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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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CONTENTMENT

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. . . A very pleasant greeting to all the listeners of The Mission Trail broadcast. I am certainly happy to be coming your way again with another message from the Word of the Lord. Along about this time of the year people often think of the freedom of the nation in connection with the 4th of July. Personally, I appreciate the freedom which we enjoy in having freedom of worship and the right to choose the way in which we shall live. However, there is another freedom which is sometimes overlooked. That is what I want to talk about at this time-- the freedom which is enjoyed by the children of God regardless of the conditions surrounding them. Did you know that real contentment comes not from the outside but from an inward condition existing in the heart? You see, when you have had that type of contentment the outward conditions cannot take away your peace. Listen to this scripture: "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Phil. 4:11 Now, what kind of conditions do you suppose existed in Paul's life? Just think for a moment. There were times when he was beaten with stripes and time when he was hungry. He had been shipwrecked and was bitten by a viper, but from all of this the Lord had delivered him. False brethren had conspired against him and threatened to take his life. Once he was let down in a basket from the wall of the city. He was placed in stocks and bonds. Would you think this was a very desirable life? How could he possibly say that he had learned to be content?

The answer is simple: Here is the key to happiness and contentment: happiness comes not from the abundance of the things which one owns. Listen to what Jesus said: "And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." Luke 12:15 Therefore, the secret of happiness rests within the internal peace and security which one finds in Christ. It is a spiritual force working in the children of God and they are kept by the grace of God regardless of the conditions existing on the outside. The knowledge that one is

a child of God is enough to make them happy.

Here is a verse in Luke 1:77 which says: "To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins," Now would you not be glad to know that all your sins were forgiven and you were no longer in bondage to them. That within itself is a joy. I am reminded of an illustration which is sometimes told of the man who was so happy and continually rejoicing and it was difficult for the trustees to carry on the business affairs of the church, so it was decided that during the busi-

ness meeting they would place the old gentleman in a room by himself while they conducted the business. To help him pass the time away they gave him an encyclopedia. All went well for a while and then they heard him shouting for joy and rejoicing in the Lord. They went to investigate and asked: "Now what have you found to be making so much noise about?" "Well," he said, "I read in here that the ocean was in places many hundreds of feet deep and I was reminded of the scripture that says: 'thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea'." So there he was rejoicing because his sins were gone. That brought happiness.

Now listen to this verse. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:36 Of course it is a wonderful thing to have national freedom, but it is a much greater thing to have individual freedom and contentment. Now talking about freedom, just listen to these verses, "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:22, 23

Now I can see why Paul could say, "I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." I can understand why he and Silas could sing and pray at midnight in the Phillipian jail after they had been beaten with stripes and placed within the inner stocks. They certainly were not rejoicing because they had suffered such abuse. They were rejoicing because they had found their freedom in Christ. In other words, they had found contentment. Contentment makes you happy wherever you are.

Another thing for which I am glad, there is no exclusion of any race or nationality. We are sometimes prone to think that the Jews were special favorites of God and this was true to some extent in the days when God called Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And of course, when He led the children of Israel from Egypt by the hand of Moses and Aaron. Sure, these things are true. But let me tell you something else. The hope of the Jew and every other nationality today rests in Christ and as long as they reject Him it is a sure thing that He will not accept them. Listen to these words from St. John, chapter 1 and beginning with verse 11, "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." Now this means anybody of any race can become a son of God.

But let me tell you something else. You may be living in a country of freedom and plenty, but if you are filled with hatred, envy, jealousy, rioting, murdering, drunkenness, cheating, lying, and stealing then you are not free, you are not happy, you are not contented. In speaking of joy listen to this verse from I Peter 1:8, "Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:" Here is a poem.

I'VE FOUND IT LORD, IN THEE

My soul in trouble roamed
Upon a weary plain,
And, ever restless, longed
A perfect bliss to gain.

Oppressed with guilt and woe,
With fears of hell o'ercast,
My soul no comfort knew
Until I came to Christ.

I bore within my breast
A deep and painful void,
I wanted inward rest,
And peace that would abide.

My foolish soul had tho't
To fill itself with mold
From earthly mines, yet bou't
No true and lasting gold.

All in this world is dross;
Its pleasures soon decay;
Its honors prove a snare;
Its treasures fly away.

I have found it, Lord, in thee
An everlasting store
Of comfort, joy, and bliss to me:
How can I wish for more?

--D. S. Warner

Let us pray,

Our Father,

Indeed we are grateful that happiness, peace, and contentment comes from thee. We are glad that thou art no respecter of persons, but willing to impart the joys of heaven to everyone who will believe. Bless the words of the message today. May they fall into good and honest hearts and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Friends, may I take just a moment to tell you that this message has been brought your way today by THE MISSION TRAIL, of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If you would like a printed copy free of charge, be sure to let us know. If we may be a help to you in finding the deeper things of God please get in touch with us. These

broadcasts are made possible by the interest and co-operation of those who listen and read THE MISSION TRAIL. If you desire to write us address your letter to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. Or you may address it to me personally. My name is Willie Murphey.

Here is a song: "The son hath made me free". The singers are Lynn and Alma Carver, Arnett and Genevieve Carver.

Yes, friends, that is indeed a privilege to have freedom in Christ, peace, joy, and contentment. I would like to take this opportunity to extend to all of you living in South Louisiana a special invitation to attend the annual camp meeting in Hammond, La. Now, this is the old-fashioned type meeting held under a tabernacle with three services daily and meals are served free of charge of course, in the dining room. The meeting is operated on a free-will basis and prayer is made for the salvation of sinners and the healing of the sick. Did you know there was a place like that in Hammond, La.? If not, then call Brother T. H. Coffey and let him tell you how to get there. The meeting started last Friday, June 28, and is to continue through next Sunday. That name again to call is Bro T. H. Coffey, Hammond, La.

Now until next Sunday at this same time on this same station, this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with you. Until we meet again a very pleasant good-bye!

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If The Lord Will

Where I shall dwell, what toil my days
employ,
And whether I shall gain thereby or lose,
Are not, O Lord, for me to will and choose,
The will, the choice, are thine, I own
with joy.

Meeting Reports and Testimonies

"Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from

From Kentucky: "Dear Mission Trail friends, one and all, Greetings of love once again in the precious name of our Loving Lord. We praise Him today for his love and blessings manifested to us. Before the Holly Hill camp meeting Bro. Abbott suffered much pain and discomfort from an infected eye. But we went in the name of the Lord, neither of us feeling well. But oh, how God undertook, gave each of us a healing touch and blest our souls and bodies too beyond our expectation! Oh for grace to trust him more. Praise his name. The South Carolina camp meeting has now come and gone--a precious gathering together of God's people. Ministers from five states proclaimed the Word without fear or favor, the pastor and local ministers also. The sweet Spirit of God prevailed throughout the meeting and we feel much good was accomplished. It was a time of encouragement and strengthening the Church in that community. Before the meeting was over, the brethren were discussing plans for the improvement of facilities on the grounds. The ordinance service was very precious with 13 brothers and 10 sisters taking part. Every need was amply met and there was more fresh vegetables brought in than we could use. The hospitality of the saints was precious. Some from the congregation of Ridgeville attended all the meeting and also helped in different ways. The fellowship was precious. . . Lord willing, we plan to go to Hammond. Pray for us. In His sweet service,"--Sis S E Abbott
Note: Bro. and Sis. Abbott did make it to Hammond and we were glad to see them there.
--Willie

From Oregon: "Dear Bro. Willie and Sis. Frances, Greetings in Jesus dear name. We arrived here Sat. eve and the Lord blessed us with a good trip. The meetings have been real good. Pray that some souls will be saved Christian love," --L. D. and Lois Chrisman
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From California: "Dear Saints, We enjoy The Mission Trail very much. Our only wish is that it could be bigger. We here in Orland are enjoying many blessings from God. It states in His word that he giveth us richly all things to enjoy as long as we continue to obey him. When we have a test or trial it is needed in our daily walk with the Lord, to purge out the dross. God looks down deep in our hearts and sees our needs so he allows these trying things to come to us to make us more like Jesus. So we as his children, when we are in the midst of a test, must say "Amen Lord, help us to learn the lesson you have in this for us". God will get us ready for heaven if we will let him. If there is any failure it is us not God, as he never fails. We are hearing some deep truths here in Orland. It is up to each of us to measure our daily walk to God's truths as it is given to us. Satan uses every sly trick he can think of to try to overcome souls. May God help us as his children to ever be wide awake to every trap of Satan. God will always be near to help us to overcome. Our God knows all and as his word tells us, "Before you call I will answer." So we need not fear as God will only let come to us what we can gain the victory over. May God bless each of you. . . Much Christian love," --Letha Reece

From the East and From the West

far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; Even every one that is called by my name; for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him." Isaiah 43:5-7

From Oregon: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey and family, I greet you in Jesus dear name. I am thanking the Lord for salvation. I am at the camp meeting. We sure are having a good meeting. The Lord is really blessing us with Word preached under the anointing. We have sure heard some very precious messages. . . Sis. Ruth sure brought us a very good message last night. "We are like a shadow that abideth not." That was her message. In the mail this a. m. there was a letter addressed to Bro. Murphy Allen so he must be on his way here. There are 5 out of state ministers here already. . . . Love and prayers,"--Sis. E. Busch

The Sermon

I'd rather see a Sermon
 Than hear one any day,
 I'd rather one would walk with me
 Than only point the way.
 The eyes are better pupils
 And more willing than the ear,
 Fine council is confusing
 But example is always clear.
 The best of preachers are
 The ones who live their creeds,
 For to see good in action
 Is what every body needs.
 I'd soon learn to do it if
 You'll let me see it done,
 I can watch your hands in action
 But your tongue fast may run.
 While the lectures you deliver
 May be wise and strictly true,
 Yet I'd rather learn my lesson
 By observing what you do.
 For I may misunderstand you
 And the fine advice you give
 But there's no misunderstanding
 How you act and how you live.

From Missouri: "Dear ones. . . I am so glad to be saved and am determined to go all the way with Him who died for me. As one makes this determination the devil is aware of it also and will use every device possible to cause one to drift. He is not so concerned about us "falling" suddenly but seems of late I have been noticing how he wants to slip in a few 'no harm' things as the devil labels them. But a little 'no harm' things will gradually loosen the 'anchor of the soul' and a person will begin to drift before you know it. So let's pray one for another that we will stay anchored to the rock which is Christ. . . Kathryn and Wayne Baltzell are moving to Kansas City, also Fred and Dorothy Sorrell are here, also my brother and family are coming to meeting now and Marilyn is here so our group is growing again. Remember us in prayer. I realize that it is not how long I live, but how well I live that counts. Christian love," --Leta Inman

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From Arkansas: "Dear Bro. Willie and wife, This is the third attempt I've made at writing this letter for prayer. . . . I do have a matter that I deeply desire your prayers that God would come to our rescue and work the matter out. This past week has been quite trying with trials and not feeling well in body has made it seem worse. God has brought me through victoriously though and I praise him for it. In James it reads to "Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw nigh unto God and He will draw nigh unto you"! I do want to live that God would be pleased with my life. . . Sister in Christ," --Odessa Cryer

From Arkansas: "Please pray for me. I would like to be sanctified. I was sick but am better and Ethel Earstling needs prayer. She has heart trouble."

--Lugunia Jones

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"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification,"

II Thessalonians 4:3

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From Michigan: "Dear ones of The Mission Trail, I don't know who had the paper sent to me, but I enjoy reading it. I'm happy to say I'm a child of God. My determination is to live for Jesus. He has sustained me through so many hardships in my life. Please pray for the complete healing of my body. . . I know God is able to heal. . . . Your sister in Christ,"

--Sylvia Hovey

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From Missouri: "Dear Bro. Willie and Sis. Frances and family, Greetings to you in the name of our dear Lord. I felt like I should write again and send a little offering. I would love to see this good work continue. I guess you will miss Patsy. I do wish her and Bro. Clifford a lot of joy and happiness together. I am looking forward to get to come out there for the Guthrie camp meeting. So pray for me. I need help in different ways. I do love the Lord and I love his children and my greatest desire is to do more for him. My love to all,"

--Bro. W. J. Marler

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From Kansas: "Dear Bro. Murphey, Please send to my address the little paper "Mission Trail". I enjoy it so much and have been going from place to place for 6 months and have missed so many issues and seems as though the one I miss is somehow the one I'm sure is just the 'one' I most want and need. . . Sincerely,"

--Mrs. J. R. Hooker

From Texas: "Dear ones, As I read your message of the blind man who washed in the pool of Siloam in obedience to Jesus command, I was reminded of our Bible study this week in worship. In Mark 8:22-26 there was another blind man. Someone helped him by bringing him to Jesus. Instead of touching the blind man, as they asked, Jesus took him by the hand and led him out of town. Then Jesus spit on his eyes, put his hands on the blind man and asked if he could see. But the blind man was not fully restored and could only see men as trees walking. Again Jesus put his hands upon the blind man's eyes and made him look up. This time the blind man could see clearly. There is so much meditation in this short, and only account I could find. First the blind man must have had friends to bring him to Jesus. We also need one another's help and encouragement. Next, Jesus led the blind man by the hand; he need have no more fear. As those saints get under the burden and pray, leaving us with Jesus, let us rest assured He is leading and holding our hand, as we trust Him. Now instead of encouragement we may be humiliated, and brought low, yet trusting, Jesus is still here. As He spit on the blind man's eyes, the blind man was waiting, expecting. However we need more than one touch of the Master's hand sometimes. This man waited for the 2nd touch. So he received it. And now at long last he was no longer blind but could go his way rejoicing, normal as others were. . . It may mean a long wait or a short wait, but let us remember, Jesus is here! . . . As we receive that final touch, let us never forget what He has done, and remember to pay our debt by giving the remainder of our life to follow in His footsteps. Christian love,"

--Wilma L. Meek

at press time

we understand:

From California: "Dear ones, Just a note to tell you how we thank and praise the dear Lord for all His great blessings. We are so grateful He has entrusted a little boy to our care and we desire all the saints' prayers that we can raise him pleasing to the Lord. We really enjoy The Mission Trail. May God bless you richly and permit you to carry on the good work. Patsy and Clifford have been to see us. We are so glad to have them here. Love,"



Edward K. Ewbank III
Born: June 12, 1968

--Alice, Ed, and Ken Ewbank

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"Today still finds me saved and encouraged in my heart to keep pressing on."

--Tempie Crisp

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"We are still praying for you all and the work."

--Sis. Bell Sanders and

Sis. Nancy Jones

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"Pray for our grandsons in Viet Nam. One of them was shot through shoulder."

--Sis. Ben Harrison

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"Sister Tomblison is feeling very badly and needs much help from God. He is not too well either. He has dizzy spells and seems weak in body, but strong in the Spirit,"

--Mildred McIntosh

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Our sympathy is extended to the loved ones and relatives of Sister Lillian Brown, Akron, Ohio who departed this life to be with the Lord on May 11, 1968.

This week's Mission Trail is being mailed a few days later than usual. However, we were glad to attend a part of the Hammond, La. campmeeting. Frances and I with our family were in Louisiana from Wednesday through Sunday. Wednesday night we were with the saints at Midway for services. Sis. Leona Green accompanied us that far. It was good to see them encouraged. Then on Friday the campmeeting opened in Hammond. Not too many were present for the first services but more began to arrive shortly. A number of out-of-state ministers came, as well as those living in that area. We understand this was the 60th annual campmeeting held in that place. We were glad for the presence of the Lord.

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It was a pleasure to be present in the studio of radio station WFPR of Hammond, La. June 30. With the assistance of Bro. T. H. Coffey and the quartet consisting of Bob Forbes, Randal Flynn, Dale Doolittle and Melvin Doolittle the broadcast was given live to those listening in that area.

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HOUSE OF GOLD

What good is a house of gold when your soul is lost and far away from God? Or do you care? I'd rather be in a deep dark grave and know my soul was saved and with God in heaven, than have a house of gold and silver and my poor soul to be unsaved and living in darkness away from God and heaven in shame and at the judgment day before God in heaven.

--W. D. Harmon



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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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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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