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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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...Who Did Hinder You

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...and a very cheerful greeting to all the listeners of THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Okla. We are certainly happy to be coming your way once again with the gospel of our Lord even in the midst of problems and troubles on every hand. It is a wonderful thing to have a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. We hope that each of you are enjoying the blessings of the Lord this day. May I take just a moment to tell you that we deeply appreciate those who have written words of encouragement and co-operated with us in keeping this message of faith on the air and going through the mail each week. May God richly bless every one of you.

Now, on the broadcast last week we gave you the scripture in the 5th chapter of Galatians and the 7th verse which says, "Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?" Some people seem to get along real well with the Lord at times but on the other hand I am reminded that the experience of some is better by far at their conversion than it is at any other time in their life. They are somewhat like a wasp. We understand that a wasp is bigger when it is born than it is at any other time afterwards. They tend to shrink up as they grow older. This really should not be the experience of a child of God. And it is not the experience of those who endure temptation and are overcomers.

But don't forget this: Satan is your adversary and he is going up and down in the earth as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. He is doing what he can to place stumbling blocks in your way and cunning temptations which allure you from the truth. Last

week we gave you a little sketch of the joy and peace which Bro. Fred Pruitt experienced in his early Christian life. It was really wonderful what God did for him. On this broadcast we want to show you how temptation tripped him up and took that joy away from him. He wrote of the temptation which took place shortly after his conversion and before he was sanctified. Listen now as Kathleen quotes to you again from his book, "God's Gracious Dealings."

"We had continued in this justified state for about two months and one-half. We had not sinned against God and the peace had never been broken. This life was sweet indeed, and we were so satisfied and happy. One day while I was cutting feed for a neighbor I saw lying on the ground a reddish-looking can with these words on it: 'Prince Albert Smoking Tobacco.' I stopped the horses, got off the machine, picked up the can, and found it was half full of tobacco. I put it in my pocket, intending to take it home with me at noon and send my little boy down to the neighbor's

with it, as I was certain that he had lost it. I always had a custom of smoking after eating my noon day meal, so after I had eaten dinner, the devil said, (I did not know it was he then) "Your pipe is back on top of the cabinet, and you had just as well smoke a pipe full of that tobacco. You know that your neighbor will not care." Yes, I thought, that was so, and I yielded to the temptation. I wish to say that during the whole two months and a half since I was justified, I had thought nothing about using tobacco again. My thoughts were on God and heavenly things. Now Satan had succeeded in getting me to use that which I knew was wrong. I had no sooner smoked the tobacco, than I lost the peace of God out of my soul and I felt miserable. Everything looked so dreary and the sun did not shine so brightly. Wife and the children did not look so good to me. The horses, cattle, and fields of grain did not look so good, and I felt sad at heart, indeed. I did not know what to think of this or how to get deliverance from such a state. I knew very little how to pray to God. About all I said to God was 'Lord, send back to me that good feeling.' This darkness and lost condition stayed on me that day and the next day until it seemed I could bear it no longer, and I got more earnest before God. I repented bitterly and told God if He would send back that good feeling again, I would never touch that tobacco again by His help. God heard my cry and forgave me, and restored to me the peace and love as before, and, oh, how happy I was! I was determined to be more watchful and careful than I had ever been.

"When I got saved I had a number of cows to milk. Before being saved I could not keep my stool together, as I would get angry and use the stool on my cows; thus keeping it broken most of the time. But after the Lord saved me I had no trouble, for God kept me in perfect peace. His grace was sufficient. Praise the Lord!"

Thank you, Kathleen. Well, friends, I

am glad that he did not remain in that sad and dreary condition which comes over one when they yield to temptation. He did just exactly what every one should do when they realize that they have displeased God. They should repent and accept his atonement for their transgressions.

But back to the second part of my text now, "Who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?" Now this is some thing I would like for you to ask yourself individually. What is it that is hindering me from being my very best for God? It may not be the same thing which is hindering another person. You see, each one of us is made up a little differently. What is a temptation to one may be no attraction to another. But you can be sure of one thing--if Satan does not allure you with one type of temptation, he has plenty of others to try your faith. You see he is a good fisherman. A good fisherman often has a wide selection of plugs, spinners, spoons, and various means of attracting the fish. Some of them even use plastic worms and bounce them around on the bottom of the lake to attract the fish. Some plugs skip across the top of the water while still others have shinning spinners that glitter as they skim through the water. In many cases the hooks on the plugs are covered with little feathers, or bits of hair which might appear to be an insect or bug of some sort. But all of these schemes are planned with just one thing in mind and that is to attract and capture the fish. Once the fish has taken a frantic and desperate plunge and fastened himself by his own mouth onto the hooks which have been concealed or which perhaps he did not observe close enough to notice their presence it is too late for him to be free from the fisherman's line as he begins to

gradually tighten the cord and reel him in for that final pull out of the water.

Friends, honestly now, what is it that is hindering you from obeying the truth? Is it the habits of life or we might say the temptation of things which pull you ever further and further away from the truth? Is it your social standing or is it because you have friends that would think it a little queer that you do not indulge or partake of things which are worldly and evil? Are you afraid of what they may say? Is it because you are ashamed to be dressed modestly and decently at a time when so many people are so worldly minded in their manner of dress? Really, friends, just what is it that is hindering you from obeying the truth? For one thing I know it is Satan's business and he is at the bottom of it regardless of who his agent may be that actually performs his work.

Now listen to this scripture from the 12th chapter of Hebrews and verses 1 and 2, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Did you notice that it said, "Let us lay aside every weight and the sin which does so easily beset us"? Are you doing that? If not, then why don't you ask yourself the question, Is it worth it for me to allow this or that sin to hinder me from doing what I should? Let us pray,

Our gracious Father,

We commit this message and these words now into thy divine hands. Bear them swiftly and surely to the ears and hearts of those who need them most and may they serve the purpose of unshackling those that are bound in the clutches of Satan and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Friends, it has been a pleasure to bring you this short message from the Word of God. If you would 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. This is Willie Murphey speaking.

Listen now to this song, "The redemption story". The singers are Marie Miles, May Bell Pruitt, Vernon Miles, Gene and Dora Lela Beisley.

Thank you for that good song. Friends, it has been a pleasure to bring you this short message. Be sure to be with us again next Sunday at this same time on this same station for another broadcast of THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Okla. Until we meet again 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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God point the way to where my duty lies
Then give me strength to carry on thy
work

I do not mean to idly waste my time
I do not mean one single task to shirk.

I'm grateful thou hast given me power
of words

That I may give to man thy message
clear

Now point the way to where my duty lies
And ease my troubled mind from
needless fear.

Guthrie, Okla.

Dear Ones,

Greetings of love to every one of the readers of the Mission Trail. This letter leaves me still encouraged to press the battle on for the Lord and souls. My desire is to see the end of a victorious life. I like this scripture in Ephesians 2: 8-9: "For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; Not of works, lest any man should boast!"

Willie and Kathleen are now on a trip to the West Coast where they have been having a few nights meeting with several different saints and congregations. He plans to be back in Anthony, Kansas for his appointment next Sunday, October 6 and then on home. They desire your prayers for their protection and the Lord's blessings in the services. We realize that the time is short and what we do for God must be done quickly. In the meantime our boys and I are caring for things

on the home front. The boys are going to school. Willie Eugene is in the 9th grade. He will soon be 14 years old. Wayne is in the 7th grade. He is 12 years old. Both are doing well in school. We hear from Patsy and Clifford. She writes they are doing fine. Clifford has a job teaching school in Downey, Calif.

We are enjoying Sister Evelyn Gibson being in the Congregation since she is now living in her trailer right here in Guthrie.

Little by little our mailing list continues to grow and we appreciate so much how God is blessing His Word and how the saints have stood by with their prayers and offerings. Willie and I realize that we could accomplish nothing worthwhile without God's help. Continue to pray for us as we also pray for you.

With much love in Christ,

Frances Murphey and boys

Testimonies

From Missouri: "Dear Saints and loved ones, I thought I would write you all again. The Lord has sure been blessing me lately. I read your paper for the July 28th on "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" And since then the Lord has been speaking to me to speak to the young people some night. I have been reading the Mission Trail for "He doth not afflict willingly" and it has given me encouragement. I am going to write them down on paper and put them in my Bible to speak on some time, if it be the Lord's will for me to have a prayer request at this time. . . ."

--Mrs. Mary McPherson

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From Oklahoma: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey, Greetings in Jesus name. I was impressed to try to get the broadcast from Coffeyville last Sunday. It was precious to hear it. I am so thankful for it. God bless you in this precious work in his Holy kingdom."

--Eva Penner

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From Louisiana: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, I had just listened to the tape Dale Doolittle made (after going down in Mexico with Bro. Harland Smith) and sent the folks while they were in Shawnee. Of course this tape was very much of a missionary tone. Then when we got your message Sunday morning on the radio it had a missionary trend to it and I really enjoyed it. So when we got to Sunday School I just wanted surely to sing a missionary song which we did. I see a great need of the church in general being more missionary minded. Of course we can't all do the part of going but we can all have a part in it. . . Pray for us. Love to all,"

--Manuel Mitchell and family

From Iowa: "Dear Bro. and Sis., I do enjoy reading The Mission Trail so much. It has been a great encouragement to me as I am isolated from other saints. This paper is a sermon to me each week. . . I feel better in my body after the saints prayed for me at the meeting. Please pray for me. The Lord's will be done. May God blessing ever be upon you and your family. I hope you in the future can come and visit our city. . . Pray for us all. Your sister in Christ,"

--Mrs. Charlie Green

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From Missouri: "Dear Bro. Willie & family, Greetings of Christian love. I trust the dear Lord is blessing you and yours in every way. I can truly say the Lord is good to me. I like that song that says 'Jesus is good to me' and he has been good to me. And the part where it says 'in the conflict makes me strong, blesses all my journey long, he's so good to me'. The only way he would fail to make us strong in the conflict is for us to cast away our confidence. I just believe that he is worthy of trusting through the severest conflict. So I commit my bark to him on the sea of life and let come what will I believe Jesus will see me through. . . We do desire you to pray for us for the needs of this congregation physically and spiritually, also for the saints at Stoutland, Mo. Sis. Beckey Barnes has some burdens. . . I go down there some times on the third Sunday as that is their all-day meeting day. Also remember the saints at Pea Ridge, Ark. as I know you do. Bro. Murphy Allen held them four nights' meeting; then all-day service Sunday. It was very good. Well I must close for this time. With Christian love and fellowship in the gospel,"

--Bro. and Sis. T. V. McMillian and congregation

at press time

we understand:

America, Wake Up!

From Taiwan: "Tuesday, Aug. 29, 1968, Dear Bro. Willie and family, I hope that this letter finds you well and enjoying the blessings of the Lord. Well, I'm at Taiwan now. I arrived here last Wednesday (21st). I am very thankful to be able to be with my husband. We should be here from 1 to 2 years. I don't exactly like it here but this is better than being separated from Charles. I had a safe trip and had no trouble. All together I was in the air 20 hours from the time I left Baltimore, Maryland until I landed here. Of course, I had some stops and layovers but it didn't seem to take too long. My plane, on the way to Tokyo stopped for about 30 minutes in Honolulu, Hawaii. It was very beautiful there and warm.

Let me tell you a little bit about Taiwan. Here is the city of Tiepu. It is very dirty and living conditions are poor! The American people live very good compared to these poor people. . . There are very few that you can trust. . . . If every American could come to a country like this and see how these people live and make a living they would surely thank God for placing them in such a great land and they would be very happy with the living conditions in America. I tell you, I sure am thankful for being able to live in a country as wonderful as ours. It makes me so sad to think that because the American people have rejected God--

such a wonderful country must fall. Why doesn't America wake up before it is too late?

I would like for all you dear people to pray for Charles and me. We need prayer so badly. Pray that we'll serve God. . . Charles and I are expecting a baby in December and I do want to bring our little baby up right to serve God. God has been so very good to me and I do want to have a Christian home.

Please send me the Mission Trail. I would also like to have it send to Mrs. Kane Arbogast, Dunmore, W. Va. 24934. Karen was saved during a tent meeting that Bro. Mart Samons and two other ministers held at Cass, W. Va. I was able to attend some of the services held at Cass and enjoyed the opportunity to hear the truth. Please remember the souls there as some were saved and many showed great interest.

I must close for now. Please write as soon as possible and please pray for my husband and me and my family. May God bless you! Love, Nancy Wagoner My new address is: Mrs. Charles Wagoner, 6987th Scty. GP. Box 882, APO San Francisco 96360" Note: How about a card or letter of encouragement from Mission Trail readers to Charles and Nancy while they are overseas? --Willie



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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
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. 7:45 3:30 p. m.

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

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