with ease! So it is with salvation, while it may appear for a time, with some, to be clothed with mysteries, yet there is a way of finding out the secret. The key which opens to the hidden treasures is faith in God. The secret of the whole matter is to believe his word and obey it. This involves a broad scope of thought and action, in accordance with the will of God, which will lead the sinner from the depths of sin and binding powers of Satan, into the experience of full salvation and light and freedom of the gospel.

To obey the Word is to meet the conditions laid down therein. Forsake sin; repent, and believe the gospel. It means more than to reform a little and leave

off bad habits, and settle down upon good resolutions with only a head belief. People often think if they acknowledge the Bible to be true, and believe in the divinity of Christ, that it is all that is necessary to take them through to heaven. Devils acknowledge and believe all that, and yet they cannot enter the kingdom of heaven; they "believe and tremble." James 2:19.

In order to obey God, we must have our will in line with his will, and be in perfect subjection to him in all things. There must be a real change of heart, "for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:10. When the will of God is made known then it is our place to act in obedience to the same. "Obedience is better than sacrifice," were the words spoken to Saul when he was trying to justify himself after having disobeyed the command of the Lord. Disobedience is rewarded with punishment, but it is a blessed thing to know that through the great mercy of God, we can be forgiven for all our disobedience and the remembrance of it all swept away, and if we will then henceforth do his whole will, no sin will be laid to our charge by the Lord, neither in this world nor in the world to come.

There are some who know the will of God, yet are very wavering and unstable, thus permitting the devil to bring in a flood of accusations on various lines to prevent getting a settled experience. One is saved by grace through faith, not through feelings. Little by little the way opens before the sinner who has been in an extreme case of unbelief and wandering in sin, until a gleam of light from the throne of God shows the way so clearly that the real treasure appears almost within his



grasp. Yet even here some will falter with doubts, fearing to claim the promise for fear there will be a failure, and do not want to claim it until they "feel" that the work is done. If salvation were offered on a line of feeling then it might do to wait for the feeling. But it is received through faith, and when accepted, the necessary feeling will follow. Here, you sinner, who are floundering about afraid to believe for what God has promised until you "feel" that you have it, be assured when the conditions are met God is faithful to do his part and save you. Jesus offers salvation on Bible terms, and when the price is paid, the fetters of Satan are broken and the treasure is yours if you will accept it.

If we may be of help to you in some spiritual way, be sure to let us know. Many thanks to those who write and help us keep the messages going forth from time to time. In this our fourteenth year of broadcasting the good news of salvation we are encouraged to press on... Some souls are yet lingering out in sin. May they in some way hear and accept the truth before it is too late.

Our Father, bless the message to the good of every listener. Talk especially to that one who is nearest eternity and is not ready. May they hear, repent and believe the gospel. Bless every listener in the way which they need most, whether it be for healing or encouragement and thine shall be the praise in Jesus name. Amen... Until we meet again, this is Willie Murphey saying God bless and keep you always and a very cheerful goodbye!



## Testimonies

From Mich.: "Greeting you this lovely morning from Michigan once again. It's been a long time since we've written. But thank the Lord, we report victory in our soul. Our determination to follow on with Jesus grows stronger each and every day. We love the Lord with our whole heart and desire to please Him with our lives. We've been through some peculiar trials, but praise the Lord, He has been more than a match for the enemy of our soul. And we find the trials to be stepping stones on our way to heaven. This is truly our dressing room to fit us for heaven. And truly that's our desire to be more like Jesus in all that we say, do, or think. We find His service sweeter every day. And I'm so thankful that He kindly cares for us, so that He takes the time to deal with our hearts and brings grace for each trial. Oh, how I love Jesus. He is all and all to me! Ralph is still in the battle of affliction. Since we were down there in Feb. of this year, and had that nervous spell or whatever it was he's been having trouble. So our desire is that you and others would earnestly pray for his healing. We trust you folks are well in body and much encouraged in His service. We remember you folks in prayer often and our desire is that God will continue to bless your labor of love for Him."

--Bro. Ralph, Sis. Dorothy Wilkins and son Ralph.

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From Okla.: "I wish I was able to come to church like I used to. But my health is bad. My heart is about 3 or 4 times too large. Please pray for my healing. I love God and all the saints... I am pressing onward. I love to read the Mission Trail. Please pray for my family and me."--Sis. Mina Schneider



From Texas: "Greeting of love in Jesus name. I'm so glad I learned to trust him, so glad I was close enough to him to hear him calling come out of her my people. There was only one way to prove I was a child of God, for his sheep hear his voice, "come out of her my people." He's such a wonderful Savior to me. They that are led by the spirit of God are the sons of God. I'm glad I'm a true worshipper...I got to go to Tulsa, enjoyed it so much, hoping and praying I can go to Neosho. I sure enjoy being with the saints of God and hearing the word of God preached in its purity and holiness."

--Sis. Nellie Lovell

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From Pa.: "I greet you in that Name above every name, Jesus wonderful Lord. He means more to me each day as I grow older and have to lean harder on Him and keep hold of His hand. I wouldn't want to live without Him for one minute. He is ever near and when I call he answers right away and I do praise Him that I had a Christian mother and when I see how the world is going, the old standards are still the same, even tho' the world is changing fast. The news is so tragic...there is graft in high places. No wonder we are instructed to pray for those who have the rule over us. They have many temptations and yield to them. So many of our State people are in jail for extortion. It's that way a lot of places. Waxing worse and worse. Now the women are in Washington to push for Equal Right Amendment, when they should be at home keeping their children from the evils of this world. Oh! God have mercy is my prayer."

--Sis. Eva Cox

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From Okla.: "I enjoy the broadcast so much. May the word of truth continue and find lodging in someone's heart and life I pray."

--Sis. Kathleen Clarkson

From Ark.: "I will try and write you a few lines. I hope you both are well and keeping encouraged. This leaves me not doing so well, still can't walk without a walker and can't do very well with it. My right leg gives me trouble. I can hardly use it, but I am still keeping my trust in the Lord and am not in the least discouraged for I know he won't fail me, for he knoweth the way that I take and when he has tried me I'll come forth as gold. I feel like it is his will to heal me for we have so few here and I am needed but I want his will to be done and I am just waiting...remember me as you pray as I do you all."

--Sis. Della Anschultz

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From La.: "Greetings from the HOT country!...But I'm sure our 100 degree temperature won't touch those we'd have to forever suffer should we fail to live a holy life, and miss an eternal home in heaven. We're more thankful each day as we realize where sin could have us, had we not listened to the voice of our Saviour who called us out from the sinful life and we appreciate all who labor in the gospel work, for we believe labor it is. And for all who have a special work, we want to help along as we can. We were sorry to have that old mess of means to shell while you were here, but we couldn't help that. Thank you all for what help you gave shelling! Wish we'd been more free to enjoy you folks. It was such a treat to have you here...Christian love,"

--Don, Anneta Williamson, Keith and Cynthia

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From Colo.: "We have had rather hot weather in June, but the last couple days have been better with some rain and we are thankful for that. I have been feeling better the last month or so and what a blessing that is. Thanks be unto God. ... May God bless."

--Sis. Mary Wollert



From Jamaica--"Holy greetings to you and the brethren in Jesus name. It's quite a long time now since we have written to you. We are still receiving the Mission Trail for which we are thankful. It keeps us informed of your affairs. Please keep sending. They are of such good help and comfort to us. Well thank God we are still carrying on for Him. Our baptism went on and eight young persons were immersed. We are still going on with the building but the cost has gone up extremely high since this year... Bro. Thomas is still carrying on. Remember us all in your prayers... We can never forget your visits here... May the Lord bless your efforts in His service and may we all be true and faithful to the end."

--Bro. & Sis. T. Ferguson

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From Calif.: "God is blessing us with his precious truths. May we all dig down so deep in the Lord that nothing will shake us off, no matter what comes. May God bless you in your work for Him."

--Sis. Letha Reece

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From Mo.: "We are still encouraged in the ways of the Lord. He is a present help in every time of need. He says he will never leave us nor forsake us... Well little Myrtle slipped away from us so soon. She was only sick about 3 days. It was almost like a shock to us."

--Bro. F. E. and Sis. Ellen Wilson

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From Miss.: "Dear ones, I try to keep up with you dear saints through the papers. I love you, pray for you, want to write, but I am in such a strain... Warner prays for so many of you. He and my other folks need earnest prayer. I try to mow most of the yard as I am afraid for him to. I am not well, but God still blesses us in different ways for which I praise Him so much."

--Sis. Dorothy Bridges

From Calif.: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey and to the many saints abroad, glad to say today I am yet saved and by God's grace I mean to press on until the Lord calls me home. I need your prayers for the healing of my ear which has a sound in it, also pray for my son who is sick and needs help soul and body. May God continue to bless you all in sending out the Mission Trail. I enjoy it. One who loves the work of the Lord."

--Sis. Katie Gaines

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From Minn.: "I greet you in the holy name of Jesus our Lord and Savior who has done so much for all human beings when he said, Come unto me and learn of me. I am the way the truth and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me. What an invitation from the Savior of men. Who can refuse? I am happy in the Lord knowing that my sins are forgiven, each day that passes is one day nearer home. When I see Him face to face that will be glory for me. Praise His Holy name. I thank you and Jesus for the Mission Trail which I receive regularly and read every word. It helps to keep me in the Holy way."

--Bro. Andrew Senti

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From S. Car.: "We send greetings of Christian love in Jesus name. It is still hot and dry down here. We had 4 inches of rain which was much appreciated, but with 95 degrees it doesn't last long. The melons don't amount to much as they didn't get much size. I have been selling them for 50 and 25 cents each, but lots of melons on the market. Our pigs are doing good. They all like melons... pray for us."

--Howard and Minnie Boulden

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From Okla.: "I hope you are doing the work for Jesus still. Pray that I get to Monark meeting. Give my love to all the saints..."

--Sis. Lizzie Jordan



The End of the Road is a Bend in the Road

When we feel we have nothing left to give,  
And we are sure the song has ended,  
When our day seems over and shadows fall,  
And the darkness of night has descended,  
Where can we go to find the strength to  
valiantly keep on trying?  
Where can we find the hand that will dry  
the tears that the heart is crying?  
There's but one place to go, and that is  
to God,  
And dropping all pretense and pride,  
We can pour out our problems without  
restraint,  
And gain strength with Him at our side.  
And together we stand at life's  
crossroads,  
And view what we think is the end  
But God has a much bigger vision  
And tells us it's only a bend.  
For the road goes on and is smoother,  
And the pause in a song is a rest  
And the part that's unsung and unfinished  
Is the sweetest, and richest, and best!  
So rest and relax and grow stronger  
Let go and let God share your load,  
Your work is not finished or ended,  
You've just come to a bend in the road!  
Written by Alberta Cook for her mother,  
Sis. Armilda Abbott.

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From Calif.: "Greetings in the name of Jesus who has done so much for all of us. Working with elderly people here I've seen the need of getting closer to God and being like Him all the time, patient, gentle, kind, long suffering, especially when I'm tired or don't feel too well. It seems the enemy comes against me harder in times like that. We need to get established in the Lord when we are younger and have our right mind. People don't naturally grow sweeter as they grow older. It takes the love of God. I appreciate the Mission Trail."

--Barbara Severs

From Calif.: "Greetings in the Lord with thanksgiving for his wonderful goodness to all his creation, above all for the blessings of salvation and that personal acquaintance we have with him. It is not a once for all contact but something we have to strive to maintain. We have been reading Bro. Fred Pruitt's book, God's Gracious Dealings... One verse that was mentioned in the reading 2 Cor. 9:8, "And God is able to make all grace abound to you that ye always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." To me this scripture meant there would never be a cause for us to lack in any thing, if we could only believe... Remember us always in your prayers,"  
--Bro. Edward and Sis. Olive Davenport

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From Okla.: "Greetings of love to you both this bright warm morning in the precious name of Jesus. Surely He is our all and in all. I have no complaints with His dealings with us. We surely appreciate the dealings of the Lord. He is far better to us than we deserve... Always enjoy the Mission Trail, both paper and broadcast. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in need. I have found it so."

--Sis. Emma Dilley

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From Calif.: "Greetings of love to you two ... in the name of our wonderful Saviour. Guess I am about the same, still having pain but it is bearable. At times it gets pretty bad, but I am very glad I can get around. I do use a cane at times, but I usually sleep pretty well and I am very thankful for that. I am trying to get closer to the Lord as I know I don't have too much time and I don't want to be found wanting. I do enjoy the little paper and do appreciate getting it as it is an encouragement to me. Love and prayer,"

--Sis. Edna Murry



# at press time

we understand:

Tulsa, Okla.: "We had a very successful camp meeting, only two souls were saved. Several sought special help. The meeting was well attended, the spirit of the meeting was very good. Continue to pray for Tulsa congregation." --Sis. Theresa Gaines

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From Okla.: "I am glad to report greater victories, greater blessings, greater faith, greater joy and greater praise. Yes, I am glad I am richer in Jesus in every detail of my life. While the road has been rougher, the trials greater, the pain and sufferings extreme, eyesight fading away, yet my soul rejoiced in God my Saviour day and night. How good God is to continue teaching me in his school! The word of God is so very great to my soul and my Teacher is so wonderful! Oh that I had ability to speak and tell it out to all the world." --Sis. Ada Scanlan

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Wichita, Kans.: "The Lord blessed us with a good meeting and several people got saved. Most were backsliders returning home and we are so happy about that. If they will only stay with God this time. The messages were really good and anointed by the Holy Spirit... We had 18 ministers come in all but of course all did not preach. We do thank the Lord for his faithfulness to us and we sure want to prove faithful to him." --Sis. Shirley Knight

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Congratulations to Paul and Lenette Sorrell of Guthrie on the arrival of their new daughter, Christina Gail on June 22.

We can report that the early part of the Monark meeting was well attended and many souls were seeking spiritual help at the altar of prayer. God is still working with the "willing and obedient."

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Prayer is requested for Sis. Vena Sell, Sis. Della Anschultz and Sis. Jewell Whitley who are greatly afflicted.

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From Ky.: "I need your prayers. I was so in hopes I could at least get to Monark this year but guess I'll have to give that up. My system rejects food, have to eat a snack 6 times a day... I am in bed most of time. Don't forget to pray for me." --Sis. Marie Lindner, Box 341, Battletown, Ky. 40104.

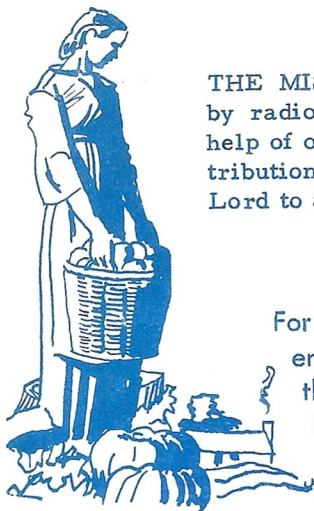
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The Oklahoma summer has proven to be a hot one with the temperature exceeding the 100 degree mark a number of days... But with the warm temperature has come also the blessings of heaven. Frances and I were so glad we could attend several days of the camp meeting in Hammond, La. The fellowship and hospitality of the saints were precious. In 1936, 42 years ago I attended my first camp meeting at that place and it was good to see some still pressing on whom I met for the first time in 1936. The Lord richly blessed in the services.

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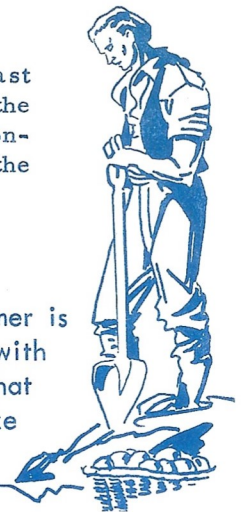
An added blessing we received when we stopped over with the saints of Prattsville, Ark. Sunday, July 2. Bro. Roy and Sis. Virginia Harmon have moved there from Kansas City and the Lord is using him to feed the flock.





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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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