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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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Withstanding the Pressures!

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Good morning to one and all! I am so happy to be coming your way with a short gospel message! Give attention to this scripture:

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always, bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body." 2 Cor. 4:7-10.

The times in which we are living are different from what they were in years gone by. It seems that pressures are greater. Cost of living is rising daily. It takes more money to pay the bills. The cost of manufactured goods increase. So it is necessary for the companies to have more for their products. The groceries cost more at the grocery stores. Utility bills have risen sharply. To make a trip in the family automobile is more costly because of the oil situation, and the great increase of price.

All of these things and more take their toll on our mental faculties. The pressures of life put a greater strain on the nervous system. High blood pressure is a plague of our times. Nations are perplexed. There is trouble at home and abroad. The economy is in a bad

shape. People are out of work. Iran continues to hold the hostages. Peace treaties are in jeopardy. The volcano, Mount St. Helens, continues to boil. Earthquakes are in divers places. Drugs are widespread. People's hearts are failing them for fear!

And then to add to all these things let me state that if you live for God, you are really going to have pressures from the ungodly, the flesh and the devil! So it is really going to require an abundance of grace to make it through. But at the outset let me say, it is possible to live a victorious life if you will count the cost. God's grace is sufficient. Consider the experience of the apostle Paul:

"For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears. Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus;" 2 Cor. 7:5-6. Then 2 Cor. 1:8-10 -- "For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: But we had the sentence

of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;" Listen to his testimony. He was troubled, there were fears and fightings. I am sure there were those who would liked to have killed him. But he was engaged in a great spiritual conflict with the forces of the enemy of all righteousness. The enemy is still alive and working overtime for he knows his time is short.

A rock or stone is strong and can withstand much pressure and weight, but by taking a chisel and striking it blow after blow with a heavy hammer, it soon develops a crack and before long will burst wide open!

Delilah found this out when dealing with the strong man Samson. At first, Samson played with her and fooled her, but listen, she wasn't so dumb after all: "And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death; That he told her all his heart, and said..." Judges 16:16-17 and so on. Samson went on to tell her all the secret of his great strength. So she was the victor and his enemies took him, punched out his eyes and caused him to grind at the mill. He became their slave. He was strong but could not withstand the pressures!

Take the example of Lot down in the city of Sodom. When the angels came to pay him a visit and spare his life he was really pressed by the wicked men of that city.

Peter speaks of Lot and the problems which he faced: "And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation

of the wicked:" 2 Pet. 2:7. So I can assure you Lot was being pressed. With the coming of the angels it came to a show-down. These wicked men were talking. Listen: "And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door. But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door." Gen. 19:9-10. This evil force was ready to break down the door. Isn't that just the way the enemy does? He would break in the door and devour the righteous, were it not for the angels of the Lord who keeps them day by day. I am reminded of a statement which Bro. O. B. Wilson Sr. said. He said that people speak of us being in the land of the living, but rather it is the land of the dying. All around us the pressures are taking their toll, both physically and spiritually. Many are falling by the way.

I like the way Zachaeus did it. Here was all that multitude following and pressing Jesus and there was no room for this little man to get through the press. But listen how he won the attention of Jesus: "And, behold, there was a man named Zachaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zachaeus, make haste, and come down; for to-day I must abide at thy house. And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully." Luke 19:2-6.

Dear pilgrims, do you grow tired of the struggle against sin? Are you ready to give up and quit the race? Don't do it! You will be the victor if you continue to bear the cross. Sure, you can lay down the cross and avoid much of the persecution of the world. You can go along with them and not receive the persecution. If you were of the world the world would love its own. But because you are not of the world they will persecute you even as they did Jesus.

Paul in writing to Timothy speaks of the particular person who lived in pleasure and said: "But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth. 1 Tim. 5:6.

The Lord leaves the decision up to each one. You can go back in sin and avoid the persecution of the world or you can ask for and receive more grace to go through for God. Let us learn to do as we are told in Peter: "Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you." Here is the difference between the worldling and the saint:

THE WORLDLING

A lady fair swept through the lane
With stately step, air of disdain.
With rustling silken garments clad,
Light at heart--and yet not glad
She saw not hunger, want, nor stress
Of those who at her feet did press;
And though so richly clad and fair,
Before her Lord her soul stood bare,
For his eye sees the hidden parts
And rightly reads our human hearts.

THE SAINT

Another followed through the press,
So humbly clad in simple dress,
Yet round her smile a radiance clung
And in her heart a vesper sung.
She stretched a helping hand to all
And heard the farthest, faintest call,
Forgetting self in her great love

For Him who watched her from above,
And lo, arrayed in linen bright,
She stood in priestly robes of white,
Well-pleasing to the One above,
Who dwelt there in that heart of love.

I heard a young man say the way in which he dealt with a bad dog was to run toward the dog! Perhaps this would be frightening and surprising to the dog! He is in the practice of running for his victim, but once the process is reversed no doubt he is puzzled and surprised! When David faced the giant, David had faith that God was going to deliver him into his hands. So David ran to meet him in the face of all the threats! God gave David the victory! You see, we should also do some pressing. Jesus said: "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." Luke 16:16.

We are told in Prov. 24:10--"if thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small."

DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you are trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learn,
And many a failure turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out.
Don't give up though the pace seems slow.
You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out,
 The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
 And you never can tell how close you are
 It may be near when it seems afar
 So stick to the fight when you are hardest
 hit,
 It's when things seem worst, that you
 mustn't quit.

Our Father, out there somewhere listening to the broadcast there may be a weary heart who has pressed so long it seems they can press no more, but we ask for renewed strength for each and every listener. Help them to be faithful even unto death and thou hast promised a crown of life. Bless each listener in the way which they need most for we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Let me leave with you these final scriptures: Phil. 3:13-14 -- "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." And Phil. 4:13--"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Thank you friends, for a few moments of your time. If we may be a help to you in some spiritual way be sure to let us know. And thank you for helping us keep the messages going forth over the air. Until we meet again, this is Willie Murphey saying God bless and keep you always and a very cheerful goodbye!

Faith

Faith is a living power from heaven
 Which grasps the promise God has given!
 A trust that cannot be o'er thrown,
 Securely fixed on Christ alone.

Faith finds in Christ whate'er we need
 To save and strengthen, guide and feed;
 Strong in His grace it joys to share
 His cross, in hope His crown to wear.

Testimonies

From Minn.: "I am still in good health and strength but am slowing up. You can tell by my fancy writing. However, I am on the highway of holiness in spite of all the devil tries to do. I rebuke him in the name of Christ Jesus who came into this sin-cursed world to save sinners like me. Praise His Holy name. I still get around fairly good with God's help day by day. The love of the Lord passeth all understanding, who can know it? God is a spirit and they who worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and Truth. John 4:24."

--Bro. Andrew Senti

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From Calif.: "I love my Lord with all my heart, soul and mind. Matt. 22:37. ...When the devil comes, I resist him and draw nigh to God and he flees. We have to resist the devil often...Thanks for the paper; it gives me courage to press onward toward heaven...It is a pressing time for us all to enter heaven."

--Sis. Opal Williams

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From Kans.: "Praise God for salvation--a plan that works and is perfect. I am still encouraged to work out my salvation with fear and trembling. But I am thankful that God's grace is sufficient and faith is the victory that conquers the world. So I am much encouraged to keep running in the Christian race and determined by grace to make heaven my home. Things are really shaking all around but we can be part of that which remains if we anchor down in God as we should. I still think the journey is exciting and there are joys unspeakable and glories divine along the way. So for my part I will take the holy way and the king's highway because it does lead from earth to glory."

--Sis. Shirley Knight

From Okla.: "Dear Brother Willie, Gracious greetings from God and Jesus Christ His wonderful Son! We were very pleasantly surprised when we saw you there at services. It does me good to see the saints being so blessed of the Lord. We also appreciate the brethren sharing our burden for lost souls in this terrible place. The different ones expressed their appreciation for the service. God has been helping me with my affliction. I am much better than I have been in the recent past... I do thank God for being true to my soul. I want to make heaven my home at all costs (regardless of the price). God has been faithful to me in so many ways..." --Bro. Elbert Johnson

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From Okla.: "Greetings of love in Jesus dear name. I have enjoyed the broadcast, also the Mission Trail. May God bless both is our continued prayer. I have a sister in Ohio I plan to go visit on July 19th who is going to have surgery on 21st. Please remember her in your prayers... Pray that God use me to His glory while there and give me a safe flight going and coming. I am depending on the saints' prayers."

--Sis. Theresa Gaines

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From La.: "In our dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's name I greet everyone! I do love the Lord today more than anything and I do love all the people of God! It is so wonderful to be saved from sin and have the sweet peace of our Savior in our heart and soul!... Let us all get enough of God in our hearts and souls to endure life's journey and trials we face! There's healing in His wings for soul and body. ... Pray for me that I will make heaven my home and see the face of Jesus. Common people heard Jesus gladly! Let's live right and God will reward us."

--Sis. Rubye Quave

From Calif.: "Greetings this beautiful morning with the birds singing. Every morning God gives us a brand new world to live in.

Good morning, Lord.

I'm a guest in your world today.

There's a bowl of sunshine on my tray,
A slice of sky buttered blue;

A rose of hope warm and strong

Surges through me with a song.

A little bird hops by for bread.

We are both happy to be fed.

--Jeanne Cherdak.

... The Lord blesses every day of my life and brings so many wonderful joys my way. I find it a great privilege to be chosen by the Lord to be His child, to be saved and sanctified and kept in His care. I'm becoming increasingly aware if we are going to be able to cope with life these days, we must have a powerful presence within us that far transcends our natural capabilities. That power is the inner presence of the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ, and is the fruit of a life yielded to His Holy Spirit. This power becomes available to us as a gift from our Father in heaven when we receive His Son as our Savior. Christ's presence and power within us as we fellowship with Him in prayer and personal Bible reading, as well as through contact with the saints. "Christ in you, the hope of glory." Col. 1:27... God bless all of you in your labor of love in getting God's message to the people. We enjoy the little Mission Trail paper and the poems are all saved for a scrap book."

--Sis. Lucille Allen

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From Mo.: "We are very well and encouraged in the Lord. He is a present help in time of need. I am so thankful we can trust Him for all things. You all keep encouraged. Your labor is not in vain in the Lord." --Elizabeth Glass

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

A right to tread so softly
Beside the couch of pain;
To smooth with gentle fingers
The tangled locks again;
To watch beside the dying
In wee small hours of night,
And breathe a consecrating prayer
When the spirit takes its flight.

A right to cheer the weary
On the battle-fields of life;
To give the word of sympathy
Amid the toil and strife;
To lift the burden gently
From sore and tired hearts,
And never weary of the task
Till gloomy care departs.

A right to be a woman
In truest woman's work;
If life should be a hard one,
No duties ever shirk;
A right to show to others
How strong a woman grows
When skies are dark and lowering,
And life bears not a rose.

If the husbands were but lovers,
Who cared to pet and praise,
There would be no fret in the trials met
In the frictions of the days.
There would be no passionate yearning
For a something in her heart,
For the soul that strives in the restless
wives,
If the husbands did their part.

If the men would practice justice,
If the making of the laws
Were straight and right, there would
be no fight,
No need of a "Woman's Cause."
It is only that hearts are starving
Behind life's prison bars,
Who long for the gem God meant for
them,
Who are reaching for the stars.

Oh! if men would but be tender
And loving, they would find
Love would rebound the whole world round
And lives be sweet and kind.
There would be no talking of equal rights,
No search in the skies above;
For a woman's care is a larger share
In the kingdom of man's love.

A right to love one truly
And be loved back again;
A right to share his fortunes
Through sunlight and through rain;
A right to be protected
From life's most cruel blights
By manly love and courage, --
Sure, these are woman's rights.

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WOMAN

Methinks, o'er all the realms of space,
Creative hand ne'er meant to trace
A nobler form or fairer face,
With brighter charm or sweeter grace,

Than woman, who was sent to cheer
Man in his lonely, hapless fate,
With kindness and affection's tear,
And lead him to a higher state.

Her charming face and trusting heart
Wakes in his breast heroic flame;
For her he toils by strength and art,
To carve his way to wealth and fame.

He tills the soil, and sails the fleet,
Subdues the earth, explores its wilds,
To lay his treasures at her feet,
For her approving love and smiles.

In every land where women stand
In loving beauty by man's side,
His rudeness turns to manners bland,
And truth and honor in his pride.

Then lordly man, that scoffs at fear,
At your own hearth or where ye roam
Strive with true love to bless and cheer
This angel of our earthly home.

at press time

we understand:

CHURCH OF GOD CAMPMEETING BOLEY, OKLAHOMA

Lord willing, the Boley, Okla., campmeeting will convene August 15-24, 1980 on the Campground at Boley, Okla. We extend a hearty welcome to all nations. Come one and all. "Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord." Isa. 1:18. We are looking to the Lord to send Holy Ghost-filled ministers and workers to help in the battle against sin. Come praying the Lord will give us a Holy Spirit filled meeting -- convicting souls of their needs, who will weep their way to the cross and be saved, believers sanctified and bodies healed to the glory of God. For further information contact Sis. Ora Spears, Route 1, Boley, Okla. 74829. Phone (918) 667-3376; or -- Sis. Katherine Williams, 905 NE 15th St., Okla. City, Okla. 73104. Phone (405) 235-2270.

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From Kansas: "I wanted to write and tell you how much I enjoy your messages. The one last Sunday was outstanding. I listen every Sunday. I am isolated and no way to go. I do love deep gospel messages..."

--A Listener

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From Jefferson, Ore.: "Mt. St. Helens has settled down for awhile and just smoking; no more ash and eruptions for 2 or 3 weeks now...we had a wonderful campmeeting, best in years, I felt; good preaching, good fellowship and better altar work than in several years."

--Sis. Grace Jones

Bro. John Varghese and his wife from India, who have been attending different campmeetings throughout the country this summer, were in Guthrie Sunday evening, July 13. He brought a message to the saints pointing out that Moses chose to take the way of God rather than the pleasures of the world. Bro. John plans to attend the Monark meeting after which they will be returning to India to continue his labors for the Lord there.

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Congratulations to Bryan and Sheri Rich on the birth of their 9 pound son, Caleb born July 7th.

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It's easy enough to be cheerful
When life flows by like a song,
But the smile worthwhile is
one that can smile,

When everything goes dead wrong!

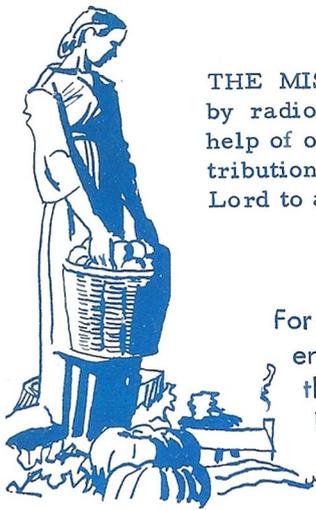
--Contributed by Geneva Ray

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Congratulations to Letha Phillips and Donald Lignons on their marriage July 12 in Wichita, Kansas. We wish them much happiness.

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"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11:6. The July weather this summer has been very hot and brought Oklahoma many days with temperatures above the 100 degree mark, yet we know the sowing of the gospel is not governed by the weather whether hot or cold. We need your prayers and support.



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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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