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. . .Greetings once again to all the saints and friends of The Mission Trail broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma. It affords me great pleasure to be back with you again at this time. We, also, trust that God has been blessing you in all of your needs, both temporal and spiritual.

Some thought for this message are found in St. Luke, chapter 2 and beginning at verse 40.

"And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them."

Now especially am I interested in this 44th verse: "But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance."

I am thinking that too many times we take certain things for granted and suppose them to be true which are not true at all. Here Joseph and Mary supposed that Jesus was in the crowd. They did not really know this to be true, but, no doubt, each one supposed that Jesus was with some other member of the family or company.

Have you ever experienced the anguish and pain of looking for your own child in the darkness when they failed to be where you thought they should be at a given time? I have. In fact, a few days ago this was my experience as I drove up and down the streets near my home looking for my 9 and 10 year old sons after dark. Fortunately, this does not occur very often for either Frances or I know where they are most of the time. This particular time they were safe and well, but the fact remained that we were not sure where they were.

Now, in some things of life this is not so alarming to be uncertain, but when it comes to the most important issue in everyone's life to "make your calling and election sure", can you afford to take chances and suppose that God accepts your life because you were christened as a baby by your parents many years ago, or upon the supposition that you

