



# 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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## From Rags to Riches--Part One

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A few days ago my two sons, both of whom are in junior high school, were riding with me as I took them to school that morning. One of them posed the question that presented quite a problem to me. It was similiar to this: "Daddy, how much money is necessary for a person to have before he is considered rich?" Well, I hardly knew how to answer him. I told him that a few thousand dollars didn't amount to much any more so it would surely have to be more than 5 or 6 thousand. We discussed it some further and finally decided that if a person had, say \$50,000 he would be fairly well fixed. Of course, before we had finished, figures such as a million or even a billion were brought up. But after all that is a little more money than what most of us will ever have to worry about.

But if you are interested in riches, I have some news for you. My subject is entitled "From rags to riches". And I want to begin with this scripture in II Cor., chapter 8 and verse 9, "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." There are several things, then, I would like to point out right here.

First, that Christ was with the father even before the foundation of the world and had at his disposal all the riches and the glory even before the creation of the world. This scripture in John 17:24 bears out this thought. Here Jesus was praying and he said, "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovest me before the foundation of the world." Now, friends, it is hard for us to comprehend the glory which Christ had with his

father before the world began. Yet we understand that he was as a lamb slain before the foundation of the world and we understand also that Christ in his infinite wisdom with his father designed a plan of salvation to redeem us back to Himself before we ever came into existence. Now the plan which they had was this: that his only begotten son who shared with him all the glory and splendor of heaven should come to earth in the form of a man in order that he might redeem us back to God. Now of course he not only came and lived here and took part in the flesh but he endured temptations, the trial, the scourgings, and death, shed his blood that we might live through Him.

Here is what I am getting at. Christ needed nothing at all before he came into the world for he was one with the father. But in order that he may reach us, and that we through his poverty might be rich he came and gave him-

self a ransom for all. Now one might say, explain that if you will. Alright just look at the manner in which Christ came. Did he come with the pomp and show of his day? No, not really, because he came as a very humble man in a very humble manner. He was born of a virgin and had a manger for his crib. And yet it was the angels that heralded his birth to the shepherds near Bethlehem. This was in honor of the king that had come in a very lowly manner. Now I believe that as Christ grew up into manhood his experiences no doubt were similiar to others of that day. I doubt if there were very many luxuries which he could afford. In fact, after he began his ministry he told one 'would-be follower', "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." So it seems to me that he was rather poor, that is in a financial way, especially so if he didn't have a place to lay his head. I suppose then that he didn't own a home or have a place of his own to call home.

Furthermore when it came time for income taxes (and I am sure that many of you will understand here what I am talking about) he told Peter "Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee." Friends, I wish it was that easy today for us to make arrangements to take care of our taxes, don't you? I don't think that Christ had a bank account from which he could draw, but here again he just lived from day to day. Wouldn't you say that was rather a poor living in a financial way?

Now don't forget my subject "From

rags to riches." But before we go from the rags of our poverty Christ had to first go from riches to poverty for us. When he was crucified the soldiers cast lots for his clothing. When he was dead his body was laid in a borrowed tomb. Well, you might say, this sounds to me like the story of a pauper. Yes, I agree. It is rather a heart-touching story when we think that one who went about doing good, healing the sick, opening the eyes of the blind, raising the dead, and casting out devils should really have no place to call his own. And yet all of this he endured that we through his poverty might be made rich. Now on the broadcast next week at this time I want to show you in what manner we are made rich in him. But listen now to this poem:

#### "WORKERS TOGETHER WITH HIM"

Pen ne'er can trace  
 How glorious was the rank of honor  
 bright  
 Which Christ possessed in heaven's  
 regal light--  
 A ruler with the Father on his throne,  
 With Paraclete, the rightful lords  
 alone  
 Of all the universe's vast domain,  
 A splendid monarch in a peaceful  
 reign  
 For ceaseless ages vast ere e'en the  
 earth  
 Was shaped, or Satan, cruel, sly,  
 gave birth  
 To lies which cursed the human race.

And yet we know  
 That in a manger, low, of comfort  
 bare,  
 Was born into the world the destined  
 heir  
 Of sorrow, suffering, and shameful  
 death,

A wondrous holy One, whose every  
breath  
Was heavy with the fragrance of that  
love  
Which flows in streams unceasing up  
above,  
The willing sacrifice unto his  
Father's will,  
Whose blood the sons of men could  
dare to spill---  
Christ Jesus, humbled here below.

Thus came to earth  
The One whose slighted wish was  
good as law  
To ministering spirits, who in awe  
Beheld in him their Maker and their  
King,  
Whose praise angelic voices ever  
sing.  
He came in poverty and lowliness,  
To make us rich and great in  
righteousness;  
The pains of Calvary in love he bore,  
To give us perfect freedom evermore;  
His death won life through Spirit  
birth.

The Christ who taught  
These lessons great of love and  
fortitude,  
Now claims from us, beside our  
gratitude,  
The service of our hearts and lives  
for men,  
To rescue them from sin and shame,  
and then  
With them, his happy children, filled  
with praise,  
To glorify our God through endless  
days;  
And bids us follow him and leave  
behind  
The things of earth, eternal wealth  
to find,  
Which his great love has for us  
bought.

(To be continued next week.)

Let us pray,

Our gracious father,

When we consider what a premium  
price was paid for our redemption  
then as the song says, we 'scarce can  
take it in.' Indeed we are glad that  
we have passed from death unto life  
and from 'rags to riches' in Christ.  
Bless each one who hears the broad-  
cast with the favor and blessings of  
God and to thee we will give the praise  
through Christ our Lord. Amen

Now may I take just a moment to tell  
you, friends, that this message is  
brought your way, not only this week  
but each week, by The Mission Trail  
of Guthrie, Okla. We are trusting  
God by faith to supply the needs of the  
broadcast and to help us keep the  
printed copies going through the mail  
each week. If you would like your  
name added to our weekly mailing  
list free of charge, be sure to let us  
know. Or if we may be of any help to  
you in a spiritual way, let us know that  
too. Address your letter to The Mis-  
sion Trail, Guthrie, Okla. Be sure to  
tune in the broadcast each week at the  
same time on this same station. We  
would appreciate it if you would take  
the time to write and let us know that  
you hear the broadcast, that you enjoy  
it and, of course, the station over which  
you listen to it each week. Here is a  
song, "Come unto me". The singers  
are: Bob and Dorral Forbes, Randal  
Flynn and Melvin Doolittle.

Friends, be with us again next week 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 blessing be with each of you  
and a very cheerful good-bye!

## Testimonies

From Ohio: "Greetings of divine love in Jesus precious name. It is so wonderful to be one of God's little children. When things around us are so dark and sinful. Thank God for the True Light that shined in darkness. The darkness comprehended it not. St. John 1:5 The enemy of our souls is doing all he can discourage us in these last days. But I am so thankful I know a greater one than he. The one that has all power in heaven and earth. . ."

--Sadie Stamm

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From Oklahoma: "Greetings, we are so thankful the Lord is so mindful of us. We can't thank him enough for his many blessings. So thankful he has touched Gary Lynn." --Christine Eck

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From California: "Greeting in Jesus I appreciated your nice long letter Sis. Frances, that you wrote us while Bro. Willie and Kathleen were away on the evangelistic trip. I know you had many duties at that time, but took out time to write us in handwriting. The Lord bless you, which I know he does. I was glad to hear that Bro. Willie and Kathleen stopped at Orland for two nights. We used to live there and still have a love and interest in the work there. . . Cecil and I are both doing pretty well. We are happy here in the Home. Cecil is spending a lot of time reading in the Bible. . . With Christian love," --Rada Watkins

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Lord, let me not die  
Until I've done for Thee  
My earthly work,  
Whatever it may be.  
Impress this truth upon me  
That not one  
Can do my portion  
That I leave undone.

From Nigeria: "Dear Bro. Willie C. Murphey, Choice Christian love greetings; happy to scribe out these few lines from my heart to you. All the gospel papers sent to me came to hand and the message blessed my soul, and then who joined me in reading the refreshing, persuasive, evangelical printed page. Surely, the harvest is white already, and we must do all we can to win souls by all means at all costs in season, out of season. . . I have to work hard here, because of many who fled from war affected areas. They need the gospel, many have their property looted now looking only unto God, yes only God can comfort their hearts and supply their needs. I am a poor servant. I can't do less than to pray for you and your work, and I beg you in the only name of his son to kindly send The Mission Trail to me when published. I enjoyed reading the good paper. May the Lord bless you real good is my sincere prayer. Expecting yours very soon."

--Mr. & Mrs. Sammy Akins Elatny

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From Oklahoma: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, Greetings to you in Jesus dear name. Wanted to let you know how we enjoy the broadcasts over KGGF and that we are still interested in the work you are doing for the Lord. Enclose find a small offering to help along. I am praising God for His blessings to me, and enjoying the presence of the Lord. For some little time now I have not hemorrhaged any and although I do not keep much nourishment yet I do rest better nights and am not so sick at my stomach as much of the time. Oh how I praise Him for all His benefits to me. Pray on, I am expecting victory. Our God is a mighty God and a wonder working Savior. Always glad to see you. Love and prayers," --Nellie Poulos

# at press time

we understand:

From Louisiana: "Dear Bro. Willie and family and saints there, Greetings of love in Jesus Dear and precious name. This leaves me OK. Still going some. . . I know I fell no marks of displeasure on me. I mean to live as I wish to die. I look to the days when my Mission Trails arrive. Keep the good work going. . . Love to all"

--J. M. Mitchell

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From Missouri: ". . . Sis. Carrick arrived home yesterday evening. She so desires to be able to stay at home permanently. Will have to have some one to stay with her. Be wonderful if she could find a saint sister who could. . . She suffered greatly on the trip. We would appreciate your prayers for her. Any one wanting to get in touch with her may write her. Mrs. Ersa Carrick, 502 S. Hall, Webb City, Mo., 64870. Hope the Lord will bless the programs, that they will be the means of bringing souls to a knowledge of the truth. Yours in Him,"

--Lula Caughron

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From Ohio: ". . . I enjoyed the message on 'Who did hinder you' very much. I especially liked your writing extracted from the book 'God's Gracious Dealings' very much. So much that I am buying the book. This letter leaves me pressing on in my 2nd year of being saved and 16 years old. I truly thank God because I've come a long way since then. Yours in Christ,"

--Sis. Catherine Posey

From Kansas: ". . . Brother and Sis. Sharp and children, and Wildena came to visit us last Saturday. We certainly appreciated their coming. We are so glad to have the opportunity to go to Coffeyville for all day services."

--Mamie Norcutt

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From Okla.: "Greetings Bro. Willie We enjoy your messages on radio on Sundays so much. Please request prayer for Sis. Nellie Poulos. She is very sick with a bad cold. Also for me. I have great pain in my legs. Our Lord is able. Trust you and family are all well. Christian love,"

--Sis. Agnes Gatties

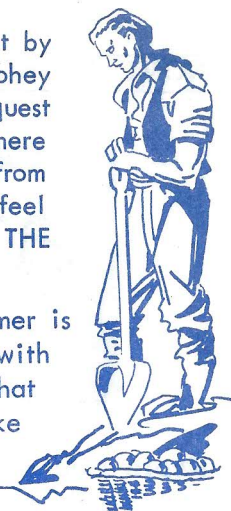
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From Texas: "We send greetings to each of you. The Lord has been so good to us. For several months now we have been blessed with good health. We're much encouraged to keep pressing on. We see and hear and read so much about sin abounding on every hand. We are so glad we can sing 'I have found it, Lord, in thee, How can I wish for more.' We have just come through a great trial with victory in our soul. How we desire that others might learn of God's goodness to his trusting children. . . We enjoy the Mission Trail so much. We're thankful for those who can hear it on radio. May the Lord bless you in your labors for him. We desire your prayers that we be faithful. This life will soon be over. Love and prayers,"

--Edith Wall



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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."

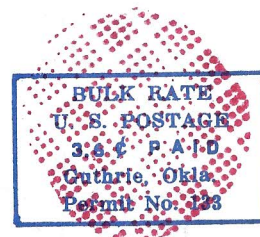
## Broadcast Schedule

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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