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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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Lord, What Wilt Thou Have Me to Do?

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. . . a very cheerful greeting to all the listeners of THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma. We hope that each of you are well and enjoying the blessing of the Lord during these hot summer months. Listen to this challenging question. I venture to say that if each of you would ask this question honestly and then abide by the answer which the Lord gives, your experience would be greatly enriched in Him. Here it is. It is found in Acts 9:6, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Would you like to know who asked that question and when and where? Alright, let us go back into the New Testament Bible history and take notice of a man who was called Saul. This man had been brought up a Pharisee and was very devoted to what he believed was right, even to the persecuting of the early Christians causing them to blaspheme if possible and it was he who was present and kept the clothes of those who stoned the first martyr for Christ, Stephen. Do you remember reading of that?

The spread of Christianity was one thing which troubled him greatly. Therefore he sought and received of the high priest at Jerusalem permission to go to Damascus and seek any disciple which he might find there and bring them to Jerusalem for punishment. Can you see him on the way to Damascus with those legal documents in his possession at a time when his heart was steeled against mercy? But as he approached near the city suddenly an intense light flashed from heaven full upon the persecutor which so dazzled him that he fell to the ground in great fear. As he lay there he heard a voice saying to him from heaven, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" Saul realized that the voice came not from one of this earth, so he asked, "Who art thou, Lord?" He must have been all the more alarmed when the voice replied "I am Jesus of Nazareth,

whom thou persecutest." I wonder if then he thought how he had treated the believers of Christ. I wonder if he remembered how he held the clothes of those who stoned Stephen. Do you suppose his voice was trembling when he asked this all important question, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

Well, anyway he asked it and sure enough the answer was given. He was told what to do and he was told where to go, but in the meantime his sight was so blinded and his body so weak from fear that another led him by the hand as he went on his way to Damascus. There he was 3 days without sight and without food and without drink.

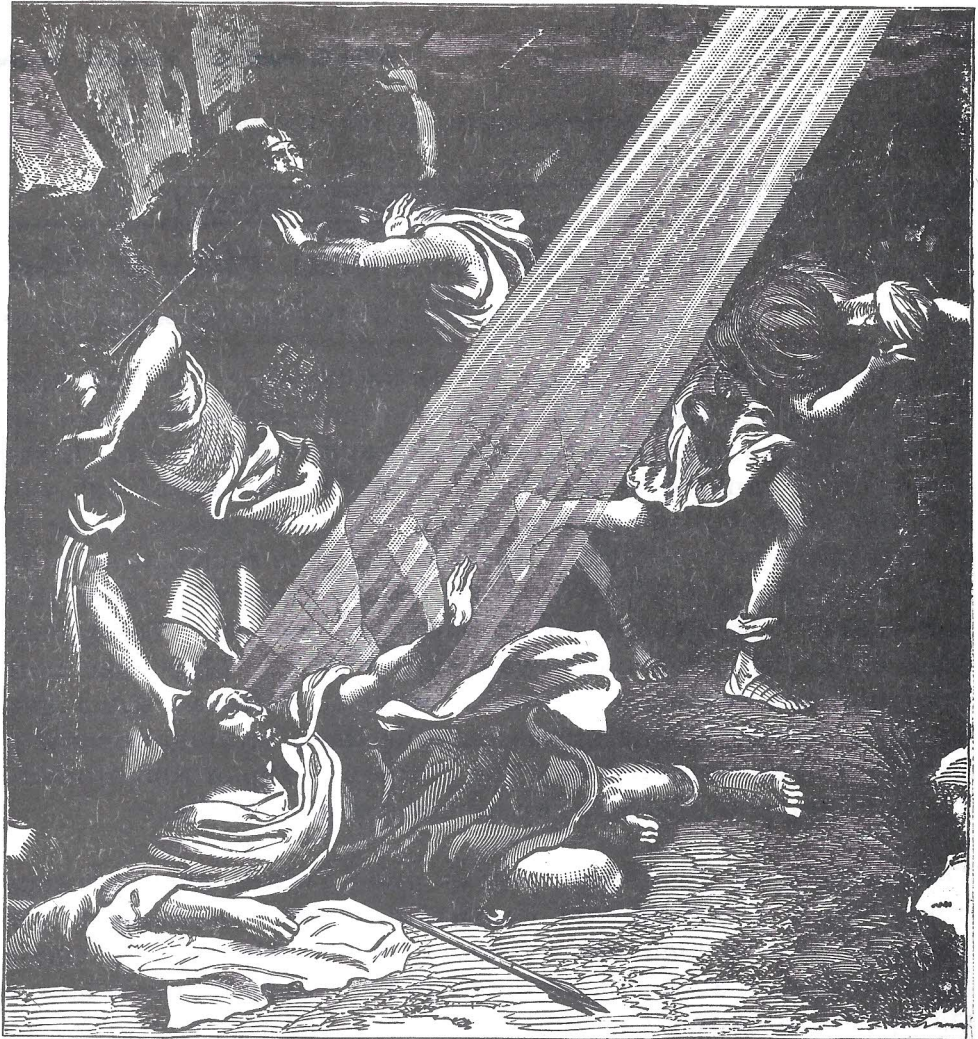
I wish more people would sincerely ask that question, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" I believe that God

would reveal His will to them either through the Word or by His spirit or a messenger of His in one way or another. Ananias was very hesitant to visit Saul when the Lord told him to do so, because he had already heard about what a wicked man he was. But I wonder what might have been the result if Ananias had flatly refused to obey the will of God because of his fear of Saul. No doubt there would have been a missing link in Saul's life had Ananias drew back. But I am

glad that he didn't. He went right over there to that street which was called "Straight" and there he found Saul as the Lord had shown him.

From this time on the life of Saul was changed. He no longer sought to persecute the saints for then he was one of them. He chose like Moses did, to suffer affliction with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

And friends, may I present this challenge to you. If you find the way you are traveling hard to go, if you find it is hard for thee to kick against the



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pricks, (this means to go contrary to the will of God) then why don't you ask this question, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Now notice, it says 'me', not someone else. One should be asking sincerely for themselves.

I am reminded of the first miracle which Jesus performed--that of turning water into wine. His mother told those servants at the wedding, "Whatsoever he saith unto you do it." Now that was the secret of the miracle. It was in doing that which they were told to do. What do you suppose would have happened to Saul if he had gotten up from the ground, rubbed his eyes, and tried

to explain how some astronomical phenomenon had taken place and it just so happened that he was caught in the midst of it. Suppose he had continued on his mission of persecuting the saints. Well, friends, that is not for us to know what the result would have been. And I am glad that he not only asked the question, but I am glad he did what he was told to do, aren't you?

Now, let me bring this personally home to each of you. Consider this question: What shall I do with my life? First, be assured that God has a plan for your life. Next, dedicate your life to him and ask him to show you the work which he would have you do. You should remember that you are responsible to God for the talents he has given you and, of course, you should not merely seek for the easiest place in life, but ask yourself this question, where can I serve best? Now if you had a dozen lives to live you might possibly afford to waste one of them, but the fact is that you only have one life to invest, or lose. Which is it going to be with you? Listen to this scripture from I Cor. 6:19, 20, "and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

Then, let me give you this word of encouragement, if you are really sincere and earnest in searching for the will of God this scripture should be a comfort to you. In John 7:17 we read, "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself."

Shall we pray,

Our Father,

Give us not only earnestness and sin-

cerity in asking the question, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" but give us a willing heart to please thee whatever the cost. Bless all those who hear the broadcast today. May they receive spiritual, physical, and financial blessings as they answer like one of the prophets of old, "Lord, here am I send me." And to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Listen now to this song, "He's everything to me." The singers are Bob Forbes, Randal Flynn, Melvin Doolittle and Dale Doolittle.

Now, friends, may I take just a moment to tell you that this broadcast has been brought your way by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie Okla. We print these messages and mail them free of charge to those who request them. All of this we do, of course, by faith in God believing that what he has called us to do he is able to supply the means through the co-operation of those who have a love for the truth. We do desire your prayers and support and if we may be of any help to you with your spiritual problems, be sure to let us know. Address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Now before going off the air let me leave with you this thought. You can not put over what you put off. Delay weakens your determination. Postponement will push away your achievement. One other reminder also to our listeners of KXOW, Hot Springs, Ark. Be sure to tune in our broadcast this afternoon at 3:30 and enjoy the good gospel singing. Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you and a very pleasant good-bye!

God Answers Prayer

Dear Saints and loved ones, We are writing this letter that all of you there may rejoice with us because God has been merciful and healed all of us of "infectious hepatitis".

As many of you all know I and our four older children became very ill the first week of July. After a week of terrible suffering we decided to go on to the Pacoima campmeeting to be near the ministers for prayer. We phoned the day before for prayer and to see if there would be a place for us away from the grounds. Sis. Rada Watkins offered her home for which we were very thankful. James made a bed in the back of our Ford van and I and several of the children lay down on the way. Thursday we were anointed and prayed for. God touched, we all felt stronger. Friday the ministers were called again for prayer, and again Saturday. Bobby, our oldest boy, received healing Saturday. We were all thankful God touched us enough we were able to be in one or more services. The only regret we have is that we were ignorantly exposing others to our affliction.

After other symptoms developed we realized our affliction was more serious than we expected and possibly contagious. Monday we went back to Mexico. Wednesday before the campmeeting started there at Monark I went to a doctor to see how to protect others and also to affirm what we believed God was healing us of. After the examination the doctor told James, "She's in very serious condition. About the only cure for her is a month's hospital bed rest and some medications. But

I must wait until I get results from the laboratory tests before admitting her." A short discussion followed about trusting in God for healing but he payed little attention. Upon leaving he said to go home, go to bed, all the family stay away from people, no visitors, no excitement of any form.

Well, it so happens that James was chief cook and dish washer and while washing dishes a cup broke in his hand cutting his finger very badly. It needed stitches but he couldn't sew it as it was his right hand so just bandaged it up as best he could in a way that the wound closed up. All well now in 7 days.

The following afternoon a scorpion bit Patricia, our 10 year old daughter. She was James' only helper as God had healed her after four days of suffering. We went straight to prayer and of course did all we knew to do to keep the poison from spreading through her blood. The next morning my Bible fell open to "And he gave them power to tread over scorpions and serpents, and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Praise our God! I read it to her and asked, "Are you hurt?" and she answered, "No, only the spot where I was bitten is numb."

Two days later our three year old (who is just recovering from whooping cough) was on the back porch while Patricia was doing the family wash. While Patricia was picking up some clean clothes that had fallen the baby put her hand in the wringer of the washing machine. Another cause for excitement and prayer.

During all this excitement God was healing the other two children and myself. Our skin was changing rosy and flesh like again and the whites of our eyes were becoming white again. We were eating well again and the children were playing again.

Today is the day the doctor wanted me to come back so we went. I told him of the children. He said they are well. He was very surprised at my improvement. "I'm amazed at your improvement." He said, "You are almost normal!" He never mentioned a month in the hospital. He only said to come back for one more test, and if it turns out like I think we will just forget your case. God did in five days what the doctor thought would take a month. . .

We are on our way home now rejoicing that God was mindful of us, and all you saints were so thoughtful of us.

Sis. Charlotte Huskey and family
Box 2262
San Ysidro, California 92073

Campmeeting Report

We feel, as others also expressed, that the campmeeting at Monark Springs was one of the best ever. The attendance was excellent and the presence of the Holy Spirit was felt in the services where many made their way to an altar of prayer to receive the help which they needed. Three baptismal services were held and approximately 25 or more were baptized. It is indeed gratifying to know that all of this is done on a free will offering basis. Surely God's church comprises the family of God. See presstime news for a report of the business meeting concerning the purchase of more land for the expansion of cabin sites.

--Willie

Testimonies



From Ark. : "Dear Bro. and Sis. Willie Murphey and family, Greetings this beautiful morning, another precious day that the Lord has made for us to enjoy and use for his glory. I do praise him for his great love, mercy, and long suffering toward the children of men. Oh how wonderful to know, to love, and to trust in him. Truly, there is not a friend like Jesus. He is taking me through another testing time. I've had serious trouble with my right foot for several weeks, drawing, burning, pains, and at times such burning inside my foot, but the outside would be so cold. Many times in the night I would have to get up and put my foot on the floor, and it would hurt so bad, then lie down again, rest for about one hour or so, then it would be so bad I would have to be up again. I would pray. . . I would sing praise to him that loves us so. I was anointed, and many times prayed for, but it just kept on. I would claim the victory and tell the Lord he made this foot, it belongs to him. All I have belongs to the one who made and gave it. Now dear Lord it is all in thy care, deal with me as it seems good in Thy sight. And now the 11th of July it is so much better. . . what a blessing to know, to love and to trust in God. I hope this will encourage some dear ones to hold on to God's unchanging hand. It will be worth more than all we ever suffer, just to be where Jesus is. I want to thank all who have prayed so earnestly for me. May God bless each one. I do want to live so my life will be a living witness for the Lord. I still want an interest in your prayers . . . Your sister in the Lord,"

--Sis. N. E. Adams

From South Carolina: "Greeting to you in the name of Jesus. Writing to let you hear from me once again. I am doing fine, all but one thing. I got my finger most cut off so I am asking you and your family to agree with me in prayer that God will heal it in His way and his own time. I sure do enjoy reading the little Mission Trail paper. I want to keep taking them because they are the truth from the Word of God. I am sending you a little offering to help in the printing of the little paper. Your brother in the one body of Christ,"

--Eddie Driggers

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From Missouri: ". . . I sent an airmail letter to you at Neosho, Mo., this week for special request prayer for my son who has been seriously ill. He is much improved these past few weeks. However he is in much need of prayer for his soul. . . I know God has said he will not put on us more than we can bear. The trials keep coming this past year. My sister-in-law just can't get re-adjusted since my brother passed away suddenly in April. She needs also spiritual and physical help. I have been trying in my weak way to help her. I believe all things work together for good to them who love the Lord and I love to serve him in whatever way I can. Pray for us as we will pray for you. . ."

--Mrs. J. Edward Leach and children

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From Arkansas: ". . . I have been saved for some years. I am 75 years old and feel each day I get closer to my departure from this wicked world but as God has set no limit in age on his healings and it is his will I pray God will continue healing my body. Last January doctor said he had gone as far as he could. I told him I was going to pray about it. He said say a prayer for him . . . God has brought me a long way . . ." --Elma Brown

From Minnesota: "Dear Friends in Christ, . . . Thank you for sending me The Mission Trail."

--Mrs. D. Orttel

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From Oregon: "I am praising the Lord for salvation and the privilege of working for the Lord. I am sending another little offering for to help you preach this precious truth on radio and then for printing in your little paper. I enjoy reading it so much, also the pictures of the different saints. I am acquainted with some of them. Bro. Wilson and his first wife I knew before they were married. I knew Bro. Wilson's mother and father, heard them preach many good sermons, also Sister Wilson's mother, such a dear old saint. Well, I expect by God's grace to meet the dear ones that have gone on home. O! What will it be to be there with all the redeemed to shout the victory at last gained the promised prize. I think when I get to be with the saints here on earth, it is a little taste of what heaven will be like. I don't get to be in any meetings anymore. It seems my lot to be isolated. But not from the Lord. O! What prayer meetings we have. It is so wonderful to talk to the Lord, make all our needs known to Him and then to have our prayer answered. Praise the Lord. I have the old songbook and I set of a morning and sing his praises. . . God will always have a few. We are in such an awful time at present. Never a time when the world of people was in such trouble. . . The Devil would deceive the very elect if possible. It keeps his children watching and praying to keep saved. But the Lord will take care of us if we watch and pray, obey Him in every way. Now, Brother, keep up the good work you are doing. . . God bless you all, . . . Pray for me."

--Sister O. K. Myers

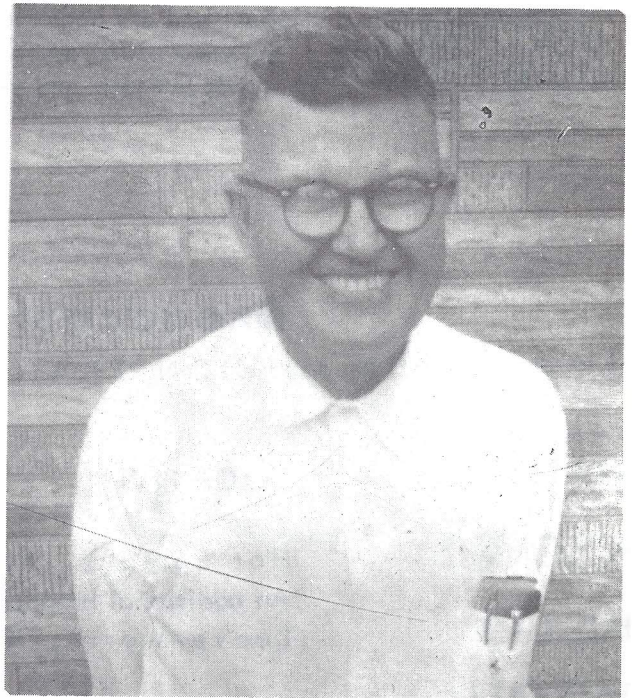
at press time

we understand:

The campmeeting begins in Guthrie today, Friday, August 2. The chapel is located at 6th and West Warner St. Come and expect a blessing from the Lord during the ten days of the meeting.

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The national business meeting of the Church of God was held under the pavilion at Monark Springs during the campmeeting on July 26. Insufficient funds had been received to make the purchase of the additional ground which was discussed last year. However it was decided that those who still wanted lots on which to build a cabin should have the privilege of making a contribution of \$100 for each lot desired. Before the campmeeting had closed more funds were paid in and a total of more than \$7,000 was in sight to begin negotiations with adjoining landowners. So far no agreement has been reached. Therefore we urge that you not only assist financially in this project for the expansion of the camp ground but that you also pray God to move upon the hearts of those involved in this transaction. It was agreed to refund the money of those who had paid in before campmeeting time, should they request it. But hereafter the funds are to be kept in a savings account until the completion of the transaction or until further agreement is reached. Should the funds be refunded to the donors it will be done so with the accumulated interest. Send your contribution of \$100 for each lot directly to: Bob Stover, 6304 S. 97th W. Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74131.



Bro. Ray Key

Congratulations to Brother Ray Key, 5914 Nevada Ave., Portage, Mich. 49081, who will be 70 years old on August 9. He has been active in the work of the Lord for many years.

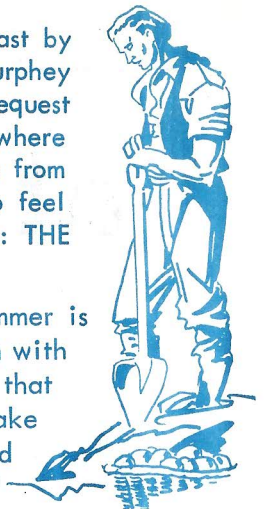
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Since we do not suspend operations of The Mission Trail during the summer months the expenses of radio time and postage continue to be costly. We cheerfully give of our time and talents to promote the work of the Lord and we are counting on God to move the hearts of those whom he can use financially to help further his cause. Some have no doubt intended to write but have delayed in doing so. Whenever God speaks we would be pleased to hear from you.



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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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