



# The Mission Trail

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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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A very cheerful greeting to all who are tuned to XEG. This is Willie Murphey coming to you once again with another broadcast of THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma as we do each Friday night at 11:00. We are very grateful to those who are helping to make this broadcast possible by their prayers and offerings. We do appreciate hearing from you and desire to do our best for God and His cause both at home and abroad.

I would like to ask a very vital question which all of us should consider.

## ARE WE WILLING AND READY TO STAND IN THE GAP?

Now, let me further explain what I mean by this. Here's a scripture in Isaiah 59:16, 17 that seems to fit in so well with the thought I have on my heart. "And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him. For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke."

After the transgression of man, who had fallen into the depths of sin, he needed a saviour. Yet no one was found worthy to bring salvation except the son of God. All other men were in the same condemnation of sin and the "arm" which brought redemption was the gift of God's only son.

Another scripture which brings out this thought is found in Ezekiel 22:30. I quote: "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none."

Now just as it was necessary for the giving of the son of God to bring salvation to man-

kind even so is it necessary today for the people of God to "stand in the gap" and be an intercessor for those who continue to live in their wickedness.

Who of us is able to say how many lives have been saved from the destruction of sin by the prayers of a godly father or mother? Who of us can say the homes that have been saved from the wreckage of sin through influence of a godly person? It is easy to see a disaster when it comes into the lives of others, but, on the other hand, think of the disasters which have been averted and even more which could be avoided through intercession of the people of God.

Then let us look at it this way. Someone might say: "There isn't much which I can do because I am limited in my ability." Now, friends, let me encourage you, regardless of your limitations, do what you can for the cause of God in this world. God is ever looking for those who have a willing and ready mind. If he can find this, He is able to take the smallest sacrifice which we have to offer and multiply it a hundredfold. Now I would like to bring out this thought of standing in the gap a little more clearly by this legend from Holland.

