



# 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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## He Doth not Afflict Willingly - - Part I

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. . . Friends, it is a real pleasure to be coming your way once again by means of radio. We have for you some gems of truth and it is our sincere wish that you may grow and prosper in the things of the Lord. This is Willie Murphey speaking. Listen now to this poem:

### Would I?

Would I be called a Christian,  
If everybody knew  
My secret thoughts and feelings,  
And everything I do?  
Oh, could they seek the likeness  
Of Christ in me each day!  
Oh, could they hear Him speaking  
In every word I say!

Would I be called a Christian  
If anyone could know  
That I am fond of places  
Where Jesus would not go?  
Oh, could they hear Him echo  
In every song I sing!  
In eating, drinking, dressing  
Could they see Christ my King?

Would I be called a Christian  
If judged by what I read?  
By all my recreation  
And every tho't and deed?  
Could I be counted Christlike,  
As I now work and pray?  
Unselfish, kind and forgiving  
To others every day?

--Selected by Evelyn Gibson

Thank you, Sister Evelyn, for the selection of that poem which is heart-searching. I hope it will be an inspiration to others. Here now is the scripture reading for today: "For the Lord will not cast off for ever: But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies. For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men." Lamentations 3:31-33

I believe there is enough in these verses to cover the broadcasts for two or three weeks. So if the Lord continues to lead in that direction, I may use this text for several times. But let us look into this further to see what we may be able to get for our welfare.

I would like to point out that we are in an earthly body. We are subject to pain, affliction, disappointments, heartache, trouble, perplexity, sickness, yes, discouragement, and sorrow which is so common to mankind. But so often we are made to feel and think that our sorrow is greater than that of others. Listen to this verse from Lamentations 1:12. "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, where-



with the Lord hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger." Now, is that not typical of all mankind? They feel that their sorrow is the greatest of all. But if we can learn how to turn our sorrow into stepping stones, I believe we can be a blessing to others. However, there is one thing we must remember--God has let our lives be filled with sorrow and disappointments that the fragrance of His grace may shine out to others. We must have faith in Him to believe He has allowed these things to come for a purpose.

Here is a poem which I used to hear an aged minister say. You may also enjoy it:

I walked a mile with mirth,  
She chatted all the way,  
But left me none the wiser  
For all she had to say.

I walked a mile with sorrow,  
And ne'r a word said she,  
But oh the things I learned from her,  
When sorrow walked with me.

So first let me point out some "don'ts". There are seven. By following these it may help you to steer clear of a bypath from which you may never return. In other words--the dead-end streets. You see, some people so mull and pine away in their sorrow that their usefulness is greatly hampered, while others use their sorrow to become even more useful.

1. Don't think your case unique. With death so prevalent in the land it is bound to come your way. You should think it not unusual and it should not be a surprise. All have had to face it except Enoch and Elijah. Even Christ went through the disappointing pains

of having one of His disciples betray Him. Jesus died in sorrow with a broken heart and he knew what it was for God to turn His face away in His suffering for the sins of the world. Every day sorrow and death comes to some one. Your home will be no exception. This is decreed by the will of God. Therefore, you should not think your case is an isolated one. Listen to this scripture: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." I Cor. 10:13

Here is another scripture which has been a great comfort to me. In I Peter 5:9, 10 we read, "Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." So we see then that troubles are bound to come. Our major concern should be--what are we going to do with the troubles and sorrows? They often serve to either make or break a person. Just remember yours are not unique for others have gone through deep waters of like sorrows.

Here is another thing to watch.

2. Don't give yourself to self-pity. Altogether too often one is tempted to pity themselves when passing through a trial or a time of sorrow. And then that leads to their seeking the pity of others. It is true that you may need the sympathy and understanding of another but please do not continue with



the virus of self-pity. It is like a wound which has become infested. It takes much longer for an infested wound to heal than it does one which is open and is thoroughly cleansed. So if you should find yourself seeking the pity of others ask the Lord to purge out your own self-pity and give you grace to overcome the sorrow and burdens which you have. Then, too, how are you going to be able to help others in sorrow unless you have found the comfort of Christ which fills your own heart? Listen to this writing of the Apostle Paul from II Cor. chapter 1 and verses 3 and 4, "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." Then, too, we should remember that those who have been of outstanding use for God have often been those which have endured either great trials or persecution. So let me emphasize once again, don't give yourself to self-pity.

3. Don't give yourself to excessive grief. Often when one has deep sorrow because of the loss of a loved one it seems difficult for them to rise above it. A brother minister once told me the way he felt about leaving the body of his dear wife in the cemetery after her death. It seems as if he felt he was deserting her and unjustly leaving her behind. Now we know this accusation is unjust and unfair. Excessive grief brings injury to the body and upsets one's usefulness for the Lord. In I Thes. 4 and verses 13 and 14 we find these words, "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which

have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." Friends, would it not be better to take new courage with faith and hope in God as we wait for the fulfilment of his promises concerning the resurrection of those who sleep in Christ? Indeed it would be. I am sure of this.

There are four more "don'ts" to be observed if we would overcome our sorrow. We don't have time for them today, but be with us again on the broadcast next week as we pick up right where we have left off now. Then of course after we cover the don'ts we want to look on the constructive side of sorrow and suffering. Be sure to hear the broadcast next week.

And may I take just a few moments to tell you that this broadcast has been brought your way today by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Okla. If you would like a printed copy free of charge be sure to let us know. In fact, let us add your name to our weekly mailing list without cost or obligation to you. We are trusting God by faith to move upon the hearts of those who have a love for the truth to help us keep His word going forth over the air and through the mail. We do need your co-operation.

Let us pray,

Our gracious Father,

Bless each one who hears the broadcast today and for those who are passing through sorrow and trouble we pray a special blessing may come their way. Comfort their hearts as only the grace of God can do and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen



Listen now to this song entitled, "What will it be to be there." This is congregational singing. We hope you enjoy it.

Friends, be with us again next Sunday at this same time on this same station for another broadcast. Until then 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 Kansas: "I surely enjoyed the meeting at Monark and to us it was the best in every way, and I do want to be all the Lord wants me to be, and appreciate what I know about serving him."

--Dolly Gideon

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From California: ". . . I am saved, sanctified, and entirely satisfied in this beautiful way of eternal truth. . . I love the saints. They are my people. I am so glad for this plain precious truth. I am glad to help bear the burdens of the saints. I enjoyed 3 precious campmeetings this summer, Jefferson, Ore.; Pacoima, Calif.; and Monark Springs, Mo. and God wonderfully blessed in each one. We visited the Golden Rule Home and it thrilled my heart to see how happy it made the dear ones there to have us visit them and pray with them and share their burdens; also visited Bro. Willie Murphey's printing shop where he and family are sending out The Mission Trail to many trying to reach the hearts of his unseen audience for God. I haven't many more days or years but I covet them all for my Lord. Also covet your prayers. God so wonderfully answered prayer and brought us safely home and I praise His dear name. Yours for the whole truth, Love and prayers,"

--Sis. Georgia Zinn

From Kansas: "This note leaves me well and still determined to live for the Lord. I am enjoying my salvation and have found that it truly brings pleasure in life. This has been an extremely busy summer for me with repairing and redecorating a house and finally moving into it. Therefore I have not attended any of the camp meetings but have prayed for the success of them. I do hope to go to the Dover meeting though. With summer over half gone it reminds me of the words of a song "Soon the summer will be ended and the harvest will be past." May the Lord help us to do all we can toward the reaping of souls while we can. . . May God bless each of you real good and continue to provide for you is my prayer. Your sister in Christ,"

--Shirley Knight

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From California: ". . . Today finds me saved, satisfied, and sanctified to go all the way with the Lord. I feel a little tired in my body after so long being on the road, but I am encouraged. I sure enjoyed being in your home. . . I also thank you again for the water melon on my birth day (smiles). . . Continue to remember me when you pray as I mean by God's grace to wear out in the service of God and not rust out. . ."

--Sis. Melissa Greer

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From Calif.: "Dear Saints of God, Just a few lines to let you know how much I enjoy the little paper. I lost my precious mother, Sis. Lena O'Malley, just a year ago. She was saved and loved the Word of God very much. I miss her and always will. I enjoyed the testimony of Charlotte Huskey in the last paper. They are friends of mine and so are others of the church of God. . . Christian love,"

--Lillian Williamson

# at press time

we understand:

The campmeetings of Boley, Oklahoma and Myrtle, Mo. begin today, Aug. 16.

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From Mo.: ". . . Ruth had a happy birthday August 1st. She was 7 years old. Ruth woke up smiling. . . We told her we were having a birthday cake that evening and that we had some gifts for her. Even though we were real quiet Ruth didn't go to Sleep. She just lay there and smiled and laughed to her self. She seemed so happy all morning. I just don't know how to put it in words but it was such a blessing to me to see her so happy. I just wish that somehow everyone could have looked into Ruth's room. . . Ruth has received a total of 99 cards. Several had money with them. May the Lord bless each one that helped make Ruth's birthday a wonderful day. . . Keep praying for us. . ."

--Clayton and Eva Lou Gaines

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From California: "Bro. Murphey and family, Greetings in Jesus dear name. Sorry you have not heard from me before now. I surely do enjoy reading the Mission Trail, the sermons and testimonies are very encouraging. We are always glad to get a report on little Ruth Gaines and have it read in our services. Saints here are praying earnestly for her. I am encouraged to go all the way with the Lord. The tests and trials encourages me to get closer to Him. I desire your prayers. Lord willing, you will be hearing from me again. Your sister in Christ,"

--Roberta Ross

In the state business meeting held in Guthrie last Saturday it was decided to change the date of the campmeeting for next year. The new date has been set for May 23 to June 1st. This means that the Oklahoma campmeeting next year will begin much earlier in the summer before the weather becomes so hot. Much of the summer will be open for other meetings.

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Bro. John Nusz, 81, who was born in Russia and came to America as a child, died last week in Enid, Oklahoma. His funeral was Friday, August 9th.

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Our sympathy is extended to relatives and friends of Sammy Dutton who died last week. He was the son of Joe and Anecia Dutton of Odessa, Texas. Bro. and Sis. Lee Whitley of Marshal, Texas are the grandparents.

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We are sorry that KXOW of Hot Springs, Ark. failed to air the broadcast last Sunday. However we do still have 2 Sunday times on that station--7:30 a. m. and 3:30 p. m.

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From California: ". . . My soul is still rejoicing in the Lord. He has done wonderful things for me. Saved my soul, sanctified my nature, and last of all healed me of that terrible affliction I had. . . Oh! Glory, isn't it wonderful to serve such a wonderful saviour who can and will do all things if we only trust in his mercy and love. He is worthy of all praise. . . Much Christian love,"

--Dessie LeMelle





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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."

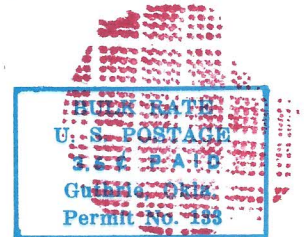
## Broadcast Schedule

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.

\*An additional broadcast is heard over KXOW each Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

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