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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 Great Courage

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"Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee; I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them. Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. 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." Joshua 1:1-9.

Good morning, friends. How do you like the reading of that scripture? What do you think of those promises to Joshua? They are wonderful aren't they? But please notice the Lord told him to take along the book of the law. Take it in his mind and let it be in his mouth. Then he said "for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." People like to have good success. Sure they do. They also would like to have the Lord go before them and clear out their enemies. Well, the way to do that, is to go God's way. Choose it regardless of how inviting the path of the wicked may seem.

Let us take another look at the seventh verse: "Only be thou strong and very courageous," This indeed requires a great courage. In this type of courage I see three parts: physical courage, moral courage, and then spiritual courage. Physical courage means the ability to meet bodily peril without flinching, especially when we are scared! It means to face danger with confidence and courage.

Then there is the moral courage. Moral courage dares to do the right though the hosts of evil be arrayed against us. It means to be fully persuaded of the right

and then do it regardless of what others do. The multitude may turn against you. Remember, the crowds are not taking the way of the cross. It is people who have this moral courage to stand for the right who will not be bought for any amount of money.

Then the spiritual courage is that which gives one the confidence to believe the truth will triumph in the end however great the odds. There have been plenty of people who exhibited physical courage in the face of great danger. Yet this bravery which blends the physical, the moral, and the spiritual is rare indeed. It was Jesus of Nazareth who possessed it in its perfect form. Physically without fear and unafraid, he moved among the enemies who sought his life. What a glorious exhibition of courage he manifested, being as it were a lone teacher of the truth, as he challenged the scribes and Pharisees and the powerful interests of his time, declaring "Ye have heard that it hath been said, . . . but I say unto you."

The courage to believe in the triumph of the truth which he represented, seems to vibrate in all he said. Even though he would die when his hour came, his little band of eleven men would carry on to victory. This great courage is an individual virtue, but it thrives even more in the presence of comrades.

Peter was not very brave when he was found all alone by that little maid before whom he denied the knowledge of the Lord. But the real secret of courage lies in the knowledge of a clear sense of harmony with God and a sense of being commissioned by him. This is the union which Jesus had with the father. He said: "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."

Dear ones, you too may have courage to do the right if you begin the day with God and walk with him even until the shadows fall.

We march to fight with the powers of night,
That have held the world in sorrow.
And the broken heart shall forget its smart,
And shall hail a joyful morrow.
Long we fight with wrong, and our weapon strong
Is the love which shall banish hate;
And the chains shall fall from each ransomed thrall,
As the thrones of tyrants fade.

Dear ones, let us face the facts for a moment. There are many brave men in the world who can face withering gunfire, the elements of the heat and the cold. They climb mountains in blinding snowstorms. They cross deserts in heat sufficient to cook eggs. They walk for miles and miles to win some record. Men have ridden bicycles across the nation. Captain Eddie Rickenbacker and his men faced life on a briny ocean for 23 days in their rubber boats on the wide Pacific. Many others face poverty, loneliness, and ill-health--millions of them--with a valor almost beyond belief. Yes, there are men and women who can face almost anything and everything--except themselves. A real facing up to one's self is not the easiest job in the world. It reveals too many facts. But the really brave man with courage faces himself, sees himself as he is, and asks, "What can I do about it?" It seems to me that Pilate refused to face himself. He washed his hands, and followed the line of least resistance. But notice another man on the Damascus road. This Saul of Tarsus, faced his inner self and asked, "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?" Pilate was a moral

coward; Paul a moral and spiritual hero. He arose to go God's way.

Let us pray: Our father, bless the listeners of the broadcast--every one of them. There may be some whose courage is faltering. They need renewed strength to continue the good fight of faith. Others are facing problems which stand before them as mountains. Give them victory in their trials and help all of us to stand for the faith which was once delivered to the saints, for we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Let me leave this poem with you:

KEEP STEADY

Keep steady, young man, keep steady,
Nor waver when put to the test;
When Satan assails be ready,
Defeat him by doing your best,
With plausible words he advances;
With cunning he strengthens his chances;
He does all his planning with care;
He's wily and wicked. Beware!

Resist all his sly approaches,
Yield never an inch to the foe;
Whenever that foe encroaches,
Resort to a resolute No!
With flattery, cunning, he plies you;
With sympathy, artful he tries you;
His wiles he keeps well out of sight;
He comes as an "angel of light"!

Let truth be your watchword ever,
Let right be the law of your life.
With these for your guides you never
Will suffer defeat in the strife.
Give battle to vices that tempt you;
Your virtues can never exempt you;
Temptations will come, but be strong;
Give battle to all that is wrong.

Thank you friends, for a few moments of your time. If we may be a help to

you in some spiritual battle be sure to let us know. You can write us by addressing your letter to the Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

And now this song: "He Is So Precious To Me." The singers are Kenneth & Lois Abbott, Johnnie & Della Gutwein.

Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God bless and keep you and a very cheerful goodbye!

Testimonies

From Minn.: "This finds me well in soul and body and praising the Lord for all He has done for me and all of His saints. I love Him because He first loved me and raised me out of that horrible pit of sin and set my feet on that solid rock and established my goings. I cannot praise Him enough for keeping me in health and in strength. . . I do study the new testament as we are now living in new testament times and according to the wickedness in the world today I believe the Lord is soon coming. As it was in the days of Noe so shall it be when the son of man comes. God bless you and all His saints. Much love and prayers," --Andrew Senti

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From Calif.: "Thanks to the people of God for their prayers. I have the victory over the enemy. We have to fight this fight of faith all through life to tell whether we love God and if we are going to stand true and love the truth. I'm going toward heaven regardless of the test and trials." --Sis. Opal Williams

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From Okla.: "Dear folks, we do enjoy reading the Mission Trail. We usually hear the Sunday morning broadcast, but once in a great while we miss it. We also love to read the letters. . ."

--The Wests, A. R. & Eula

Ojos Negros, Baja Mission Mexico:
 "Greetings of love to you in Jesus lovely name. Want to thank you for the good Christmas letter and the interesting Mission Trail. So good that you (Bro. Willie) got to visit again in Ecuador. I know that those people there are in need of the gospel too. We are so very very thankful for the wonderful way that the Lord is working here in Ojos Negros. One man was just miraculously healed after much fervent prayer. The people there thought that this young man was dying. He saw a vision of the devil, very big and ugly. Then it disappeared and a beautiful angel came to him. The people in this home wondered at this and said that this must be the right way 'cause prayer was answered. This man got saved that very night, too. Then he was in service yesterday. Another man came to the altar yesterday and got saved. A woman was saved a week ago. Three babies were healed. Then five were saved a few weeks ago. Praise our wonderful God of love! Thanks for your prayer and interest in us. Love and prayers. Your sister in Christ."
 --Carrie Sheppard
 P. O. Box 2860, San Ysidro, Cal. 92073

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From Mo.: "We feel encouraged to press on toward the mark which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. We want to ever be what he would have us to be. I want heaven when I leave this old world. Without him we can do nothing but as Paul said we can do all things through Him that strengtheneth us. Praise the Lord. I desire that strength that I may do his will at all times."

--Bro. & Sis. Howard Boulden

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From a concerned mother whose daughter recently underwent serious surgery: "We need your prayers more than I could ever tell you. . . I am looking to God. I know he can do anything."

TIME AND ETERNITY

I am glad I ever met Jesus
 And Jesus ever met me,
 Glad I met the conditions
 That saved my soul and made me free.

Free from sin and condemnation
 Free from pride, fashion and fame
 Free from sin and old Satan
 To worship and praise his dear name.

The world with its glitter and tinsel
 Has no attraction for me,
 In Jesus I've found a richer treasure
 Peace, love, salvation--full and free.

The world is so far from the Saviour
 So far from his mercy and love,
 They are living in worldly pleasures
 And have not their affections on things
 above. --Sister Dolly Williams

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From Kansas: "Glad to be able to write to you again and to say I am still serving God, and seeking His will daily for my life. He is showing me things, and talking to me every day."--Homer Fee

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From Ark.: "Just a line to say I still love our precious Savior and my desire is to live closer to him and do more for him in 1972." --Lenora Bennings

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From Miss.: "I am praising the dear Lord for his many blessings to me. I was having some kind of acute attacks of rheumatism which was very painful. I could hardly get up and down. I wrote Bro. Carver and wife and Sis. Elva Joiner for prayer. They called Brother Madden to pray. I haven't had another attack. I want to thank the saints for their prayers. The Lord is so good to me. I mean to be true at any cost. Oh, how we need to let our light shine in this old dark world of sin. There are many professing christianity but few possessing."
 --Novella Pugh

From Miss.: "This is my first time to write. Someone has sent my name and I have been receiving the "Mission Trail" for a few copies. It surely is a blessing to me and I want it continued please. I am striving and pressing on in the Holiness way. There is no other way whereby we can see Jesus, for he tells us "without holiness no man shall see the Lord." Pray that my love may grow and expand for humanity. . . Will you dear ones pray for my healing. I'll give him all praise. I too am like Sis. Ruth Scalf I get so lonely and homesick for some one to pray with. May God bless and make you a blessing to others." --Ethel Lowery

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From W. Va.: "We send greetings again from W. Va. So sorry we have been so long in writing you, but still encouraged to press on in Jesus name, who has the grace for every one of His children as they need it. . . A few more souls have been saved since you last heard from us here in W. Va. We have a Sun. School and a prayer meeting every week and truly the Lord is blessing us and teaching us some wonderful things concerning the Kingdom of God. Was to Akron last month to Bro. and Sis. Keith Fuller's wedding (are Bro. and Sis. now) had a wonderful time in Lord and was encouraged greatly. We are still praying for you, your family and the work there." --Bro. J. White

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From Calif.: "I remember in your last letter to me before I left McRae, Ga. that you would . . . be praying for the deliverance of my husband from the hospital and he did. He, our Lord called him home to live with Jesus and rest from his labor. He was an ordained elder, preached many sermons. I mean he belonged to the evening light church of God. . . He was elder John Charles McNair." --Sister McNair

From S. Dak.: "Greetings of tender love and good cheer for the new year in the precious name of Jesus. He is so good to us, our strength and help in every need. "Bless the Lord O, my soul and forget not all His benefits." I am so sorry not to have written sooner. I write as the Lord helps me. The Lord has healed me of the dreadful itching eczema sores, which I suffered for a year. O, I am so grateful to God, and to you and all of the dear saints for their prayers and good encouraging letters and cards. I do appreciate them all so very much and hope some day to write to each one. But now please continue to pray for me as the devil is trying to bring those sores back on my body, and the growth on my face, covers the whole side of my face and is so very troublesome. . ."

--Sister Olive McFarling

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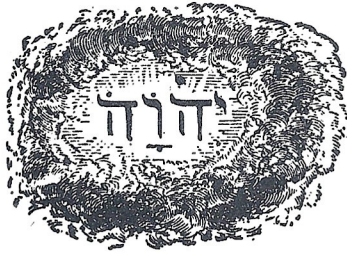
From Ark.: "I'm so thankful that God has spared my life through 1971, and I thank him each night when I go to bed. I had heart attack Feb. 2, 1965 and another Feb. 12, 1969. . . My husband also had heart attack Oct. 17, 1968 and he also had to stop working. I have prayed so many times, that he would make change in his life before it was too late. Please pray for him and me also. We need prayers of all Christian people. I missed my little paper several times and I asked him one day I wondered why I hadn't gotten my Mission Trail paper. He said he had been throwing a bunch of advertisement papers away in waste basket at postoffice, so I told him from now on, to bring all advertisement papers home so I could look through them and I would throw away what I wanted to destroy in my waste basket, so I have been getting paper ever since. I really enjoy reading testimonies. . ."

--Mrs. Esther Fletcher

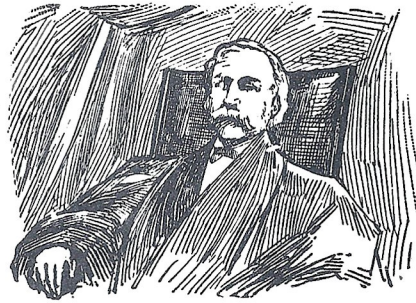
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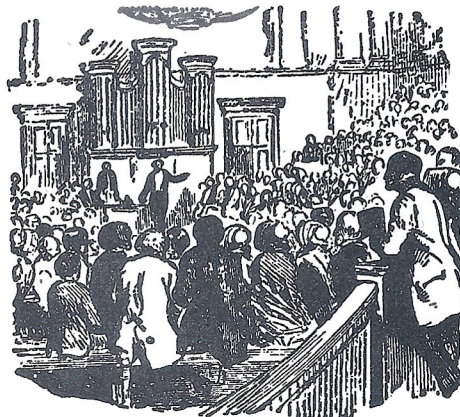


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we understand:



Bro. & Sis. Willie McMakin

"God is good and he doeth good. Truly we can say this is true in our lives. We have now reached 50 years of married life together and He certainly has been a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Oh! what would we do without Jesus?"--W. C. and Ella McMakin
209 S. Phila., Shawnee, Okla. 74801.

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From Ky.: "I mean to be faithful and true to the end, and by God's help do what I can to help win others to Christ. If I can do no more than just live the life before them, and be a living example to my family and all with whom I come in contact with, I will feel that my life has not been in vain."

--Sister Wilbur F. Jarvis

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SINGING & ALL-DAY MEETING

Special service of song is announced for Springfield, Mo. on the evening of Jan. 29, 7:30 p.m. in the Church of God chapel, 718 N. Kansas with all-day meeting next day, Sunday, Jan. 30.

From Calif.: "We are happy to report good progress where Julie is concerned. The recent X-rays showed very good healing of her ankle and the doctor wants her to put about 50 pounds pressure on each step--or about half her weight. When standing, equal weight on both feet. He will take X-rays again in 2 months. She is to use her crutches until then. We surely do thank God for healing this very serious break. Please keep us on your mailing list."

--Alberta Cook

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It was a pleasant surprise for Roger and Marcia White when a large number of the Guthrie congregation showed up at their home one evening recently with a few things to help furnish their new house. Singing was enjoyed together.

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From Illinois: "I know so few of you people but enjoy the Mission Trail and its simplicity and faith and hope to have it coming to my home for as long as it teaches Bible and is willing to walk in light. I would appreciate your prayers for my health. I have several serious afflictions and am 84 years old and need more faith and a deeper capacity to hunger after God's righteousness."

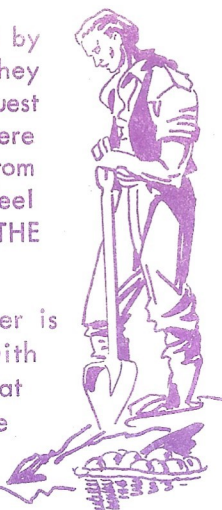
--Ethel Redmon

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Many thanks for the encouraging testimonies and letters. Limited space does not permit the use of them all at this time. Lord willing, more will follow. Pray for us as we pray for you that God may be glorified in our lives and that His name be exalted among all nations.



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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:

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KGGF	Coffeyville, Kansas	690 kc.	Sunday, 8:00 a. m.
KCKW	Jena, Louisiana	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a. m.
WFPR	Hammond, Louisiana	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a. m.

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