



# 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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## The Little Foxes

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Good morning, friends. Well, here we are with a short gospel message from the word of the Lord. I hope you will stay tuned to this station and that the scriptures and thoughts may prove an inspiration and a blessing to each one. Consider this verse from Song of Solomon 2:15, "Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes." Did you ever stop to consider how important are just the little things of life, those things which occur day by day, many of them which seem to go unnoticed? It is reported that a man who was once facing death, but fortunately did not die at the moment, was reminded in that grave hour of the little things that he had failed to do. So often emphasis is placed on the bigger things of life, but it seems to me if we can conquer and fully master the little trials, problems, and persecutions we will be better prepared to stand the great shocks of life.

I hope you will get the illustration from the scripture that it is those tiny little foxes that really do the damage to the tender plants, or the vines as shown by the text. Perhaps your garden fence is high enough and woven closely enough to keep out the hogs, chickens, the calves, and horses which would chew up the tender plants. But what about those tiny rabbits which can squeeze right through the woven wire. You know they can cause trouble in a garden too. The little foxes would really enjoy chewing that bark from those vines. They might not eat up the vine entirely. No, the vine may still be standing right where it was, but the damage would have been done when the bark was peeled away, causing the vines to die.

It is really very silly but sometimes men have gotten into arguments and fights and one or both of them was

killed or injured over just some little thing. Do you remember that poem which says,

"For want of a nail, a shoe was lost,  
For want of a shoe, a horse was lost,  
For want of a horse, a rider was lost,  
For want of a rider, a battle was lost."

Here is one thing of which you may be sure. It is such small things as words which cause a lot of trouble. James realized this when he wrote, "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body." James 3:2 Then he goes on to tell that we put bits in the horses' mouths that they may obey us and we turn about their whole body. Well, this is the way it is with words. And he further pointed out that the ships which are great in size, and driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm,

whithersoever the governor listeth. This helm of course refers to the tongue or words. The tongue is a little member, but oh how it does boast when allowed to run uncontrolled. And yet the tongue itself is not altogether to blame. The trouble is in the seat of affections, the heart. It is from the heart that men and women are defiled, and of course the things which are in the heart come out in the speech. So I say, take care of the little things, ask God to make you victorious in your thoughts and speech and I believe that you will have more grace when the real storms come. Listen to this poem:

#### LITTLE THINGS

Only one pillar that was decayed,  
Only one pillar tall;  
The rest of the temple was grand  
and strong:  
One pillar caused its fall.

Only one leak in the vessel grand,  
Only a broken plank;  
Only a leak, just a little thing;  
By it the vessel sank.

Only a word, a cruel word,  
Thoughtlessly dropped one day,  
Caused a wound in the heart of  
a friend--  
A wound that may last for aye.

Only an action mean and low,  
Acted in haste and bold,  
Drove a friend from the fold of love  
Out in the dark and cold.

Only one deed, just one little deed,  
Done in a manner cold,  
Brought to the heart of many a one  
Sorrow a hundredfold.

Only a sin, just a little sin,  
Committed in haste one day,

Quickly grew to be manifold,  
Ruined a life for aye.

Ah! These are only the little things,  
Yet who can their power declare?  
How they bring sorrow, pain, and  
woe!  
How they bring floods of care!

Only a smile, a cheering smile,  
Shed on the darkened pall,  
Cheered the heart of a downcast  
friend,  
Brightened the way for all.

Only a word, a gentle word,  
Spoken in sympathy sweet,  
Lifted higher a broken life,  
Smoothed the way for the feet.

Only a deed that was good and pure,  
Done with a gentle hand,  
Strengthened one who was sadly weak,  
Helped a brother to stand.

Ah! These are only the little things!  
What is the use of these?  
They cheer the life, lift up the soul,  
And give the heart true ease.

Do what is good and noble, then:  
Speak what is pure and grand;  
Help some one out of sorrow's way,  
Help the feeble to stand.

Brighten the way with smiles and love,  
Cheer every one you meet;  
Smooth the pathway with golden  
deeds--  
Life will be twice as sweet.

Now, friends, let me ask you this. It is impossible and you cannot do it, but if you had the privilege to re-live your life all over again what changes would you make? Would it be in the great choices of life which you would change such as moving to a new state or choos-

inga companion, or perhaps your life's work? Well, it might be, but then again maybe you would not change these things. You might be satisfied with the major decisions you have made. I surely hope so. But in my fancy it seems to me that there are many many folks who would like to make some changes in just little happenings which have occurred in the years which are gone. Perhaps a hasty word spoken without due consideration, they would like to recall. Perhaps they treated a friend unkindly, and they would like to have the opportunity of showing that person they are concerned and interested in them.

In the account which Jesus gave of a certain nobleman who went into a far country and later returned to take account of his servants to one of them this nobleman said, "Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities." Luke 19:17 You see, he had been faithful in the little things and was promoted to greater ones. Also in Isaiah 28, verses 9 and 10 we find these words, "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little."

Friends, let me warn you, watch out for the little things of life. A little compromise, a little worldliness, and a little sin will often lead to much larger and greater transgressions. And once the drift has occurred in a life it takes the power of God and real decision to change the course of that life. Oh, let us watch for the little things which would lead us astray from the Lord.

Let us pray,

Our Father,

Seeing that it is the little things which often cause so much trouble, we ask for a special portion of grace to be victorious in the everyday trials of life. Even as Christ our Saviour taught us to pray, so we ask that you would lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Bless each listener of the broadcast in the way which they need most and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Thank you so much for allowing me to come into your home or automobile by means of radio. And many many thanks over again for each one who helps to make the broadcast possible. I am indebted to you and to God. If we may be a help to you in a spiritual way, be sure to let us know. You may contact us by writing to the Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. My name is Willie Murphey. Here is a song, "Leaning on the arms of Jesus" which is sung by the Carvers.

Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God richly bless and keep you and a cheerful good-bye!

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### *Testimonies*

From Okla. : 'Greeting in Jesus name. I thank the Lord for salvation that saves from sin. "For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness." Rom. 6:20 "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life." Rom. 6:22 "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not" 1 John 3:6 God's word is my guide. I am hard of hearing. Pray for the Lord to heal my ears so I can hear and understand.' --Sister Lula Mixon

From Ark: "This morning in prayer the Lord brought it to my mind that I should write and I said Lord give me the words so before I began any thing else I am writing. The Lord has been so good to me. You remember some time back I was so sick. Some thought I would not make it. At first I was so sick that even a teaspoon of ice or baby food would not stay down. I lost weight down to not much more than 100 lbs. I don't know what caused the trouble . . . I did not worry about what it was, as I knew God knew and that there wasn't any thing too hard for him to do and he would take care of me and I was in his hands and everything that he permits us to go through is for our or some ones benefit. Our dear Sis. Eck really prayed through and reached heaven and came over next morning and told me how that she was praying for me and the Lord asked her I think she said 3 times--canst thou not believe and she said yes Lord I do believe. She was so inspired in faith in God and lifted up, it inspired my faith. We had prayer, her kneeling and me in bed. God touched my body. I got up and never had one spell of hurting like I had since . . . I would have some trouble after I ate, big knots would come up in my stomach but thank the dear Lord he has taken care of that now and I eat just about any thing I want and gained back quite a bit of weight. I thank the dear Lord so much for all he has done for me and want to thank all the dear saints everywhere for their prayers for me. It just makes me want to live closer to God and when some one is suffering or going through a trial I want to go through it with them and stand by them in my prayers. . ."

--Sister Della Anschultz

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From Okla: "I'm so thankful for God's goodness to us in blessing and keeping us well. Still appreciate the paper and

hearing the messages on the air. Surely we need to have the Truth preached in these days. Seems like there is so much ungodliness everywhere around us. We were downtown one day and the boys were trying to see if they could find anyone dressed modestly. It's pretty hard to do. You asked the boys names. Randall is 8 yrs. old and Timothy is 7 years old. I appreciate my little boys. They are encouraging to me at times. They will stand right up for the Truth if someone tries to get them to do something wrong. Pray for them that they will always desire to please the Lord. Christian Love. "

--Daisy Harris

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From La: "We wish to testify of the healing of our little daughter Tammy. She was seriously ill with a mastoid infection for some time, several weeks, but the Lord opened up a place behind her ear for drainage, and she is perfectly well now. Nobody can tell us the day of miracles is past!"

--Troy and Christine Gentry

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From La: "It has been some time since I have sent in a little offering so I am sending a little, wish I could help more. The Lord has been so good to us. I don't know what I would do without him. I am having trouble with my limbs; He hears and answers prayer in my behalf and eases the pain. I know that He can heal the trouble, makes no difference what it is, so I am trusting him. My faith is fixed on Jesus, and I am sure that he won't let us down. I sure enjoy the little paper, Mission Trail, and just pray that you will be able to keep it in circulation and that it will be a means of bringing lost souls to Christ. I send my congratulations and wishes for Kathleen. I hope that they will have a long happy life together. "

--Sis. Maurie Lea

From Pa: "Greetings in Jesus Precious name! Am so thankful that Jesus died for me and rose again that I might go free from sin. All I had to do was ask Him to forgive me and to believe He did. Praise His name forever! Oh! I want to win someone to Him. Several have heard the good news and are watching my life, so I want to help them to get what I have and be happy in Him. Am sure your home seems empty without Kathleen. Also the office where you work with the Mission Trail. Life is like that. Change each day and new challenges to make us alert to what He wants us to do. We had a terrible tragedy in the Cox family. My husband's brother's daughter was going home with her husband and three children. They had a car wreck and her little boy who would have been 2 yr. old next month was killed. The husband was on the operating table not expected to live. . . God bless you as you faithfully serve Him and do the work He has placed you here to do. As we work together to win souls, I pray your labors will not be in vain. You can't win all, but one soul is worth more than the whole world, the Word says. --Eva Cox

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From Ill: "Pray that I'll be a better Christian every day for I do want to be, and He says in His word if we hunger and thirst after righteousness we shall be filled, so that's one of His great promises." --Mrs. Truman Pitts

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From Ohio: "I'm thankful for the song that states, "It is blessed to serve him and do his good will for so precious to me is his love . . ." for it is a reality in my soul." --Kay Williams

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". . . we can do nothing without the good Lord's help. He is so good to all his children and I do certainly thank and praise him . . ." --Ruth Doolittle

From Okla: 'I am encouraged to live for the dear Lord and I hope you all are the same and enjoying the best of health . . . I am still enjoying reading the Mission Trail. May the Lord bless you all in the work of the Lord.'

--Sister Mary May

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From W. Va.: "Greetings in Jesus precious name. Your good letter came while I was at Akron, camp meeting. I left here July 6, stopped at my son's home in Dover, Ohio and got on in for prayer meeting that night, and had a wonderful time in contacting people I knew when I was in Akron 44 years ago since I left there in 1927. I had never been back. There is where I met the church in 1919. Very few are living. I was in contact with 5 of them. But I had never met even one of the camp meeting folks before. But got them acquainted with my old friends. My soul was thrilled to get back."

--Sis. Flora Hinzman

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From S. Car.: 'Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am still encouraged to press on and to do his will. I pray He will find me doing all I know to please Him. We are writing to report on the wonderful campmeeting we had here in Holly Hill, S. C. Several different ministers gave us the true word of our Lord. Several were saved and many were encouraged to press on. Pray for the ones who have started out to serve the Lord that they might go all the way with Him. Continue to pray for the saints here that they will also live close to the Lord. We appreciate everyone that attended the meeting. They are welcome to come back whenever the Lord leads them. We appreciate the financial help that was given to the cause of the campmeeting. Remember us in prayer.'

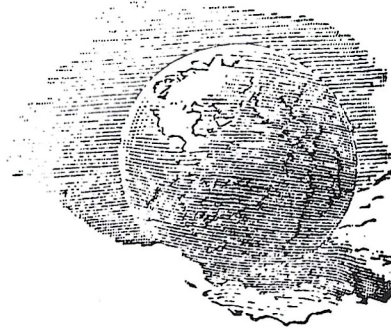
--Bro. Hudson Crummie

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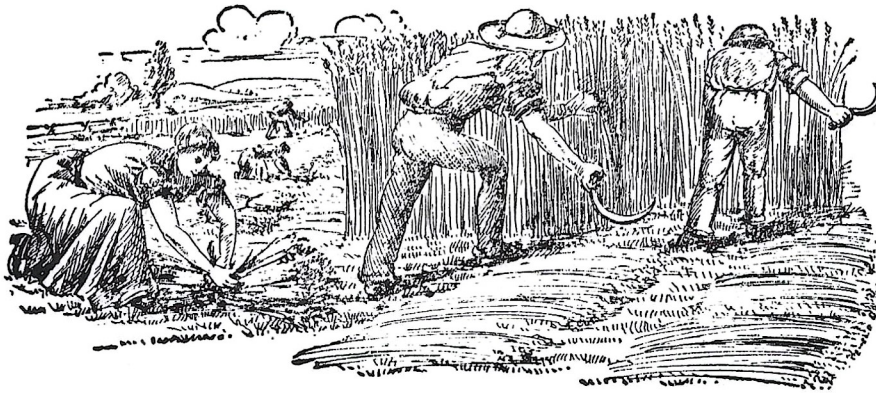
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we understand:

## "THANK YOU"

"Greetings in Jesus sweet name. The one who loves and gives us strength to live for him day by day. Please forgive me for being so slow to thank you dear ones and all the saints that wrote and sent cards and gifts of their love to me in my time of sorrow. I am not able to write each one but I truly do thank each and every one and please pray for me as I need your prayers each day. I don't understand all things but I know the Lord does all things well, and he knows best. I thank the Lord there was no suffering and the Lord gave him the desire of his heart, Pray for me."

--Sis. Margaret Olson

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On August 3, Sister Geneva Ray of Guthrie, Johnnie Ray and Julie Cook were traveling from Indiana to Missouri and were involved in an auto accident near Sikeston, Mo. Johnnie received a cut knee and scalp laceration; Julie, a broken ankle and a severe cut behind the ear while Sister Geneva had a broken wrist and a serious head injury. It is reported that a truck skidded out of control across their lane of traffic on wet pavement. Remember them in prayer that God may cause the injuries to heal and they be restored to normal again.

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## ALL-DAY MEETING

The all-day meeting on the second Sunday each month is to be resumed in Coffeyville, Kansas beginning in September. For more information contact Bro. Ralph Beisly, 407 Eldridge, Coffeyville, Kansas 67337.

' . . . am thinking of your sermon in the July 30th issue and the poetry by a lady by name of Hinzman and we are sending your sermon and the poem to a lady who is in a Baxter Springs Hospital. So glad we could meet occasionally in this world but oh God grant that we can meet where no storm clouds gather, in the bright upper world. . . will be listening for your broadcast each Sunday. Sincerely your friends in the Lord.'

--Frank and Hazel Shimp

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"I believe we are living in the last days . . . don't know how long it will be before God will call a halt to everything. It really pays to live far above this world of sin and strife."

--C. A. Stone

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The Mission Trail addressed to Walter Jewell of Vinita, Okla. has been returned to us with the word "deceased" written on it. Some may remember his attendance at campmeetings.

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From Calif: 'Dear saints, Greetings of love to you all. I received the Mission Trail today and did enjoy it so much. I have been saddened this week as my mother's half brother passed away with a heart attack. He was also a half brother of Sister Betty Mason and Sister W. R. Redwine all deceased. He leaves a sister Mrs. Elmer Ford of Calif. His father was the late Ephram V. Coffey who did some preaching for the saints in earlier life. . . pray for me that I will do the things that are up-building and pleasing to the Lord.'

--Edna Murry



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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.
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