



# 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 II

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. . . a very cheerful greeting to all the listeners of THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast. I am real glad to be coming your way once again by means of radio. We appreciate those who have written and told us that they have been enjoying the broadcast. Then, there are some that do not live in range of the stations over which the message is heard and yet they get the printed copies. We are glad to hear from them, too. If you are not already on the mailing list, send us your name and address and let us add it to those who get the printed copies each week. There is no charge for this service. We trust God to supply the means to keep His word going forth over the air and through the mails.

Now, last week I spoke to you about this text found in Lam. 3:31-33, "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." Did you notice that it says, "The Lord doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men." I take that to mean that God has a purpose for the afflictions and the trials through which he lets us go. I also gave you 3 points to remember in passing through sorrow. They consisted of the "don'ts". There are 4 more of these before we begin our constructive view concerning sorrow. Here is the next one.

4. Don't retail your sorrows. In other words, don't be so filled with your own problems and troubles that you do not have time to listen to those of others. You see, if you begin every conversation with your own sorrow and problems people will soon learn to think of you as continually being in

trouble. Whereas we should not desire them to think of the troubles which we have continually, but that God hath given us victory over our sorrow. So I would say, don't tell your troubles to everybody you meet. Find a real saint of God, if necessary, one who is well established in the truth, and seek his or her advice. Then, of course, after all, remember our saviour is the principal one to which we should go in prayer with our burdens and sorrows. He understands.

5. Don't resign yourself to sorrow and feel that it will continue. This is a very important one. I have noticed that sometimes a problem which seems to be so great today has a way of fading into insignificance by tomorrow. Then we are made to wonder why it was of such grave importance--or that is, it seemed that way to us--whereas when we look at it in the proper perspective our troubles aren't so great after all. And usually time helps to heal up our wounds. Therefore count it that way.

Plan on tomorrow being a better day. As you remove yourself further from your sorrow you are less affected by it.

6. Don't fight against a trouble directly. Now the scripture does say "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." But God does not mean for our fight with Satan or sorrow to continue indefinitely. Resist him--yes. Then look up to Jesus and say as he did when he was confronted with Satan, "Get thee hence, Satan". You see, by resisting Satan and temptations we gain the victory over them. And even as we release our sorrows upon the saviour, then he has designed that we should go free because he bore them for us. The final "don't" then is this one:

7. Don't complain. Now there may be some who feel that this is the hardest one to observe, but I believe if you will make a firm resolution and a commitment to God, that he can give you victory over complaining, too. You know once a person gets in the habit of complaining it seems to be somewhat a second nature to him. If he doesn't have things to justify his complaining he will think up some in order to live up to his nature. Now certainly we don't want that type of a nature. We don't want that type of a habit--to be continually complaining. So resolve now in your heart that you are going to quite your complaining. You are going to tell your problems to the Lord and then you are going to commit them to Him and leave them there. Phil. 2:14 says, "Do all things without murmurings and disputings:" Now right there is a full time job.

Bear in mind all the while, that as you receive comfort and grace from God

you will be in a better position to comfort others who pass through the same type of sorrow and trials. Here is proof of it in the scripture which I gave on the broadcast last week. Do you remember? "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." That is found in II Cor. chapter 1 and verses 3 and 4. Listen to this poem:

### Commit Thou All Thy Grief

Commit thou all thy griefs  
And ways into His hands,  
To His sure truth and tender care,  
Who earth and heaven commands.

Who points the clouds their course,  
Whom winds and seas obey,  
He shall direct thy wandering feet,  
He shall prepare thy way.

Give to the winds thy fears;  
Hope, and be undismayed;  
God hears thy sighs, and counts thy  
tears,  
God shall lift up thy head.

Through waves and clouds and  
storms,  
He gently clears thy way,  
Wait thou His time; so shall this night  
Soon end in joyous day.

Still heavy is thy heart?  
Still sink the spirits down?  
Cast off the weight, let fear depart,  
And every care be gone.

What though thou rulest not?  
Yet heaven and earth and hell

Proclaim, God sitteth on the Throne,  
And ruleth all things well!

Leave to His sovereign sway  
To choose and to command;  
So shalt thou wondering own, His  
sway  
How wise, how strong His hand:

Far, far above thy thought  
His counsel shall appear,  
When fully He the work hath wrought  
That caused thy needless fear.

Thou seest our weakness, Lord!  
Our hearts are known to Thee:  
Oh! lift Thou up the sinking hand,  
Confirm the feeble knee!

Let us, in life, in death,  
Thy steadfast Truth declare,  
And publish with our latest breath,  
Thy love and guardian care!

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Let us pray,

Our gracious Father,

We are glad for a saviour who endured sorrow and griefs that he might better understand our problems and we are indeed thankful for the privilege of casting all of our cares upon thee. Bless all those who hear the broadcast today. Give them grace to rise above their afflictions and sorrows and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Be sure to hear the broadcast next week as we bring to you some of the constructive things concerning sorrow. I want to tell you how you can turn your circumstances of life into stepping stones for not only your own welfare but for those about you, too. If we may be of any help to you in overcoming your problems of life be sure

to write us a line. Address it to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. We certainly appreciate those who stood by with their prayers and support as we endeavor to send forth the Word of the Lord on the air and through the mail and we do like to do it without cost or obligation to those who hear. Surely we have freely received of the Lord and it is our desire to freely pass on his Word to others for I know his word will bring comfort and help to those who receive it.

It is the grace of God that gives us victory over our problems and our trials and even in our sorrow and through our tears we can look up to one whom we know understands and has a heart full of compassion for each of us. We hope that you will make Him your saviour, too. If for any reason in life you have neglected and put off the things you should do, we hope that this will be the turning point for you and you will make our saviour yours from this very moment on.

Here is a song entitled, "Jesus makes me whole". The singers are Bob and Dorrall Forbes, Randall Flynn, and Melvin Doolittle.

Be with us again next Sunday at this same time on this same station for another broadcast of THE MISSION TRAIL. Until then this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you and a very cheerful good-bye!



## *The Remedy for Troubles*

Are you bowed down in sorrow, trouble and sin? Is there a heavy load upon your heart. Jesus is your remedy. Listen to the great invitation He has given and it is to all. "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28 Oh, what a wonderful promise and how great to know it is to all people. You can have sweet rest by coming to Jesus. Are you longing for something to satisfy. Listen again to this: "For He satisfieth the longing soul and filleth the hungry soul with goodness." Psa. 107:9-10. Are you, dear reader, in sin and does everything seem dark to you? Can you see no way out? Read on down from the 10th verse and see how God saves and delivers. You may feel there is no hope--no help for you. You may be broken-hearted and sad and miserable but Jesus came to heal the broken hearted. Luke 4:18 You may be bound under the power of Satan but the dear Lord can deliver you. If you will turn from sin and seek the Lord with all your heart He will save your soul. Jesus is what you need.

--Becky Barnes

## *Prayer Request*

From Ill.: "I am writing to you to let you know my husband is in bad shape. He has had a stroke. Please have the saints to all be agreed in prayer for him that the Lord will completely heal him of all these afflictions and pray for my nerves. I am very nervous. I can hardly do any thing. My husband can't talk. That stroke has affected his speech. Please pray that the Lord will heal him of all this. I know He is able to heal him. Your sis. in Christ,"

--Mrs. Edward Boling

From Calif.: "We are yet praising the Lord for His great salvation, and for the precious dealings of the Holy Spirit. We are grateful for His faithfulness to us, and for the grace He supplies each day to help us live faithful to Him. We do enjoy The Mission Trail, and pray that God would continue to prosper His work. Remember us in your prayers, as we continue to remember you all."

--Bonnie and Ann Matthews

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From Ohio: "Greetings of love in the most precious name of Jesus, the only name under heaven whereby we can be saved. Truly God has been so good to us and has blest us in so many ways since we last wrote to you. We have bought a nice home and moved into it. Our address is changed to 2146 Falmouth Ave, Dayton, Ohio 45406. We enjoy your paper very much. We are so thankful for the dear saints of God. We love all of you. We were not able to attend any of the camp meetings this summer, but if the Lord wills we expect to next summer. Please pray for us that God will make known his will to us. . . surely we want to be worthy to accept our place in the body of Christ . . . May God bless and keep you in his care."

--Mr. & Mrs. Willard Underdown

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There's no rosy road to glory  
And no easy way to fame  
But if we bear our cross for Jesus  
The crown one day we'll claim.

--Dolly Williams

From Kansas: "Dear Bro. Murphey, I just read your sermon in The Mission Trail (Aug. 16) and I think your earnest prayers came right along with it. We have been reading the word, and consecrating our life to God. I Chron. 29:5. Pray for us and we will remember you also. Yours in Jesus,"

--Homer W. Fee

# at press time

we understand:

## KGGF - Coffeyville

We believe that many of the listeners and readers of The Mission Trail will be happy to know that beginning Sunday Sept. 1 the broadcast will be heard over a very excellent station located near Coffeyville, Kan. KGGF operates on a frequency of 690 kc. with a power of 10,000 watts. Starting time for the message will be at 8 a.m. This station covers wide areas of Kansas, Okla., and parts of Missouri and Arkansas. Congregations located at Coffeyville, Anthony, Wichita, Guthrie, Enid, Oklahoma City, Shawnee, Boley, Okmulgee, Tulsa, Sapulpa, Neosho, Webb City, and any others within this area should be able to hear the broadcast without difficulty under normal conditions. This is indeed a step of faith but a number of congregations have agreed to regularly help finance the cost of the broadcast time, which is \$22 per week. This is more expensive than any other station on which we are now broadcasting, however we feel that the coverage will also be much better than any other single station. We appreciate those who feel the need of the gospel being proclaimed over the air and are helping to make this possible. The expense of postage for last week was \$44.54. Will you pray with us and for us that God will supply every need and we may be able to speak the word boldly? As cool weather approaches reception should be good.

From Pa.: "Greetings in Jesus precious name! Thank God for the saints who are standing to His word and preaching the Word of God and not letting down in any way. Thank you for sending the Mission Trail. I read it to Mother and she enjoys it too and the pictures. It gives us an idea what people look like that we read about. Mother isn't too well, but keeps reading God's word and correcting her aghans. She has to lie down quite often, but sleeps well and lies down when she feels bad. Falls asleep real soon and gets up feeling some better. . . Your sister in His service," --Eva Cox

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"We are living in a troubled world. Christ Jesus is the answer."

--Minnie M. Reichelderfer

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From Arkansas: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey and family, We send you greetings in Jesus precious name. We are thankful and appreciate more and more God's love and mercy he has shown toward us. It just makes our heart yearn to be more tender and humble with greater desire to do what little we can in his service. Trust you are encouraged as you labor to send the gospel out through the printed page and over the radio. We enjoy the short messages of truth that come to us over KXOW. Surely trust and pray these efforts can reach honest hearts that they can be made to inquire more earnestly the way of the Lord. May the dear Lord bless in every needed way. . ." --Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Loftis.



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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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