



The Mission Trail

Box 99

Guthrie, Okla. 73044

Willie C. Murphey • Frances E. Murphey • Kathleen E. Murphey

"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

VOL. 4, NO. 34

PUBLISHED WEEKLY

SEPTEMBER 13, 1968

He Doth not Afflict Willingly - - Part V

Radio Broadcast for week of September 8, 1968 (See back page for list of stations.)

. . .and greetings, friends. We are thankful once again to be coming your way with another broadcast from THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Okla. I hope you will stay tuned to this station for the next few moments as we cover some very important points in finishing up the series of messages on the text in Lam. 3:33, "The Lord doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men." This is now the fifth week that I have used this text and I hope that these final three points which I am going to discuss today may linger with you and support you in every time of sorrow and trouble. The fourth point which was covered last week emphasized how you should take what you have and make the most of it. The next thing to consider then is:

5. Learn to draw on the resources of God--learn how to pray. Prayer is a must if we are going to be spiritually strong and overcome the reverses which are bound to come our way. Without it failure is inevitable. But even the poorest of the poor can draw on the unsearchable riches of Christ as they yield their lives to him and learn how to pray. Prayer mellows the heart, so it will tenderly yield to guidance. Prayer holds the father's hand tight as we pass through trying experiences. Prayer keeps the heart open, too, for God to whisper his will. Then it helps us to stay in His will and not wander away. In fact, those who learn how to pray are the ones who can successfully pass through shadow and sunshine and yet say, "Not my will, but thine be done."

In Luke 18:1 we find this scripture, "And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;" So if you are

in trouble or passing through sorrow or in a great trial just keep right on praying. Do like the song says, "Pray the clouds away." Now please do not stumble at the next point of emphasis. This may be a little hard to understand but I trust the Lord will give you understanding.

6. What shall I do if God does not answer my prayers. Now here is a question which Satan often presents to those in trouble. Suppose God doesn't answer my prayer or suppose my loved one is not restored to health. Do you then become discouraged and give it up and consider life a failure? Indeed not, that is if you have learned to draw on the resources of God. Do you remember what the three young Hebrew men said just before they were cast into the fiery furnace? Listen as they made this notable statement to the king, "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us

out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." Notice the phrase, "But if not." Our allegiance to God is not based on a particular answer to prayer. He may in his great wisdom see best to withhold an answer in order that we may enjoy something even better. We must have faith and confidence in the wisdom of God as well as in his power.

It is said of Jesus "He saved others, himself he cannot save." Matt. 27:42 God could have delivered Christ from the angry mob, he could have sent a legion of angels and spared his only son the suffering of death, but he didn't. The reason he did not was because there was a more perfect plan which included you and me. Our salvation depended upon his death. Now we can understand why Christ prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane in this way, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt."

I would say that the victory on the cross was won when Christ knelt in agony in the garden and surrendered his will to that of his father. His prayer was not answered in a way which would avoid the path of sorrow and suffering, neither was the Apostle Paul's request granted when he had prayed three times to be relieved of the thorn in the flesh. But listen to this answer and I hope you will hear it and make it a part of your life. "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in perse-

cutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." You see, friends, we have this great treasure in earthen vessels that the power may be of God and not of us. Here then is the final point:

7. Thank God for your sorrow even though you cannot understand it now. Jesus took the cup which represented his life and his suffering and for this he gave thanks. Friends, into your cup of life and into mine, God knows just what porportion of sorrow and suffering to pour in that the greatest fragrance and usefulness may come from our lives when they are fully surrendered to Him. Can you thank God for it all? Listen to this verse from Eph. 5:20, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;"

Now I want to be honest with you. It is true that I have not pointed out the way of least resistance. It is true that this is not an easy road which I have mentioned, but it is an investment which requires a lifetime of service. The dividends will be great and the returns will be worth it all. Let us take new courage and even though there are things which we may not understand in life I hope that you will keep your faith strong in the Lord and in the power of His promises.

My mother once wrote of the sorrow which the death of her 4 year old daughter brought to her. She had hoped and prayed for the child's recovery but God saw best to take her anyway. This is the way my mother wrote of it in later years, "I didn't realize she was doing her work for God in this world in such a short time. The witness she left of God manifesting His ways to her and that He was soon to

take her home and the fact that she tried as best she could to tell us of it is a miracle within itself. I could not lock all this true story of her little life away in my mind and heart to just use for myself. She left this all in my hands to use and I would feel like I imagine a criminal would feel if I didn't send it forth with my prayer that it might be the means of helping many to believe and be saved. "

Then she went on to tell more of her experience with the Lord in this way: "As humans we shirk or draw back from sorrow and hardships but I assure you that I have grown stronger spiritually while under heavy clouds of sorrow more so than when it was all smooth sailing. I attribute it to the very presence of God with us while our hearts are torn and suffering. "

Friends, I hope if you are passing through the dark shadows of sorrow or trial you may find comfort and strength as you cast all your burdens upon the Lord remembering that he careth for you. Let us pray.

Our gracious Father,

Take the words of the message and use them for thine own glory. May they point the way to the atonement which Christ made for us on Calvary and the provision for the forgiveness of our sins and the binding up of the broken hearted and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Here is a poem: Listen carefully.

Consecration

While we choose, we are not willing;
Consecration yieldeth all;

Consecration means obedience
To the Spirit's every call:

Meaneth dying, meaneth living--
Death of self, and life in God;
Meaneth work, or patient waiting,
Or submission 'neath the rod;

Meaneth such a full surrender
We shall never dare to ask
Why God gives our faith such testing,
Or assigns so hard a task.

We are here to be perfected
Only God our needs can see;
Rarest gems bear hardest grinding;
God's own workmanship are we!

--Selected

Listen then to this song, "Glorious Peace". The singers are Bob Forbes, Randall Flynn, Melvin Doolittle, and Dale Doolittle.

This broadcast is made possible by those who have a love for the truth and is supported by free will contributions. If you'd like a printed copy free of charge, or if we may be of any help to you be sure to let us know. Address your letter to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Okla. And now until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessing be with each of you and a very cheerful good-bye!

--o--

"How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver! The highway of the upright is to depart from evil; he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul. Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud. "

--Proverbs 16:16-19

TENT MEETING NOTICE

Sept. 13th Vinita, Okla.

For further information contact: Bro. Clarence Fry, Box 145, Nowata, Okla. 74048.

--o--

"Dear ones, Brother Kenneth Probst and family spent the night here Sept. 2. They reported a good meeting near Decatur, Ill. Attendance was fairly good although there were some cool nights. Each evening many miles were traveled in picking up some isolated ones from different towns. Bro. Albert Green and his wife and grandson drove from Chicago for part of the meeting. Several new people attended and the ones in the area who faithfully attended and helped were much appreciated. We are happy to report our aunt, Vivian McClain, who was injured in a car-train accident, was able to attend the last Sunday. We are thankful God spared the four in the car and for his goodness to them, but continue to remember her. Brothers Samons, Curtis Williams and K. Probst were present for the meeting. The Herbert Probsts also came for part of it. It makes us happy to tell you that Bro. Williams and K. Probst plan to keep the tent in use as long as there is a call and the weather permits. If any one in the Southern States feels impressed of the Lord that it would be profitable to have a meeting in your community please write these brethren or send any offerings (designate if personal) to them. Gen. Del., Vinita, Okla. 74301. Dear ones, if these young men can leave good paying jobs to work for the Lord by faith in isolated places, surely we must stand behind them with our prayers and means. If the Lord was sore displeased at the ease of the heathen, Zech. 1:15, how much more displeased he would be to see

his children at ease (not bearing the burden of the work of God.) The Lord has done exceeding abundantly above what we ask for us, we desire to do what we can for Him. Offerings for the missionary tent work should be made out Church of God Miss. Fund and can be sent to the undersigned." Sec. -Treas. Louie & Evoda Marler Route 1, Box 180, Senath, Mo. 63876

Testimonies

From Oklahoma: "My dear friends of The Mission Trail: Greetings in the name of Jesus. It is wonderful to know the Lord and be his child. He has truly been near and dear to me thru' the many toils and snares, and I know He will go with me all the way. I enjoy The Mission Trail. I'm anxious each time to learn the latest about little Ruthie Gaines. I am enclosing a little offering to be used in your work for the Lord. Aug. 28th I reached another milestone in life and want to remember the Lord, for his wonderful goodness to me up to this present time. By God's grace I mean to be true. Remember me in your prayers and a very very urgent request I'm holding on to God for. Yours in Him,"

--Mrs. Charles Kelse

--o--

From Louisiana: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, We praise the Lord this morning. He is so good to us. We just heard your message and sure enjoyed it. Especially good was the part where we are to use what we have and where the sister 87 years old makes booties to sell so she can give for the Lord's work. We didn't remember her name. It makes us to realize there's more that we could do. Pray for us that we be all the Lord wants us to be. We pray for your work in the Lord. With Christian love,"

--Don and Mary Gentry and family

From Louisiana: "Dear ones, May peace and grace be multiplied unto you. . . We are still feasting on the good soul food in The Mission Trail. I especially enjoyed the issue that gave Bro. Gene's message. It has been 6 months since I've been to services anywhere except here at home and I've missed the camp meetings this summer for the first time in 23 years. This is all new experiences for me so I enjoy the printed messages, letters, and testimonies more than ever before. We've been so thankful for the prayers and concern of the saints for my mother. The Lord surely has helped her in many ways. She is not in so much pain as when she first came here but she is failing rapidly. . . please do continue to pray for her soul. . . . We're thankful for the Lord's blessings daily. The girls are back in school, I miss their help in the home. Much love,"

--Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

--o--

From Missouri: "One evening while my mother was in the hospital I read her Mission Trail paper. She is a very dear person and needs help through prayer to bring health back to her body. (She is Mrs. Hugh Wilson.) Please pray for her. Sincerely,"

--Betty Ann McComb

--o--

From Colorado: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey, Greetings in Jesus precious name. May God bless you in your work for Him. I don't hear the broadcast but do enjoy The Mission Trail. I have been very lonesome since my dear husband went to be with Jesus on Jan. 20, 1967, but am so glad that Jesus has been with me and helps me in my lonely hours. I have an affliction. Please pray with me I know God is able and I am trusting in Him. . . May God be with all. A sister in Christ,"

--Mrs. R. A. Tomblason

From Mo.: "Dear Christian friends, Greeting in the blessed name of our Lord Jesus Christ, one who has loved us and washed us in his precious blood and given us everlasting life and victory over sin and death. I count it a great privilege to be a child of God and walk with Jesus in the narrow way. His word is my daily bread, His spirit is my teacher and comforter. He gives me joy and peace, while darkness settles around about us. Surely time is flying and we need to as the word says redeeming the time for the days are evil. May the dear Lord encourage your heart to keep on with the good work of which you have started for Him, and the Lord continue to bless and supply your every need, spiritual as well as materially. I do thank you for the Mission Trail. I do enjoy reading it week after week. Thank you and God bless you and your family. Yours in his service,"

--Emma Jordan

--o--

From Ill.: "Dear Brother and Sister Murphey, family, and co-workers, Greetings of love to every one of you in Jesus. I am grateful to God and each of you for the help and blessing I receive each week from "Mission Trails". I read them through a number of times, and pass on to others to read and return to me. . . I would appreciate the address of any saints living near to me. I do not know of any near. . . I do thank God it is possible to worship God in truth and spirit in my home. Though it is very hard and lonely and lacks so much of spiritual benefit, God has cared for me and brought me through thus far. If He did not come down to feed me and fill me I could never live here. Pray for me. I have many problems and many needs, . . . In His love and faith,"

--Sis. Ada Scanlon

From Minn.: "Dear Bro. Willie C. Murphey, Greetings of love in Jesus holy name. Am enjoying The Mission Trail messages and continue to walk in all the truth that I have and I praise the Lord for your ministry and pray that God will bless you and yours with His richest blessings. This finds me well in soul and body, going on till the Master calls me home. Much love and prayers," --Bro. Andrew Senti

--o--

From Oklahoma: "Greetings in our saviour's dear name. We got the broadcast from Coffeyville plain and clear. Thank the Lord, for his rich blessings toward us. We enjoyed the good message. . . May our father continue to supply and refresh you."

--Doris Bowers

--o--

From California: ". . . Greeting in the love of Jesus and in his dear name. After so long a time I will try and let you hear from me. I expect you have heard someway that I fell in my room at Pacoima Home in June. I don't remember the exact date. Now I want to take this opportunity to thank all the dear ones that have visited me and sent beautiful cards and encouraging letters and notes. I was taken first to the . . . hospital. They put pins or nails in there. About 18th of July I was taken to the Church of God Senior Citizen's Home. . . My daughter Elizabeth Smith was there, so she went over to the Silver Top Nursing Home to see if they had a room for me and the next day had me taken there. So here I am yet. They say I have to stay here until my leg will be strong enough to walk on. . . I found a few friends here that say they pray for me. . ."

--Emma Luehring, Silver Top Rest Home, 1425 Laurel Ave., Pomona, California 91766

Still Busy for God

From Calif.: "Dear Bro. Willie, Sis. Frances and family, Greetings in the name of our dear saviour, Jesus Christ, the precious son of our God. I'm very thankful for the saving grace of God that I am experiencing in my soul and thru the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit. I enjoy the fullness of His presence. Also His healing virtue is often applied to my body, so I have so very much to praise Him for. Time has surely slipped by so fast since my enjoyable visits in your home and shop, which tho not so large is amply supplied with necessary equipment for the good work you are doing for the Lord by radio and the printed pages of The Mission Trail. I look forward to that little paper each week for some extra soul food also the current news items of the dear saints, and I pray God to bless you and supply your every need for your consecrated sacrifices to proclaim God's eternal truths. . . I've had to give up my Bible story classes this summer as I had some fruit in my orchard that I was thankful for and had to take care of it. But I hope by the middle of September when school starts I'll be able to start classes again. The good Lord has so graciously supplied me with transportation and a sweet willing helper--Sis. Patsy Fields, I'm hoping to see her or help her prepare for this great work in the kingdom of our God. My sons still drive the bus to pick up the children for Sunday school. I trust all of you are keeping well and much blessed of the Lord in every way. I'm sure you've missed Patsy. We are always glad when she and Clifford come over, tho we haven't seen them for some time. . . Your sister in the Lord, !-Sis. Vera Forbes

at press time

we understand:

From Illinois: "Dear ones, Greetings to you in the name of our saviour. How eagerly we read The Mission Trails as they come. And how welcome and encouraging and timely the messages in the last two were to us. We surely thank all the precious people of God who have been praying for us in soul and body. I improve daily--each day a little stronger, a little less sore. How merciful God was to us, each of us could so easily have been killed by the train. Oh, if only all people could realize the uncertainty of life and be prepared to meet God at any time. He loves every one and I believe tries to get all to come to him and be saved before it is too late. Do keep on praying for our complete recovery. We're expecting God to completely heal these ribs and internal injuries. Surely we do thank and praise Him for what he already has done. We appreciate the love and concern of the saints, some have travelled hundreds of miles to show us their love and care. Some spent hours at my bedside, helping and praying for me. There is not a people any where on earth like the people of God. . . Love and prayers,"

--Vivian McClain

--o--

"Greetings from Abilene, Kans. It was good to hear you over the air this morning. We were thankful we could hear your first broadcast over this station even tho we are over 200 miles from home. . ."

--Ralph and Inez Beisley

Pray for Sis. Beatrice Eck who needs healing for her body.

--o--

Gospel singing at Webb City, Mo., 420 S. Devon, Church of God chapel, Saturday night, Sept. 21st beginning at 8:00 o'clock. Welcome, come and bring your song books, and enjoy yourself in the Lord.

--o--

Heart-felt sympathy is extended to Sis. Edward Boling of Pinckneyville, Ill. Her husband, Bro. Edward Boling, who had not been well for some time, died Aug. 28th. He had a stroke previously. Pray for Sis. Boling's nerves.

--o--

From California: "I want to tell you about the wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Fresno campmeeting. It was just wonderful to be there. Praise our God." --Pat Huskey

--o--

Remember Sis. Myrtle Niswonger in prayer as she is very much in need of help from the Lord. She would appreciate cards or letters. Home address: Route 7, Doniphan, Mo. 63935.

--o--

Brother Clayton Gaines received critical head injuries and was vomiting blood after being thrown from a horse Tuesday, September 3. For several days he was unconscious or semi-conscious much of the time. Saturday, Sept. 7 he was showing signs of improvement and was able to take some liquids. This is a real strain on Eva Lou, who is suffering from her nerves. Remember them in prayer.



THE MISSION TRAIL, originating in Guthrie, Okla., is broadcast by radio and published weekly in printed form by Willie and Frances Murphey with the help of others. It is mailed free of charge to those who request it. Its purpose is to reach the hungry hearts of the unsaved everywhere with the gospel which will save them. Its principal support comes from the free will contributions of its listeners and readers. Those who feel directed by the Lord to assist may do so by sending their offering to: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Okla. 73044.



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
KGGF	Coffeyville, Kansas	690 kc.	Sunday, 8:00 a. m.
KCKW	Jena, Louisiana	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a. m.
KCLO	Leavenworth, Kansas	1410 kc.	Sunday, 3:00 p. m.
WFPR	Hammond, Louisiana	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a. m.
KCIJ	Shreveport, Louisiana	980 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a. m.
KXOW *	Hot Springs, Arkansas	1420 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a. m.

*Additional broadcast is heard on this station Sunday, 3:30 p. m.

The Mission Trail

Box 99

Guthrie, Okla. 73044

Address Correction Requested



BULK RATE
U. S. POSTAGE
3.6¢ PAID
Guthrie, Okla.
Permit No. 133