



# 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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## “Search the Scriptures”

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Good morning, friends. It is indeed a great privilege that I have to bring you once again a short message from the scriptures. I am glad for those who take the time to listen to the broadcast. I hope that you will feel when it is over that the time was well spent. May you be better prepared for the day and for its duties. So to begin with, listen to this scripture, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." John 5:39 This is my advice for you as we journey into the new year. What better resolution could one have than to search out the things of God and purpose in his heart to live for God even more diligently than ever before. Now, that verse said, "Search the scriptures". That means to look into them diligently and earnestly. Search as if you were looking for hidden treasure and indeed there are many hidden treasures in the scriptures.

Do you keep a diary? Or did you ever keep a diary? Some years ago I did have a diary. It proves interesting reading when you look back over the months and years which have gone. You can view your hopes and anticipations, some of them which may have been fulfilled and others which were never accomplished.

In a diary you write some of your inmost thoughts and anticipations. It is a record of your life, day by day.

Now with these two thoughts in mind: Number 1, to search the scriptures, and Number 2, the diary, let us just suppose that the scriptures of the Bible could write a diary all of its own. What sort of a record or diary would your Bible have? Would it feel neglected?

Listen now to this illustration, or we might say the parable of:

### THE DIARY OF A BIBLE

January 15th, Been resting quietly for a week. The first few nights after the first of the year my owner read me regularly, but he has forgotten me now, I guess. Another New Year's resolution gone wrong.

February 2nd, Cleaning day. I was dusted with other things, and put back in my place.

February 3rd, Owner quickly picked me up and rushed off to Sunday School. He did not open me, however.

February 23rd, Cleaning day. Dusted and put back in my place. I have been down in the lower hall since my trip to Sunday School.

April 2nd, Busy day. Owner had to present the lesson at a church society

