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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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## Fellowship

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"This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son Cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:5-7

Good morning, friends. Whata wonderful thought to begin the day with! On the broadcast last week I spoke of "Friendship", or of being friends with the Lord. But fellowship is more than friendship. The friends of Jesus forsok him at the crucial moment when he needed them. But this matter of fellowship goes a step farther than friendship. I have heard fellowship likened to "two fellows in the same ship". They are actually riding along together. One is not without the other. They share like experiences and trials. When one weeps the other weeps with them. When one rejoices the other rejoices also. That is what I call close living! And that is real fellowship. Listen to this little poem about:

### A FRIEND--TOO LATE

Around the corner I have a friend,  
In this great city that has no end,  
Yet days go by and weeks rush on,  
And before I know it a year is gone  
And I never see my old friend's face:  
For life is a swift and terrible race.  
He knows I like him just as well,  
As in the days when I rang his bell,  
And he rang mine; we were younger then,  
And now we are busy, tired men--

Tired with playing a foolish game,  
Tired with trying to win a name,  
"Tomorrow, say, I will call on him,  
Just to show I am thinking of him,"  
But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes,  
And the distance between us grows and  
grows  
Around the corner yet miles away,  
"A telegram sir!" Jim died today!  
And that's what we get, and deserve in  
the end:  
Around the corner, a vanished friend.

Listen to this verse: "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." 1 John 1:3. So I would like to point out that our first relationship is with the Father. This is a personal matter where we walk with him, first of all, and esteem his commands more than our necessary food. We have communion with the Father and with his son Jesus Christ. It is true that fellowship with others is precious and it will come in due time, but there are points in our spiritual conflict in which we cannot expect to receive perfect understanding from others.

There is a verse which goes like this: "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;" Phil. 3:10

Jesus went forth bearing his cross alone as he pressed up Golgotha's hill. To each man there are passages in life too narrow for two to walk abreast. Upon certain crags we must stand alone. As our constitutions differ, so our trials, which are suited to our constitutions, must also differ. Each individual has a secret covenant with the Lord. Every life has its mystery and its hidden treasure. You should not be ashamed if you meet with temptations which appear to you are quite singular. No doubt each one has thought the same of his trials. You may imagine that no one suffers as you do, whereas no temptation hath happened unto you but such as is common to man, and God will with the temptation make a way to escape that you may be able to bear it. Yet, for the time being you may have to enter into fellowship with your Lord even as He trod the winepress alone, and of the people, there was none with Him. Is not this for your good? Is not this the way to gain strength? What kind of righteousness is that which is dependent upon the friendship of man? What sort of religion is that which cannot stand alone? Beloved, you will have to die alone and you need grace to cheer you in solitude, even in this life.

Nevertheless, after you have entered into this secret fellowship with the Father, the Lord sees to it that you will encounter others who have made the same consecration and then when these kind of people get together, they really have something in common. They have fellowship one with another and their walk is indeed sweet.

Take, for instance, the 120 which the Lord chose and sent forth. Do you remember how He sent them out? It was two by two. One could be a help and a comfort to the other. These disciples came back rejoicing because the devils were subject unto them. They had glowing reports to give how the power of God had been manifested in their lives. And so it was also with Paul and Silas. It wasn't long after they had been sent forth by the brethren until they encountered trouble. Both of them were cast into prison, the inner prison at that. Besides this, their feet were made fast in the stocks. Wouldn't it be a blessing to have someone close by when you were going through a trial like that? I would think it would. I am sure they must have spoken comforting words one to the other. And that worked, too. Because about midnight they were singing and praising the Lord and of course, they believed in praying too. And the Lord sent an earthquake which shook that old prison and the door came open. Not only did they have the opportunity to suffer together but they rejoiced together when the door had been opened. And, of course, it was certainly a time of rejoicing when the jailer and his household received the Lord.

But remember, the captain of their ship was the Lord himself. Since he is always willing, and since he has the power, we should take him with us on every voyage of life. Don't fail to have fellowship and contact with him at all times. Take him into the business venture. You may make more money, or less, be that as it may, but if when he looks over the books he says, 'Well done!' I say your profit is secure. Are you going out on the great voyage of marriage? Thousands have made shipwreck out there. Let him be the guide of your life and when you promise: 'till death

do us part' God is bound to give you grace to ride out the storms.

Today a worldly man may be honored, and famous; but tomorrow he may be infamous and a fugitive from justice because he sailed without the Great Captain. He had no fellowship with the Father.

There is seldom or perhaps never a wholly pleasant voyage. Even with Christ it will not be all smooth sailing. Life is not like that. A blue sky, flooding sunshine, a wind just right to fill the sail; but how quickly a small cloud can overshadow the sun and bring sorrow and disappointment.

Friends, you need the great captain of your soul to bring you fellowship and victory. He is the one captain for the ship of life. Do you remember that scripture which says, "He arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm." Mark 4:39 Then those men about him said: "What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?" Now let me give you this bit of advice: If there is any voyage on which you cannot take him, don't make it.

Let us pray.

Our Father, we are so glad for the fellowship with the son of God and also for the fellowship of thy people. Now we would like to have others share this fellowship with us and with thee. So work upon each heart in such a way which will cause them to turn from their sins and as the scriptures say, "have no fellowship with the works of darkness" and thine shall be the praise in Jesus' name. Amen.

Thank you, friends, for a few moments

of your time. I have a real special broadcast planned for next week. It is something which is different. I hope you will be able to hear it. And if you would like to write us, address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla.

Now, let me leave this thought with you,

If it is right, there is no other way.  
Brave words to speak and braver still  
to live,  
A flag to guide the battle of each day,  
A motto that will peace and courage give.

If it is right, there is no other way.  
Wise words that clear the tangle from  
the brain.

Pleasure may whisper, doubt may urge  
delay  
And self may argue, but it speaks in  
vain.

Here is a song: "The Church Has One Foundation".

The singers are: Lynn and Arnett Carver.

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



From Calif.: "Greetings in Christian love. I am too shaky this morning to write very much. However I am real well in body and keeping well fed spiritually. Can still say, in the world but not of it. We trust you are all well and busy in God's work. As you know I am a shut-in. "I needed the quiet" and God drew me aside, 1 Tim. 6:6-7-8. John 16:33. God continue to bless and keep you is our prayer."--Mary A. Halfhill

From Mo.: "Greetings! I wanted to let the saints all know how I am. I know there's lots of saints praying for me. Well, the Lord has come to my rescue and after about 4 1/2 weeks of not being able to do my work, I am now up and able by the help of the Lord to do what has to be done. I am still weak and have to rest a lot through the day, but I do thank and praise the Lord for all he has done for me. When I was so bad death would have been a relief but for the sake of my family I struggled on and God came to our rescue. I'm so thankful for all the prayers of the saints and also I received so many beautiful cards and words of encouragement. I want to thank each and every one because I know I can't write each one personally. Please accept my thanks and continue to pray for me that I will get my strength back...Yours in Christ," --Sis. Leslie (Eula) Adams

From Wisc.: "You know I have been thinking a lot lately (maybe I shouldn't say lately because really it's been quite a few years) about all the false doctrines there are and how deceiving. In 2nd Cor. it says not handling the word of God deceitfully which it looks to me the false teachers and preachers are doing and I don't see how a Christian can even listen to them on the radio or TV without risking the loss of their souls. I've seen many who have been deceived that once knew the truth...If Eve had never listened to the serpent she would not have been deceived. I don't know of any one sin that we are warned against in either old or new testament more than false doctrines so it must be perhaps the most deceitful one of all. Anyway I am afraid to have any part in them as there is a spirit with each one and who knows we won't get it if we keep exposing ourselves to them. I could go on and on but will never get this mailed so will close." --Sis. John LaVeau

From Tenn.: "May 29--72, 2:30 a.m. Greetings in the precious name of Jesus who died on the cross for all mankind. I am still looking for healing to my body. I can't seem to get the victory. May be that God doesn't see fit to heal me. I know that time comes for every one. I am 76 and it may be my time to go isn't far away but do say a special prayer for me that I keep true and be submissive to God's will whatever it may be he has in store for me. Every one is so kind to offer help and the children are such a comfort doing all the work for me and their father...they know in whom I trust. I don't get much sleep so please pray that I get some rest."--Mrs. Walter Carroll

From Kansas: "Greetings of love in Jesus' name, this lovely evening. We were so happy to be in the meeting there at Guthrie. It was good to see the saints there. Thankful for a safe trip home. It was good to meet with the few here Wednesday evening for prayer service. We received word from Bro. & Sis. Mart Samons, and they closed a good meeting at Ridgeville, S. Car. last Wed. night, the meeting house about full every night. Several souls were saved. They said on Sunday night they had 200 people or more inside and that many more outside the meeting house that couldn't get in. They hope to be in the Holly Hill, S. Car. camp meeting a few days before returning home for the tent meeting at Junction City, Ky. beginning the 9th of June. We do want to encourage the saints that can to attend. Surely the Lord would that we occupy till he comes for his own. We must be busy and have a desire to see the word of the Lord go forth. We believe the Lord wants to save souls in this evil day as he said, He didn't will the death of any, but would that men everywhere would repent. Let us pray on. We are encouraged as our hope is bright. Yours in the Lord's service," --Ralph & Inez Beisly

# at press time

we understand:

The attendance at the Oklahoma State campmeeting was good this year. Many truths were brought forth by the ministers under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. A number sought and received spiritual help at an altar of prayer. Several were baptized Sunday afternoon before the meeting closed. The extra space in the dining hall and kitchen as well as the new rest rooms proved a blessing.

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From Calif.: 'Greetings in Jesus dear name--the one who died for our sins to redeem our lives. I am happy in the Lord in the face of trials. Kias is better, praise the Lord for all your prayers. Still pray...' Lovingly in Christian love,

--Sister Opal Williams

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From Okla.: 'I do want you to still remember me in prayer. I had hives, been pretty sick but thank the dear Lord I am better. Well, I am sending a little to help. I do enjoy the paper so much. Please keep it coming and you know I am old but I am so thankful the dear Lord hears and answers my prayers.'

--Grandma Matthesen

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From Okla.: 'It's so good to know and meet the saints of God, anytime and at campmeetings too...We love all the saints and what they do for lost souls. Please remember us in prayer that we keep in close contact with the Lord in this wicked and sinful world. It's a constant fighting and resisting the enemy. We also have loved ones who need to make it back to the Lord before it's too late.'

--Alferd & Martha Classen

From Colo.: 'Sorry we didn't get to see you. We were planning on coming to the meeting...but things came up that we couldn't go...Hope you had a good meeting. Do remember us in prayer. We need God's guidance at all times. At the present time we are feeling pretty good. We were glad Sis. McEndree got to go to the meeting. Bye now and may God bless you.'

--The Reinhart Wollerts

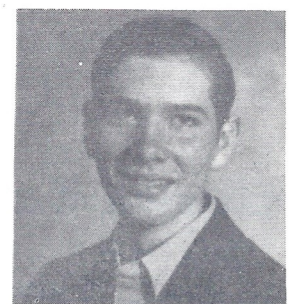
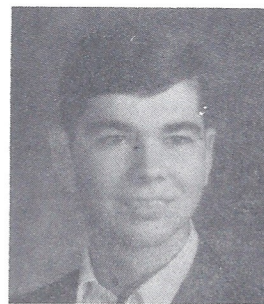
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We were glad to have Randall and June Flynn along with their family present in prayer meeting one evening on their recent visit to Guthrie.

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I read something in a farm paper I thought was real good: 'When you flee temptation, don't leave a forwarding address.'

--Bertha LeVeau



Willie Eugene Murphey Wayne Sidney Murphey

Our son, Willie Eugene is missed from home especially when it comes time to put out the Mission Trail. Before graduation this year he did much of the typing. This summer he is helping Bro. Edwin Eck in the wheat harvest. However, the services of Wayne are more valuable and numerous too! He has two more years of school! We are grateful both sons are saved and love the Lord.



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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."

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