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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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Sober-Minded Young People

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. . . It is a real pleasure to bring to the listeners of this radio station a gospel message from the Word of God. There are some people who think that the Bible is for aged people or perhaps for children who love to hear Bible stories. Well, this is all true. It is, but it is for more than that. Let me tell you something. The Bible is designed to fit into the life of every individual. This is regardless of whether you are young or old. If you leave it out and the truths which it teaches, you may be sure you are going to miss the best things in life and the peace and happiness of the life hereafter.

Do you know the best time for a person to become established in the right way of living? Let me read it to you from Ecclesiastes 12:1. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

Notice that it said in the days of thy youth. It did not say for you to wait until you are sixty years old to begin remembering your creator, but it said in the days of thy youth. Now if you want to grow to be an aged man or woman who loves the Lord with a likeable personality and characteristics which people like to be around, then the time to start is in the days of your youth--not after you have grown old and hardened in sin.

And with that scripture, here is another one which is speaking to young people. Beginning with Titus 2:6, it says, "Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works; in

doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity. Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you."

Friends, let me point out that the young people of today have many problems and temptations which our fathers never had to face. Listen as Patsy reads to you this letter from a young man living in India. Perhaps the report of how he overcame his temptations will be a help to others.

"Dear Bro. Willie Murphey and the rest of the family, Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ who is our good shepherd. Firstly I request you to be kind enough to excuse me for my long silence. I think you can understand me. I am the son of Brother C. M. Varghese, South India. I could not write to you for a long time because I was busy with my education. But now I finished with my education successfully by the measureless grace of God, and I am quite free now to do gospel

work which, I think, is the happiest and most powerful work.

"Dear brother, from my experience as a college student I understand that college life is a period of temptation for those who want to lead a holy life. With great regret I say that it is during this period that most of the young men are misled and distracted. But my dear God--the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob--helped me very much to win over these temptations of Satan. I really thank God for he heard my prayers and poured showers of blessings on me many times. My fellow students used to tell me that to see film-shows is an indispensable factor for a college student. They persuaded and compelled me many times for that. But by God's grace I have not seen ever a single film show yet in my life. But it does not mean that the mere fact of not seeing film-shows alone will make a person's life holy.

"But the question is how can I show my gratitude to God in return. It will be better for me if I can win over even a single soul which is in the darkness of sin to place before God. Yes, if God allows I shall try my best to fulfill that aim during the rest of my life. I pray to God to give me a heart to cry for many young people of South India who are in the darkness of sin as the prophet Jeremiah cried for the men of Israel.

"I pray for you and all the members of your family and also for your broadcast. May God bless your useful and valuable works there. Please pray for me also. I request you to continue to send The Mission Trail to me and also to my father during this year also. With best wishes, Yours in Him,"

--John Varghese C.

Thank you, John, for that encouraging letter from South India. It is our sincere wish and hope that God may use you for a great influence among the young people of India. We know that it is possible for young people to be sober minded and to live a godly life.

And now, friends, I want you to listen to the words of a quotation which were written about eighty years ago and were included in an introduction to a Bible story book. The writer is speaking of the temptations of the youth. Here they are. I quote.

"What a battle they have to do right when there are so many influences combining to make them do wrong! It may be almost impossible to take a castle by straightforward siege, but suppose in the night there is a traitor within, and he goes down and draws the bolt and swings open the great door, and then the castle falls immediately. That is the trouble with the hearts of the young; they have foes without and foes within.

"There are a great many who try to make our young people believe it is a sign of weakness to be pure. The man will toss his head and take dramatic attitudes and tell of his own indiscretions, and ask the young man if he would not like to do the same; and they call him verdant, and they say he is green and unsophisticated, and wonder how he can bear the puritanical strait-jacket. They tell him he ought to break from his mother's apron strings, and they say, 'I will show you all about town. Come with us. You ought to see the world. It won't hurt you. Do as you please, but it will be the making of you.'

"After a while the young man says,

'I don't want to be odd, nor can I afford to sacrifice these friends, and I'll go and see for myself.' From the gates of hell there goes a shout of victory. Farewell to all innocence! Farewell to all early restraints favorable to that innocence, which once gone, never comes back! I heard one of the best men I ever knew, 75 years of age, say, 'Sir, God has forgiven me for all the sins of my lifetime; I know that, but there is one sin I committed at 20 years of age that I will never forgive myself for. It sometimes comes over me overwhelmingly, and it absolutely blots out my hope of heaven.'

"Young man, hear it! How many traps there are set for young people." End of quote.

Now, friends, those words were written something like eighty years ago. If it is true in those days and was true in those days that many temptations awaited the young people, how much more is it true today. And please do not forget the scripture found in Galatians 6:7 which says, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Here is a poem which says:

Trust in God and Do the Right

Courage, brother! do not stumble,
Though thy path be dark as night;
There's a star to guide the humble--
"Trust in God and do the right."
Though the road be long and dreary
And the goal be out of sight,
Foot it bravely, strong or weary;
"Trust in God and do the right."

Perish policy and cunning,
Perish all that fears the light;
Whether losing, whether winning,
"Trust in God and do the right."

Fly all forms of guilty passion,
Friends can look like angels bright;
Heed no custom, school, or fashion;
"Trust in God and do the right."

Some will hate thee, some will love thee,
Some will flatter, some will slight;
Cease from man, and look above thee;
"Trust in God and do the right."
Simple rule and surest guiding,
Inward peace and shining light,
Star upon our path abiding--
"Trust in God and do the right."

Let us pray.

Our Father,

We are sure that there are young people today faced with problems which they seem unable to surmount. We pray that you would help these young people to find the strength they are looking for in Christ. And that you would make them overcomers through the blood of the Lamb. Bless each one who hears the broadcast today and strengthen them to be good soldiers of the cross and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Our song now for today is "I Met the Master". The singers are Lynn and Alma Carver, Arnett and Genevieve Carver. And let me extend to those of you in the Shreveport, Louisiana area who are listening over KCIJ a very special invitation to attend services today at 7106 Southern Avenue. The Church of God chapel is located there in Cedar Grove--7106 Southern Avenue. The pastor is Bro. C. C. Carver. Here now is the song, "I Met the Master".

Friends, it has been a pleasure to be with you today. We need your prayers and co-operation that God may make it possible for us to keep the message going forth over the air and in the

Front Line Reports From Those Helping to Fulfill the

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and

Patzcuaro, Baja California: "Dear Saints and Friends, I greet you today in Jesus' name. How glad I am to be a child of God and to know His love and protection for both body and soul. I have had some experiences lately to prove to me more and more of how good God is and powerful to protect us. I am certainly far from being discouraged in the Christian race from earth to glory. Some say God is dead, but I am glad to say that my God is not for He is very real to me, and I love Him.

"I have had some trouble with my car, and one time it broke down at night out in the desert and the nearest town was 30 to 40 miles away. I began hitch hiking as I didn't know anything else to do. An American gave me a ride to the nearest town. By his conversation I know that God in heaven protected me from danger. In town I purchased the needed transmission fluid and went to the bus station, all to find out that the next one would be at 8:00 the next morning. Not having money for a hotel, I began my journey back to the car hitch hiking. I walked for a long time, knowing it would take me quite some time on foot to go the 30 some miles. I asked the Lord to help me and protect me. I was given a ride by some Mexican men who took me to the car. In both rides that were given me I had the opportunity to tell them of God's love to man and His plan in which we can be saved from sin. The Lord helped us to get home all right, and we had heartfelt gratitude for all the Lord did for us there. We need to get in hard places at times to be able to see more of the mercy and love of God.

"The Lord has been with us in a real

good way in the services--blessing us with anointing and His presence. There has been good attendance at all the meetings--twice on Sunday and once on Wednesday. Last night I counted the people, and there were 36, but yesterday morning there were more out. There are those who feel a need of the Lord from time to time and give good testimonies. . .

"Although the sewing classes keep me busy with all the other duties, I am very well satisfied in their accomplishments. It is rewarding to see the young ladies and girls on their way to school in the clothes they have made. One time I taught them to make pancakes. They all liked that very much. They have wanted me to teach them to make some American food for quite some time, but it is hard to do because so many of them don't have stoves to cook on--just an adobe something built up on sticks with the top of a metal barrel cut out and sitting on top of that.

"In closing I want to thank each one of you for your prayers in my behalf and for all who are endeavoring to serve the Lord here in Mexico. We may be on the front lines, but there is more to it than the front lines as it is the work of the Lord, and we are workers together for one cause--God's cause--the salvation of souls. . .

"I have been asked by different ones here to request prayer for them for their bodies--one with tumors, goiter, T. B., and crippling arthritis. All of these claim to be saved and they need your prayers. May God bless each one. Your sister in Christ,"

--Edith Cole, Box 1425, Calexico, California 92231

Great Commission to Take the Gospel Into All the World

ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:18, 19, 20.

"Mexico Baja Mission: Dear Co-workers and readers of The Mission Trail, Greetings of much love to you from Rosarito Beach once again.

"'For with God nothing shall be impossible.' Luke 1:37. Our mighty God is surely working here in answer to many prayers. We cannot praise Him enough! . . . About 6:00 this last Sunday morning, March 24, the Lord directed me to go to La Mission for Bro. Ernesto to preach for us. Upon arrival as I was telling Bro. Ernesto what the Lord wanted, the spirit of God blessed me so that I could do nothing except praise God and cry. Praise His holy name! I surely want to be obedient. 'Behold to obey is better than sacrifice.' Samuel 15:22.

"It did not take Bro. Ernesto long to be ready to go. Then we all went by for Sis. Charlotte Huskey and children who also desired to come with us. The day was spent in worship, prayer and praising our God who does all things well. Many came for the morning and also for the evening worship services, and we brought extra benches from next door to help seat them.

"For sometime Bro. Manuel's wife had not been interested in accompanying him in services regularly. During the morning service God surely dealt with them. They were both broken up and with many tears they gave ringing testimonies. They both seem to have new encouragement. . .

"Sister Alicia's husband is out of jail and back with his family. We were so happy to have the whole family in services Sunday night. She with her seven children had attended services faithfully while her husband was in

Tijuana jail due to his drinking, but Sunday night was his first time with us. He seemed friendly and interested in the message. They both need salvation. During worship she held up her hand and said that she wanted to be saved.

"We are thankful for the new ones who attended Sunday services. Among them were five men who came for the first time. God surely blessed here, and his Holy Spirit was felt so strongly throughout the services. Bro. Ernesto preached through the anointing of the spirit, and there was felt a holy solemnity on the whole congregation.

"Brother Tomas' sister, Maria, and her husband were surely broken up over the death of their 1/2 year old daughter last week. Bro. James Huskey conducted the funeral while Sister Charlotte and I tried to help comfort the grieved. We feel that God is working mightily here in Old Mexico to save souls. The Esquer family, too, are going through heavy trials. Ramona is still a faithful and willing worker. We do appreciate her help in the field.

"Sunday at 2:30 p. m. we had another worship service eight miles from here on the road toward Tijuana where we were asked to hold regular services. These dear ones seem to love the truth and there is no church near in this isolated place in the hills. The children run out to meet us while the others arrange the chairs outside for services. . . . We want you to know that your prayers, encouraging letters and help are appreciated and needed. Please continue to hold up the work with your prayers. Many thanks to you. Your sister in Christ," --Carrie Sheppard Box 2262, San Ysidro, Calif. 92073

THE MESSAGE--(Continued from Page 3)

mail each week. If we may be of any help to you, be sure to let us know. Address your letter to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you and a very cheerful good-bye!

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Testimonies

From Missouri: ". . . Greetings to all of you in the love of our Saviour and Redeemer. My heart is still fixed on God and by His help and grace I'll live all my days for Him. He is indeed a friend in time of trouble and all times. I'm glad we don't have to wait but can cry out His name and He hears in the same instant.

"David, my youngest son, had an accident last Monday evening. A tractor rolled about 8 or 10 feet and pinned him against a wagon. It rolled with quite a force and gave him a pretty bad injury, but had it not been for the mercy of our dear heavenly Father, it would have been much worse. He had one broken bone in his back and possibly more. He has had to be in bed all week and has suffered pain at times pretty bad and has been real sore, but I know God has really blessed in that he hasn't suffered much worse. So I give Him much praise and thanks.

"Friday, Connie caught her hand in the door and cut her thumb real deep. It looked like it was almost all the way through the bone. The Lord is healing it up so nicely, and it hasn't hurt her much, so surely we have much to thank and praise Him for. Remember us each one when you pray. Also pray that the Lord will heal David's back so there will be no permanent injury or weakness. In Christian love to all the saints,
--Zella Dollins and family"

From Tennessee: ". . . Trust this finds all well in soul and body and still encouraged in the Lord's work. Our labors are not in vain if we faint not. . . ."
--Sue Shell

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From Missouri: ". . . We love the dear Lord with all our heart. I am sending in a request for my husband. He had a heart attack. He is. . . weak in body. . . We are putting all our trust in the Lord and letting the Lord have his way. The Lord's way is best. You pray for me that the Lord will help me in body. . . ."

--Elmer and Edna Blacksher

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Meeting Report

Coffeyville, Kansas: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, This letter finds us encouraged in the ways of the Lord. His goodness and mercy has followed us in paths that we have not known before. Surely it pays to take God's way in every detail of life. We find that it satisfies the longing of the soul.

"Bro. Mart Samons held us a revival meeting which started Mon., March 18 through Sun., March 24. God gave him stirring messages that brought some to the altar for help and deliverance. Wednesday night service was interrupted when Bro. Samons turned real sick Wednesday afternoon with severe pains. It looked as if the enemy was going to hinder the remainder of the meeting, but praise God, prayer was offered, Satan rebuked, and after series of prayers and holding fast, God's power took hold and healing was applied. Praise the Lord! What a mighty God we serve! We do appreciate the Mission Trail paper and pray much for it. Pray for us and the work here. A servant and a brother in the service of the Master,"

--Bro. Donald Sharp and family

at press time

we understand:

It is with deep sorrow that we report the death of Sister Beulah Harmon of Glendale, California. She and her husband, Bro. Gene Harmon, were on their way to Jefferson, Oregon on Thursday, March 28, to make preparations for the Easter Meeting when the car in which they were riding went out of control on the freeway near Madera, California and rolled over, throwing Sister Beulah from the car and crushing her. Brother Gene who had been sleeping in the back seat received bruises but miraculously escaped death by the mercies of God!

This comes as a real shock to the saints, and it seems almost unbelievable as it all came about so suddenly. Preparations are being made for her funeral to be held in the Pacoima chapel Wednesday afternoon, April 3, with Brother Ostis Wilson and Brother Ira Stover conducting the service.

Sis. Beulah Harmon was well known by the saints as she and Brother Gene had been in meetings in many places. In recent years they have greatly assisted in carrying on the work in Jefferson, Oregon as they assumed so much of the responsibility there in cooperation with Sister Beatrice Spaur.

On a slip of paper in her address book was written the following: "Happiness is not always in doing what you like to do but in learning to like what you have to do." What a pattern for all of us to follow! We extend our sympathy to Brother Gene and their children in this hour of sorrow and great loss to them.



Bro. Gene and Sis. Beulah Harmon are shown in snapshot taken on the Monark Springs campground July 31, 1966. They have been active in the Lord's work for many years.

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Our sympathy is also extended to the relatives and friends of Sis. Grace Barber of Anthony, Kansas who died Monday, April 1. The funeral service has been arranged for Wednesday afternoon of this week. Sister Grace has not been in good health for several months, but God has been gracious to answer prayer upon different occasions and prolonged her life until He was ready for her going.

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Johnny Ray reports that the gospel singing at Springfield, Missouri was well attended last Saturday night. Several different groups sang specials as well as congregational singing.

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It is encouraging to know that Bro. Gibson was able to be in service for a little while during the all-day meeting at Springfield, although he is yet very weak.



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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."

Broadcast Schedule

Listen for THE MISSION TRAIL weekly on one of the following stations:

RADIO STATION	LOCATION	DIAL SETTING	TIME
KXOW	Hot Springs, Ark.	1420 kc.	Sunday, 7:15 a.m.
KCLO	Leavenworth, Kans.	1410 kc.	Sunday, 3:00 p.m.
WFPR	Hammond, La.	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a.m.
KCKW	Jena, La.	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
KCIJ	Shreveport, La.	980 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.

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