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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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God Is not the Author of Confusion

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. . . and a very cheerful greeting, friends, to each and every one who is tuned to THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma. This is Willie Murphey coming your way once again with a short gospel message which we hope will be both interesting and profitable to you. I believe that if we ever needed the gospel, it is now. If we ever needed to know the truth concerning the fulfillment of God's prophecy in these last days, it is certainly now. So, stay with us now for the next few minutes and listen to this verse from 1 Corinthians 14:33.

"For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace as in all churches of the saints." Now here is a statement of fact that I believe is worthy of consideration. It says plainly here that God is not the author of confusion. Therefore if confusion exists where there is a business, a home, or in an individual's own mind, or in a city, state, or nation you may be sure of one thing, confusion is not of God. Now would you like to know what the word confuse means? Well, listen to what Webster has to say about it. First it means to bring to ruin, and secondly it means perplex or disconcert and thirdly it means to make indistinct or to blur. Of course then it goes on to give such definitions as to mix indiscriminately, jumble, or mistake for another. That should be sufficient, wouldn't you think? I can see right away that this is something not very desirable. Confusion is a bad thing to have in almost any place. That is for the welfare for those particular people. Now, it might work to an advantage for the enemy.

Take for instance, the time when Edward Braddock, the British soldier, came to the American continent in those days when they were having wars, the French and Indian wars. Can you imagine this stately soldier who had been trained to fight what we might term a classical war, going out to combat against French hunters and Indians? I suppose those Indians looked upon war about like the expression that 'all is fair in love and war'. Then by classical war I mean that Braddock was used to lining up soldiers in a row and marching abreast across a field some where to face the enemy. But let me show you something. It was on the morning of July 13, 1775. On this particular day George Washington accompanied Edward Braddock and they went out to hunt the enemy. Now, don't forget the enemies in this case were Frenchmen and Indians. Well, really, the British got into combat before they hardly knew it, and the trouble was they did not know where the shots were coming from. And besides all that, some of the British heard the warwhoop

of the Indians for the first time in their lives. Can you imagine what confusion this brought? They were used to fighting differently than that. They were attacked from the enemy which were hiding behind rocks and trees. They did not know which way to look next to fire a shot. Out of 1,373 soldiers on that day of July 13, 1775 would you like to know how many of them escaped unharmed. Well, I will tell you it was 459. Now included in the casualties on that day was Edward Braddock, and that was after about 4 or 5 horses had been shot from under him. I seriously doubt that they encountered anything like as many enemy troops as what they began with. But they were defeated because they were confused.

Friends, that is natural warfare for you. Is it not true that an enemy thrives in creating confusion? That is why smoke bombs are used in warfare. It is also true that one of the great dangers in fighting the enemy in Viet Nam often comes from those who pretend to be civilians and would not even appear to be a soldier. They slip in unawares, sometimes in truck loads of produce or goods which are being transported. They mix and mingle with the civilian population but at heart they are the enemies.

Here is another example of what confusion did for some people one time. In this particular case God had chosen Gideon as a leader in Israel. Their enemy was the Midianites. God had reduced Gideon's army to 300 men. You can find this report in the book of Judges. You might like to read it sometime. It says that 'he divided the 300 men into 3 companies, and he put a trumpet in each man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the

pitchers.' Of course this was Gideon now preparing his men before they went to fight. Now, think of this a moment, friends. Here was 300 men, they were divided into 3 companies and they approached the camp from 3 different angles. Each one had a trumpet he had a pitcher and he had a lamp within the pitcher. Now, of course, this was night time. When the signal was given the pitchers were broken. That would make quite a crash within itself, wouldn't it? The trumpets were blown and then the lamps shined out of the darkness. What affect do you suppose that would have upon a company of soldiers as they awoke from their sleep? Well, I'll tell you what effect it had on the Midianites. They thought they were surrounded with the Israelites and of course, in the meantime the Israelites cried out, 'The sword of the Lord and of Gideon!'. You know that would have quite an effect on a person, wouldn't it? You really want to know what happened to those Midianites? Well, they became so frightened that they cried out and began to fight one another. It didn't take long when such a state of confusion as that existed for the Israelites to take the camp.

Do you remember that notable and wise saying, "United we stand, divided we fall"? There is a lot of truth in that. The enemy of all righteousness is continually seeking to divide God's people.

Do you know why the Tower of Babel is a symbol of confusion? If you will turn to the 11th chapter of Genesis and read there you might observe that these people had an evil motive in their desire to build for themselves a name. Yet they were making progress. They were going to build a tower to heaven. I don't know how many people were

working there but it must have been quite a crowd. They were making brick and they had slime for mortar. But God saw that the motive and purpose of their heart was evil. Therefore only one thing was necessary which God did to halt their work and that was this. Their language was confounded that they could not understand one another's speech. So I am sure it became a real example of confusion when they were unable to understand one another.

Now I say these things in order to bring to your attention to the basic thought of my discussion. Did you know that many of those who profess to follow Christ today are far from the truth? It is not everyone that saith, Lord, Lord, which shall enter into the kingdom of heaven. Yes, I'll go one step further and say this, there are many who are church members who have never been born again. Then there are those who will say that it doesn't make any difference to God which church you belong to. Now wait just a moment, friends. God only has one church and it does make a difference if you are 'in' or 'out' of his church. Listen to this scripture, "For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work." Friends, I am glad to tell you that God does have a true church in the world today. This church is made up of born again believers and that is the only way that you get into God's church, that is, by the new birth. Those who are living in confusion and strife are on the outside.

Do you know why so many people become confused? Often times it is because they have refused to walk in the light and the truth which has once been revealed to them.

Friends, if you have lost contact with the true people of God and if you are confused and are dissatisfied then why don't you write to me and I will be glad to tell you where you can get in contact with those who love and practice the truth. There are still some saints in the world today. This in spite of all the evil and confusion that is existing. Address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Let us pray,

Our gracious father,

We are indeed thankful for the truth of thy word and for the privilege of proclaiming it over this radio station. Bless each one who hears the message and give them an honest heart to accept the truth and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Listen now to the song, "Under His Wings". The singers: Lynn and Alma Carver, Arnett and Genevieve Carver.

Be with us again next Sunday at this same time on this same station for another broadcast of The Mission Trail. 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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Earthly and Heavenly

Consider the lilies of the field.—Matt. 8.28

Behold the fowls of the air.—Matt. 6.26

Here, where His hand hath lowly planted me,
My days are spent.
Nor ask I more: assured that where His will
Hath fixed my lot, His grace will nourish still,
I am content.

Yet, like yon bird that carols high o'erhead,
My spirit's free.
Far, far above the toilsome troubled scene,
I soar and sing, with not a cloud between
My God and me.

Testimonies

From Iowa: "Dear Mission Trail family: Some one put my name on your mailing list and I am very thankful. I received many blessings after reading the sermons and testimonial letters. . . Thank you kindly."

--Mrs. Everett Glassinger

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From Arkansas: ". . . Enjoying victory in Jesus. He's been wonderful to me. . . The more I witness the more He helps and blesses me. It's wonderful to serve a living God who hears and understands and answers our prayers. Please continue remembering us in your prayers."

--Sis. Odessa Cryer

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From Pennsylvania: Dear Bro. Murphy and family, Greetings in our dear Saviour's name! I cannot help but shout "Praise the Lord" for all of His goodness to the children of men. He is so precious to me today and I do thank Him for all of His help and comfort in the time of storm this week. The devil battled hard, but as David of old went out to meet the giant Goliath he had God with him, so I too, took God with me. . . ."

--Eva Cox

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The seed you are sowing will bring a rich harvest.
A harvest of souls for the Master above,
Which will be, when 'tis gathered securely in glory,
A fitting reward for your labor of love.
Then, onward, press onward, the foe is retreating!
The banner of Jesus lift high as you go.
First pure and then valiant, the truth is prevailing;
A host's rising up the pure gospel to sow.

From Oklahoma: ". . . Please pray for my body. . . I hear the radio message and read the little paper. May the Lord bless you all in your work."

--Florence Parham

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From S. Ca.: ". . . Greetings to you again in the name of Jesus. I am waiting to let you hear from me again. I am sure enjoying your broadcast on the radio each week. It brings a lot of thoughts to my mind on the Bible. Likewise on the good testimonies from the saints of God. They are a lot of encouragement of my heart when I am in distress. I find in Joshua 1:9 He said: "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Praise the Lord for those words of comfort. Pray much for me. . . that I will stand upon the Word of God till Jesus returns for His faithful few. . . Your brother in the Lord."

--Eddie Driggers

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From Louisiana: ". . . I am so glad to get the Mission Trail. . . I can't get it by air. . . My husband and I are not well. He is not able to work much. . . My youngest son finishes school this time. That will be nine--all finished high school. Have been sending them thirty-five years. I am not well at all and husband being sick I am awful worn out. I ask you to pray for us. I wrote you before and my husband and daughter are better. Pray for her baby. She is having a lot of trouble with his ears. I really went down in the past year or more. I want to be true to my Lord and do all I can for others. We need prayer very much. I have other request to be remembered. Yours in Christ Jesus,"

--Beulah Johnson

at press time

we understand:

Congratulations to Kedron and Sharon Ellis of Turner, Ore. on the birth of their son, Keith Loren, on Oct. 18.

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From Missouri: "Ruth is having a fair night. She still coughs a lot and her lungs still seem to be filled up and she has so much mucus or secretion . . . Ruth still seems to know us and smiles some but she isn't near as responsive as she was for a while this summer. We thank you so much for keeping the saints posted of Ruth's condition through the Mission Trail. Many will write and say let us know how Ruth is through the Mission Trail or we always read how Ruth is in the Mission Trail."

--Eva Lou Gaines

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From Oklahoma: "If the Lord should show me that he wants me to carry this affliction the rest of my life, I would be willing. The things I desire most is to get out of bed and do my work, and go to meeting."

--Sis. Jessie Taylor

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From Ky.: ". . . We enjoyed going to the all day meeting in Dayton a week ago yesterday. We also got to go see mother Sharp in Columbus, Ohio. It is truly wonderful what the Lord is doing for her as she lays there from day to day. She is just getting sweetened up for heaven. . . We enjoyed having Bro. Murphy Allen with us in a few nights meeting. The messages were stirring and strengthening. We feel it was a very profitable meeting. . ."

--Sis. Verna Samons and family

It is our sincere wish that Sis. Maudie Sharp will enjoy the richest blessings from God in both soul and body on her birthday Nov. 10. Even though Sis. Sharp is much handicapped by the loss of both legs she still uses her left hand to type letters to her friends. What an example of courage and patience and faith in God! Perhaps your card or letter would add a ray of sunshine to her life. Address it to: Mrs. Maudie Sharp, 3092 E. Fifth Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43219.

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"I have received so many get-well cards and letters from so many saints that I haven't got them all answered. So I'd like to take this means of thanking each one who remembered me this way, but most of all, for your earnest prayer for me. God has been so good to answer those prayers. When we got the cast on my leg and foot changed, the x-ray showed that the bones were together that the doctor thought wouldn't heal. Praise God! All glory to Him! "With God, all things are possible." It will be Nov. 25th, before we can walk on it. So please continue praying for us. We feel a great need for His mighty working power in us. Thank you all again and may God bless each one in every need is my prayer."

--Mildred McIntosh, Route 2,
Conway, Missouri 65632

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Bright rays from a life so pure & fair,
Shall shine forever on,
Till time shall cease and be no more,
And all are lighted home.



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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, 7:45 a. m.

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

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