



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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“Under the Circumstances”

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Greetings, friends, wherever you may be hearing the sound of my voice. We are happy to be coming your way with a message which I hope will strengthen and settle you in the things of God. Listen to this scripture from II Cor. 4:18, "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." Now I am just using this scripture as a starting point. Here is a phrase which is often heard. How many times have you asked a person, "How are you feeling?" or "How are you getting along?" and they will reply with that oft repeated phrase, "Pretty good, under the circumstances, etc., etc." It seems that the circumstances takes the pre-eminence and then they do the best they can with what is left. Perhaps they lose sight of the victory which there is in Christ for them and the principles which they may have once set in life seem to fade from view and they are just struggling "under the circumstances" rather than arising above the circumstances.

I heard of an illustration which seems to fit in real well here. After the man who was a "bachlor" finally decided to get married, and upon the arrival of their first born child, he thought it well to set forth a book on 'child training'. This he did. When his second child was born he revised the book and only had half the information which he had before to offer on child training.

When the third child came he again revised his book and came up with less material than ever before. This happened each time a child was born. Upon the arrival of the seventh or eighth he finally had this advise to offer "Just do the best you can." I fear that the circumstances somewhat altered his principles and he failed to see the need of standing by his principles.

How often have you heard individuals say, "I couldn't live saved under such and such circumstances."? Now I don't say that you should disregard facts. If the sun doesn't break through the clouds I am not one to tell you there are no clouds. If the clouds are there they are not to be disregarded. But did you know that the sun is shining always above the clouds?

Now at this point I would like for Frances to give you an experience she remembers which may add some to this thought. Here is Frances:

When I was a child I well remember a neighbor who often came to our house to use the telephone. She would come in with a cheerful smile speaking of the things around her in a pleasant manner. But even as children we had

learned when we asked her "How do you feel?" that her voice would immediately change and she would take on a different countenance and her tone of voice immediately became one of self-pity. Therefore when it was convenient for us to do so, we would ask her "How do you feel"? This we did of course, just to hear the change of her tone. Invariably she would say, "Oh, I don't feel a bit good." Then she would proceed to tell of her troubles. I really believe that she must have been "under the circumstances" rather than gaining the victory over them.

Thank you, Frances. Now, friends, what we really want you to do is to so grasp the promises of God that you will be able to rise above every opposing circumstance which may come your way. Have you ever heard the expression, "But you just don't understand."? Well, it is true that there are some circumstances which I may not understand. I don't doubt that. But I know one who does understand your circumstances. However, in order to bring out the thought even better let us look at some circumstances.

First, consider Daniel. His circumstances was this: He had been taken captive into a foreign land which was Babylon. Now that within itself is bad enough but it did not alter his principles of doing right. Listen to this verse from Daniel 1:8, "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself". I think some people prefer that old slogan "when you are in Rome do as Rome does". This may be alright for those who want to be socially accepted, but I believe

God would have us draw a line between right and wrong. Let us not excuse ourselves with that flimsy alibi that 'everybody else is doing such and such, so it is alright for me to do it.' Listen to this poem:

Dare to Be a Daniel

Standing by a purpose true,
Heeding God's command,
Honor them, the faithful few!
All hail to Daniel's Band!

Many mighty men are lost,
Daring not to stand,
Who for God had been a host,
By joining Daniel's Band!

Many giants, great and tall,
Stalking thro' the land,
Headlong to the earth would fall,
If met by Daniel's Band.

Hold the gospel banner high!
On to vict'ry grand!
Satan and his host defy,
And shout for Daniel's Band.

Dare to be a Daniel,
Dare to stand alone!
Dare to have a purpose firm!
Dare to make it known!

Now if you want to look at circumstances think of this. When Israel faced the army of the Philistines old Goliath came out and defied every man among them. It is written that his height was 6 cubits and a span. Now it is hard to determine just the exact height this may be, but a cubit was often considered about 18 inches. That would make Goliath 9 feet or more in height. That would be quite a soldier, wouldn't it, friends? Then he had a helmet of brass and a coat of mail. The coat of mail weighed 5,000

shekels. Now roughly figuring that is about 150 pounds or more and he was challenging and calling any man to come forth and fight him. Wouldn't you say those circumstances were quite discouraging? But not for David. He went on the strength of God and God gave him the victory over all the circumstances.

There was another time in David's life when he had actually sinned against God by numbering Israel. Can you think of any thing worse than God being against an individual? The Lord gave David a choice afterwards in regards to his punishment. Here are the three things from which he was allowed to choose. A famine of 7 years throughout the land, or 3 months during which he would flee before his enemies while they pursued him, or 3 days of pestilence in the land. Do you think that would be a little hard to make a choice in such a case? Here is what David chose. You can read it in the 24th chapter of II Sam. and verse 14, "And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the Lord; for his mercies are great: and let me not fall into the hand of man." I would say that David was 'somewhat under the circumstances' wouldn't you? He was also 'in the circumstances' of course, which didn't look too good, but he rose 'above the circumstances' when he surrendered himself wholly to God without reserve.

Think of the circumstances Peter was in as he walked on the water to go to Jesus. Listen, "But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?"

Friends, don't let the circumstance of life keep you from having the victory. Get hold of God for yourself and trust in his saving and keeping power. Paul and Silas were real examples of what God can do for those who have faith in him. When they were beaten with stripes and placed in the stocks in the inner prison it says that at midnight they prayed and sang praises to God. What do you suppose those other prisoners in the jail thought of that? They might have thought that Paul and Silas wasn't quite just right before the earthquake came. But I am of the opinion that afterward they realized there was a supernatural power working in their lives.

Remember the text, will you? "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

Let us pray,

Our gracious Father,

We are glad for victory through Christ. Help us not to look at the things which are seen but may we securely anchor our affections to the eternal things of God and for that which is accomplished we will give thee the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Now I would like to remind you that this message is brought your way as it is each week over this radio station by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Okla. If we have been an encouragement to you we would be glad to hear from you and do be with us again next Sunday at this same time on this same station.

Listen to this song: "There is glory

on the winning side."

Friends, until we meet again this is Willie Murphey urging each and every one of you to rise above the circumstances through faith in Christ and now may he bless and keep you until we meet again and a very cheerful goodbye!

My Hand In God's

He leads me with the tenderest care
When paths are dark and I despair
No need for me to understand
If I but hold fast to His hand.



"Greetings of love. We are thankful for God's love and mercy He has shown to us. We miss our darling Ruth so much and our hearts are lonely and sad but we rejoice for Ruth as we know her victory is won. Some things we don't understand as we felt so assured that the Lord was going to heal her but we have committed it to the Lord and trust the Lord glorified His name. We could see the signs of death approaching most of the day Tuesday but I felt so assured that she would live that right after noon I lay down awhile as Clayton was sitting with Ruth. I felt so calm that I slept. Around 4:30 when the head nurse said "That is it", I stood there and kept looking and looking for Ruth to breathe again. But Ruth was gone, there wasn't anymore. I had told the Lord different times I didn't want Him to heal Ruth just because I had faith for her healing, that I only wanted to see her healed if He could get glory to His name. I still feel that way even though it hurts so much to give them up. Yet we rejoice too.

Ruth had to go through a lot of suffering and heartaches this past year. She wasn't able to talk soon after she

was taken away from us. Some of the last words she said in the hospital was "I want to go home." We told her we couldn't take her home. Then she motioned for us to take the I. V. needle out of her hand. Another time her daddy told her he loved her and she shook her head 'no'. The last words I heard her say were "I want". We don't know if she ever understood why she was in the hospital. But we trust that the Lord blessed her and that she felt His presence with her. Sometimes the thoughts come to you "Oh, if she could only have talked to us". (There was a period of time we know she knew.) There are lots of things that come to your mind that we have to resist from time to time and simply commit to the Lord. We cannot keep them from coming to our minds but we can commit what we can't understand to the Lord and lean on Him.

We are thankful Ruth was healthy for 6 years. She hardly knew what a sick day was until this last year. She had 6 happy carefree years.

The Lord blessed me during this time after Ruth's death. I only vomited once and not once did I have a headache before or during the funeral. I usually get sick with a headache when I'm overtaxed or under a strain.

We want to thank each one for all their prayers, cards, letters, love offerings, and any other expressions of love shown to us during Ruth's illness and death. Some have been so faithful to write us often. May God bless each one. We feel that the prayers of the saints helped us go through our trial of faith with victory. Love,"

--Clayton and Eva Lou Gaines
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Thayer, Missouri 65791

Testimonies

From Texas: "I look forward to getting the Mission Trail and enjoy it so much. Thank you for sending it."

--Mrs. Helen Amos

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From Pennsylvania: ". . . Please pray for us as we work with our little Sun. school. We have 15 some Sundays and only two or three other Sundays, but there is a good interest in the things of God and they are anxious to read God's word and one little boy said he wanted to be saved. I told him how, and feel he will yield to Him soon. What a blessed privilege to tell them about Jesus and His love. . . Your sister in His service,"

--Eva Cox

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Oh, loving words are not hard to say
If the heart be loving too,
And the kinder the thoughts you give
to others
The kinder their thoughts of you.

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From South Carolina: ". . . Greeting in Jesus name. I have been receiving the Mission Trail for some time and I do enjoy reading them. . . It does thrill my heart to hear those good and spirit-filled testimonies from the saints. . . I hope that God will richly bless you all in the good work that some souls may find their way to Christ. Brother Willie, we do love the good saints of God every where. We hope that the dear Lord would make a way for us to come to Guthrie for the assembly meeting. Pray for us that God will make it possible. Yours in Christ,"

--Utson Platt and family

P.S. I do desire prayer for my wife that was in a car accident Thursday, Nov. 22, 1968 and she is trusting the dear Lord for her healing and wants the saints to remember her when they pray. . .

From New Mexico: "Dear Brother and Sister Murphey and family, The dear Lord bless you in his service. Still love to read the good and spiritual little paper Mission Trail. It is sure a great encouragement and help in every way to every one, I am sure, as it is to me. Sorry I don't hear the radio sermons. Want to help in a small way by sending something to help. I was pretty sick lately but so very thankful to God for healing me and hope every one there are well."

--Ruth Doolittle

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From Arkansas: "Dear Brother Willie Murphey and family, I hadn't written to you in some time but still get a great blessing hearing both of your broadcasts every Sunday here in Hot Springs on KXOW. . . I still need your prayers and my brother Lawrence Reaves had a stroke three years ago and hadn't spoken a word since then. He has been in the hospital 3 weeks now. . . help me pray for his comfort. Isn't it wonderful that we have our Lord to depend on for help and comfort. I am so thankful."

--Eva Mae Reaves

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Do a deed of simple kindness;
Though its end you may not see,
It may reach, like widening ripples,
Down a long eternity.

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From Arkansas: "Dear Brother Willie and family, I am sending greetings in Christian love. Trust all is well with you there and that God is blessing your efforts abundantly. Everyone here is well except Nellie, our oldest daughter. Please help us pray that God will undertake for an affliction she is undergoing. Do trust the Lord is richly supplying your every need so that you are able to carry on the work effectively."

--Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Loftis

From Missouri: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, I would love to say a few words as the Lord has pressed it on me to send a little offering for the work you are doing. Surely this is needful and I do pray you will help many to exchange their rags to riches that money can't buy and which is the most important thing in life, of course I know by experience. I was in sin a long time and oh how the Lord kept knocking at my heart's door and oh how thankful I am that I let him come in. So pray for me that I will always keep true."

--W. J. Marler

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The Secret of His Presence

In the secret of his presence how my soul delights to hide!

Oh how precious are the lessons which I learn at Jesus' side!

Earthly cares can never vex me,
neither trials lay me low,
For when Satan comes to tempt me,
to the 'secret place' I go.

When my soul is faint and thirsty,
'neath the shadow of his wing
There is cool and pleasant shelter,
and a fresh and crystal spring;
And my Saviour rests beside me as we
hold communion sweet;
If I tried I could not utter what he
says when thus we meet.

Would you like to know the sweetness
of the secret of the Lord?
Go and hide beneath his shadow; this
shall then be your reward;
And whene'er you leave the silence of
that happy meeting place,
You must mind and bear the image of
your Master in your face.

" . . . for them that trust in thee before the sons of men! Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: . . ." Psalm 31:19, 20

From South Carolina: ". . . I thank God I still want to know more about my dear Lord. I thank God for the little paper. It is food to my soul. O how sweet to have a dear father that will heal our bodies and give all good things to us if we will do his will. I know I don't feel any marks of displeasure in my life. I am waiting on my pay day to come so I can meet my saviour with a smile that I am doing his will. . ."

--Mrs. Sallie Sweat

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"The night before Thanksgiving day just before midnight the lovely snow flakes started falling from Heaven so beautifully in the plant lights and my heart was full of thanks to God for all His many blessings and then He gave me this poem. Hope it blesses you as it blessed me."

THANKS TO GOD

Lovely white snowflakes at midnight,
As Thanksgiving Day opened her door,
But lovelier by far, my thoughts of
God,
And His goodness, just minutes before.

How thankful to almighty God,
Who loves us as His own;
Though we're only made of sod
And wicked seed have sown.

He loved us so He gave His Son--
The only begotten of the Father--
That man before his race is run
With sin, don't have to bother.

For through the blood of Jesus Christ,
Man's sins are blotted out.
Delivered from the bonds of sin,
God's praises he can shout.

Those snowflakes are so lovely there,
Falling from God's blue;
But oh, how lovely that sincere prayer
Of thanks to God, from you!
--Russell H. Douglas, Oklahoma City

at press time

we understand:

Bro. Murphy Allen, who is active in the work of the Lord, his wife Natalie, and family have recently moved. Their new address is: Route 1 Box 161, Senath, Missouri 63876.

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Our best wishes are extended to Manuel and Marie Mitchell's daughter, Shirlene who was married to Billy Wayne Lockey Saturday evening, Nov. 30 at Midway, Louisiana.

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From Alberta, Canada: "Dear Brother Murphey: Greetings in Jesus name. God richly bless you in your work. I enjoyed meeting you at the Monark Springs campmeeting in August. It's too bad that we didn't have more time to get better acquainted. Thank you for The Mission Trail. I enjoy reading it. . . In Christian love," --Art Lange

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Consolation

There is never a day so dreary
But God can make it bright,
And unto the soul that trust Him,
He giveth songs in the night.
There is never a path so hidden,
But God can lead the way,
If we seek for the Spirit's guidance
And patiently wait and pray.
There is never a cross so heavy
But the nail-scarred hands are there
Outstretched in tender compassion
The burden to help us bear.
There is never a heart so broken,
But the loving Lord can heal
The heart that was pierced on Calvary
Doth still for his loved ones feel.

From Oklahoma: "I would like for you folks to pray for me as I have a bad sore on my lower lip that doesn't seem to heal. . . and I am also hard of hearing. . . I had a light stroke last winter and the Lord healed it so I can walk alright now. Praise the Lord! I was 89 last July the 16th. . ."

--Walter Worley of the Golden Rule Home, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801

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From Mo.: "Sis. Ersa has a young girl taking care of her. Is very efficient in caring for her."

--Sister Lula Caughron

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PRAY for:

Bro. Curtis Williams of Clearfield, Kentucky, who is very very sick with pneumonia.

Zelda Miller of Guthrie, who is in an Oklahoma City hospital. She is the daughter of Sis. Nellie Ott.

Robert Benson of Guthrie who is not well.

Sis. Coffey of Hammond, La. who still needs much help in body.

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Our heartfelt thanks to God and several congregations as well as many saints who are making it possible for us to continue sending forth the gospel message over the radio stations each week and to pay for the postage and supplies needed to carry on the work of the Lord.

--Willie and Frances



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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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