



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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"Preach the Word"

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"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." 2 Tim. 4:1-4.

Good morning, friends. How are you today? I hope you are keeping good victory above all your trials anyway. I want you to notice especially that part of the verse just given which says: "Preach the word". That commandment is not to preach politics or to preach religion, or church joining. There are plenty of folks preaching these kind of things, but it says to preach the word. That means to preach the truth, live by it, and stand for it regardless of the cost. Well, when one does this, it is likely someone will want to know who gave thee this authority?" But you see, Jesus received his authority from his father, so that was good enough. I think every preacher should get his authority from the father and then he should "preach the word". Too many preachers today are preaching smooth things to please the people instead of preaching the word.

Now just imagine, Paul was an aged man. He had been through lots of problems, trials and complications of life. He had been beaten with stripes. Now,

he was down to almost the end of his journey. He had fought a good fight and he had kept the faith. He was almost to the crossing over point of life. So this was the advice he was giving to his spiritual son, Timothy--"preach the word."

I'm glad the Lord still has a few preachers who are willing to preach the word without compromise for praise or money. This is what we need today. This is the truth that will set folks free from the bondage of sin, church joining, etc. in which they are trusting. They need to put their trust in the word. They need to put their trust in God and let him save their souls from sin and from hell and from judgement to come.

There is a scripture over in Isaiah, the 5th chapter and the 4th verse: "What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? Wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?" Now think of that. The Lord has done so much to cause his gospel

to be preached in the world today. Think of the price that was paid, think of the shedding of the blood of our Saviour on Calvary and how he gave the commission to his disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Now, what more could the Lord have done than has been done? You see, God is somewhat limited even though we might not consider Him to be limited in certain ways. Yet, in other ways, He is limited. He doesn't save people against their will. You see he gives them a choice of being saved--whether they want to be or whether they don't. So, He is limited in that respect, in the fact that he doesn't save people against their own will. There are certain principles that the Lord follows in saving people. And these He just has that way--if they want to be saved, they are willing to be saved, fine. If they're not--then what more can He do?

He doesn't use force to cause people to surrender to Him. Sometimes He uses certain methods of persuasion and dealing with people to cause them to see how they need to be saved. Yet He doesn't force them. In fact, He doesn't restrain men from sinning. He just lets them go on many times in their own sins until it's even too late and they perish in their sins, yet He reasons with them, in the scriptures and with judgement and deals with their conscience and he warns them. I am glad He does that. He doesn't just let them go on blinded, but He reasons with folks and tries to get them to see how they need to come to the Lord. He reproves them for their sins and entreats them. This is the duty of a minister also, that they may entreat and deal tenderly and mercifully with those, even though the Word is that which cuts sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and the joints and marrow and is

a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Yet He deals tenderly with folks. Sometimes He chastises them and deals with them in a way that would cause them to be saved but remember--what more could He have done than has been done? The Lord sent His son to die for us. He sends His Spirit to strive with those who need Him. In fact, we all need Him. So He deals with everyone.

And then I'm glad the Lord still has a few preachers who are willing to preach the truth, willing to stand by the truth and live for it and be an example. So, the Lord has preachers doing that. He warns people in this way. We have the open Bible. Fortunately it hasn't been taken away from us yet. We don't know how long it may be that we'll have the privilege to preach from the Word as we do. We might have to do it from the leadings of the Holy Spirit only, and not have the written word. Who knows what we may be called upon to go through very shortly as these perilous times close in on us and so many folks reject the truth? Yet, the Lord is dealing with each one to cause them to come to Him. Then, we have heaven offered before us. Heaven is ours for the asking. There's no price or charge on it. And yet, in a way, it does cost us to serve the Lord. It costs us our self-will, our own selfish desires, and ambitions of life, if they are contrary to what God would have us to do. There's a price to pay in that respect.

So, let us give heed to the Word. The Lord wants the Word to bring forth results in our lives. He doesn't want it just preached only for the preaching of it, but there's a purpose in it, a plan in it. There's a scripture here in 2 Cor. 2:14 & 16 which goes like this: "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth

us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place. For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?" So you see, there are two purposes in preaching the Word--one of those purposes is that folks may hear the Word, give heed to it and be saved. It will save everyone that will pay the price, meet the conditions and accept the Lord with a penitent heart. But, if they harden their hearts, turn away from the truth and will not be saved, then the Word is going to be a witness against them.

The Word is faithful to witness even though we do not receive it. It's still faithful to witness against us. And this is exactly what's going to take place with some folks who close their ears, harden their hearts and stiffen their necks and will not heed the Word. Oh, how we need to give good heed to the Word. This is what the Lord sends it for--that folks may be saved. So, remember the thought there--what more can He do? This is an honest question. The Lord is asking you. What more could He have done in your life than has been done? Haven't you seen in the years gone by how the Lord has dealt with you tenderly, mercifully and in judgement and in love? So, He asks this question. Have you given Him an answer? Have you personally answered that question--what more can He do? What would be your answer? Can you think of other things the Lord should have done? Are you blaming the Lord for things that you have failed to do? The Lord demands an answer. This question deserves an answer. What more could the Lord have done than has

been done? If you are lost who will be responsible? Will it be because you didn't heed the truth? God has done so much for every one of us. What are you doing for Him? What is your choice today? May He give you a desire to please Him above everything else.

Let us pray.

Our Father, we thank you today for the privilege of bringing the Word to those who listen on the broadcast from week to week. Surely this is a privilege and also a great responsibility. Help us to meet this challenge with grace and courage to preach the word regardless of the cost. Save every one who will be saved. Encourage every one. Heal the sick and deliver through thine own name and thine shall be the praise through our Lord. Amen.

Thank you, friends, for a few moments of your time. I certainly appreciate those who help us keep the broadcast going forth from week to week. May the Lord bless you for every sacrifice you make in helping keep the Word going forth over the radio and, of course through the mail. If you would like to write us you may do so by addressing your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla.

And now this song: "Beautiful Peaceful Zion". The singers are Bob Forbes, Randall Flynn, Melvin Doolittle, and Dale Doolittle.

Until We meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God bless each one of you and a very cheerful goodbye!

Just One Minute Please

**AT THE END OF
LIFE'S ROAD *is* GOD**

Testimonies

From Calif.: "I truly thank the Lord for the Mission Trail. I look forward to its arrival. I read it through and just love the poems. Thank God for each message. I want to be faithful in every little thing. I heard in Los Angeles meeting last fall, how we were stewards over our self and all that we own and get in our possession--that message sure stirred my heart to seek Him, that I be more pliable in God's hands and that I use the means God blesses me to His glory. This is a desperate need among us. There are so many needs and shortages on gospel giving. God can and will bless us if we give to His glory. May God stir our hearts to let Him have His way with everything we own or possess. In Acts 4, last few verses tell how in the morning time everyone gave of their possessions and no one went lacking." --Sis. Naomi Jennings

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From Kansas: "Here it is the last minute practically and I just realized it is this late in the month. There is so much to do and so many places to go to do this and that, just with the necessary things in life. I wonder if God ever feels like saying 'Slow down and I will go with you'?...I do get lonesome to be with the saints more. Wish we all lived closer together. I thank God for his goodness and mercy throughout another month since we last wrote you. We still have a continual resistance against the devil in our hearts and do thank God for the grace He gives us to live for Him and the desire He has placed in our hearts to serve Him. I pray my desires will be upon spiritual things till I draw my last breath...I want to be able, with God's help to lay down my life if it be to the glory of God...Yours in Christ,"

--Sis. Wildenna Huffman

From Ark.: "Greetings this beautiful morning to the Bro. Murphey family in Jesus great and wonderful name; the sweetest name ever given and the only name through which we can be saved... he is giving me healing and strength again. Truly it is good to ask, trust and wait in the Lord...he never sleeps goes on vacation or turns a deaf ear to the cries of his trusting children even though things don't come as we would like. Sometimes our dear heavenly Father gives what we need in his own blessed way...I love the Mission Trail papers and I thank each one that prayed for me. Oh it is so comforting and blessed to trust and not be afraid. You dear ones are a special on my prayer list. Lovingly and trustingly,"

--Sister N. E. Adams

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From La.: "Bro. Murphey and family and saints there. Time to write again and say thank our Lord, still saved and mean to go all the way. One crop of beans gone but a few more coming on. When it gets too dry I call on the good Lord. I have been calling on him about 74 years and he has been a present help.

--Bro. J. M. Mitchell

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From Mo.: "We thank him for victory over all the imposing powers of Satan. What would we do without the Lord? We just tell the Lord to go before us and fight the battles for us when the enemy is raging and we are to have a good supply of Faith to believe that the victory is ours...We both sure enjoyed the two last messages in the Mission Trail paper. If parents would read them and take heed we are sure God would be well pleased. It reminded us of the olden days when parents taken more time with their children...Remember us in your prayers. Heaven is cheap at any cost...Yours for the truth,"

--Bro. & Sis. F. E. Wilson

From Ky.: "We have been very busy since I last wrote you. We went to Akron, Ohio and was in a revival there. Mart went to Springfield, Mo. for almost a week, but I stayed home preparing to move. Yes, we have moved to Junction City, Ky. 40440. We bought us a little house close to the chapel. Our rent was being raised so we felt we should try to buy us a place. Our house payments are much cheaper than our rent as they were going to raise our rent \$15.00 more on the month. We got a three bedroom house with bath, living room and kitchen... We do have a nice big lot with it. We feel the Lord worked it out for us before our tent meeting starts. Where we did live we hardly had room to park the family cars, but we have almost an acre now and it will just be about 4 blocks from where we'll be having our tent meeting. So we thought the folks that come to our tent meeting with campers and trailers can just park in our yard... The meeting at Junction City starts the 9th of June thru 18th. In West Va. the tent meeting will be at Arbovale, W. Va. on Route 28--the 20th of June it starts, going over two weekends ending the 2nd of July... announce that the folks coming to the West Va. meeting, please bring their bed linens and covers. There are just a few folks there and I'm sure they wouldn't be able to supply for all. They do desire all to come that can... We are in Ridgeville, South Carolina right now in a revival meeting. We plan to be here all next week, then we plan to go to Holly Hill and help them get ready for their camp meeting and be with them for the first part of their meeting. Our tent meeting starts the last Friday before Holly Hill's is over. Do pray for us." --Bro. & Sis. Mart Samons, General Delivery, Junction City, Ky. 40440. Telephone (606) 854-6617.

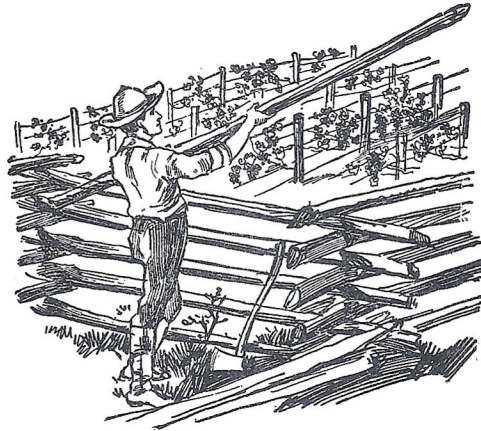
From Pa.: "Greeting you in the name of Jesus. Hope this finds all well out there. This leaves us pretty good at present. Thankful for all of God's Blessings to us. He is so wonderful. We are having nice weather now, and it is such a pretty time of the year with things in bloom and the green trees and grass. It is Beautiful. Lord willing we plan to leave June 10th to go to my mother's in Va. and be there until June 22nd and then come by West Va. to the tent meeting that Bro. Samons plans to have there from June 20th until July 2nd. We plan to be there from some time on Thursday 22nd until Sunday 25th. Then not too long after that it will be camp meeting time in Akron, Ohio Lord willing. Also Lord willing we plan to go for the most of it... Do continue to pray for us." --Sis. Avis Tinsley

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From Ill.: "Greetings, and love, in Jesus name! How thankful I am today for the Saviour who came to redeem us from sin, and give us a sure hope of eternal life! My desire is to please Him in all things, and to let Him lead and direct in my life. I love and adore Him for His goodness and mercy to me! Do hope this finds you all well and encouraged! Thank you again for the Mission Trails. They are a bright spot each week. We are hoping to attend the Guthrie meeting. Perhaps we will arrive there on Sunday, the Lord willing! and be there during the following week... I still need the prayers of the saints for healing. Seems I cannot get real victory over this affliction, altho I surely get help at times. Please remember me in your prayers... We went to Pana, Ill. on Sunday for a service with the folks there and with Bro. & Sis. Stover. Enjoyed the meeting and was glad to get acquainted with others we have not met... Christian love," --Sis. Thelma Sprague

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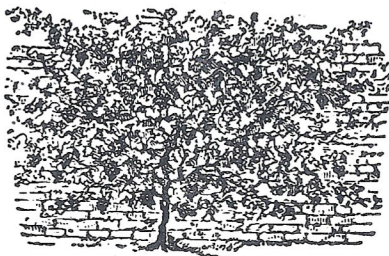
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From La.: "Bro. Steve Henry of Baton Rouge, La. is still critical. His left arm and hand is swollen and struted. He has a harness to rest the arm in. He has great courage and believes the Lord is going to heal him. He still comes to service but not for Sunday school for it is too tiring for him to attend the whole service. He also still attends prayer meeting regularly. We feel it would be to God's glory to heal him, and are lifting him up to the throne of Grace in prayer and faith."

--Bro. M. F. Williamson

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Pray the Lord to give extra strength to Sis. Dorothy Bridges who is not too strong and has the care of her aged mother.

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From New Mexico: "How very thankful that Cheryl is doing so well so full of energy though the x-ray showed some fluid around the lung. Still believe Jesus will heal it so completely. Thank Him for being so merciful and certainly praise Him for all He does for us in times of need. Thank all who had a part in prayer and God bless you each one."

--Sis. Ruth Doolittle

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It is with deep sorrow of heart that we announce the home-going of Sis. Olive McFarling on May 16. She was a precious saint of God. Her last letter to us was written on May 3. (See. M. T. May 19) She had hoped to come to the meeting in Guthrie. Remember her husband, C. A. McFarling, Rt. 3, Wolsey, South Dakota 57384.

From a concerned mother: "Dear Bro. & Sister Murphey, please pray for me to have wisdom in some way to help my only daughter and oh! I need more grace. She is sick soul, mind and body and the doctor can't find it, spending all she makes on doctor and medicine, Seemingly worse but I know God is God. Nothing is impossible if I can only believe for her. There is victory in Jesus. ----- once had a wonderful faith and I do desire it back. You can't know just what it is like to see an only child in Satan's web so they can't get out. Help me believe for deliverance."

--Name withheld

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We rejoice for what the Lord has done for one family in answering prayer. This mother wrote: "Just a short letter to let you know God has so wonderfully answered our prayers--over and above in such a good way...I know God will bring us through the trials and we will have them as long as we're on this earth."

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Congratulations to Reldon and Lynne Bray, R. 1, Box 162, Garfield, Arkansas, 72732, on the birth of their second son Henry Irven on May 12.

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Once again the time has come for the Oklahoma State camp meeting in Guthrie which began May 26th. Although not completely finished the dining hall was put into immediate use after much work had been done on the new addition. It was good to have the "family of God" gather together once again to serve the Lord in the beauty of holiness.



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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.
WFPR	Hammond, Louisiana	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a. m.

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