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Facing the Unknown

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Good morning, friends. This is Willie Murphey coming your way once again with a short message from the word of the Lord. Many thanks to those who have helped us maintain this work of faith. We appreciate the ones who have written, expressing their interest in seeing the truth go forth. For the next few moments I would like for us to consider this 8th verse of the 11th chapter of Hebrews.

"By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and went out, not knowing whither he went."

Friends, how would you like to try that? It would be a real challenge, wouldn't it? Think of it now--"not knowing whither he went". He really didn't know where he was going to stop permanently, but he began traveling. He believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness. Abraham was confident God knew where he was sending him and was willing to trust that wisdom. Life is often like this. We don't know what the morrow shall bring. Here Abraham is a symbol of what happens to nearly everyone, in a way. And usually it happens in the experience of youth, and that more especially at present. In the years gone by it was possible for a boy or girl to plot some sort of curve for the road ahead. It is different today. Youth often faces a blank wall, not knowing which way to turn.

The future is like a sphinx without a smile. It challenges you to move a-

head, take the opportunities which come your way, and conquer if you can. But since circumstances unknown are unpredictable, there is all the more reason to hold a right spirit within. Therefore, let all of us, especially youth, stress four things:

First, courage: so long as we hold it, we are unconquered; when we lose it we are lost. It took a great and unfaltering courage for David to go out and meet the giant which defied the armies of the living God. Think of David's inexperience! He was not trained in the method of real warfare of those days. He had been taking care of the sheep for his father. He had encountered and conquered a bear and a lion. But listen to his words: "David said moreover, The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the Lord be with thee." 1 Sam. 17:37. Well, the Lord was with him. I notice from reading further in this chapter, David picked up five smooth stones from the brook and when the battle was over with Goliath he had

four of them left. He only used one. That took courage.

Secondly, have Honor: Honor is worth more than victory, if victory is not gained in an honorable way. One should have a sense of what is true and right and loyal in their relationship with others. Listen to these "honorable" words from Phil. 4:8--"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." I believe if you think on these things enough, they will become a part of you in your dealings.

The third thing to have is Cheer: The bright side of things is as much a fact as the dark. The difference between failure and success depends largely on which fact we dwell upon. Listen to these words of the apostle Paul as he was being transported as a prisoner across the sea. They had been in a storm for days and days. They hadn't seen the sun nor stars in many days. The others on the ship had given up hope that they would be saved, but not Paul. He said: "And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me." Acts 27:22-25.

Here are several other good scriptures concerning cheerfulness. Listen: "A

merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken." Prov. 15:13. Don't you see it pays to be cheerful? And then this one: "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7. Did you get that "a cheerful giver"! Think of that--cheerful while you are giving. I would say that does take the grace of God, doesn't it? But be glad the Lord has prospered you enough to have a part in giving to help His cause along. Here is another scripture too good to pass up: "Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness." Romans 12:8.

Then the 5th [4th] thing to have in facing the unknown, is Faith: with it, Abraham faced the unknown and won through.

A pilgrim and stranger he wandered from place to place, living in a tent and being involved in strange and unexpected trials. The reason he was a winner is because he had faith in the living God. He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief. He followed God all the way. His tent no doubt shook in the wind and shone in the brightness of the sunlight now here, now there, but he was never aimless, never hopeless.

Faith takes these lives of ours out of our weak and fearful control and puts them in the hand of the God of all the earth. "Master," we might say, "How did you overcome the world?" "Just as you must do," he answers. "With courage which cannot be conquered, with honor that nothing can stain, with cheer that nothing can quench, with faith that you are in your Father's hands."

From every evil shall he keep thy soul,
 From every sin;
 Jehovah shall preserve thy going out,
 Thy coming in.
 Above thee watching, he whom we adore
 Shall keep thee henceforth, yea, forevermore.

"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:4. "Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." Eph. 6:16. Oh, friends, the Bible is filled with scriptures on faith. Jesus said: "Have faith in God." And then this one in Hebrews 11:6-- "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Now, let me briefly mention once again the four things which will be of great assistance to you in facing the unknown--Courage, Honor, Cheer, and faith. Take them with you wherever you go. They will prove valuable assets in the time of need. Let us pray.

Our father, bless the message to the good of every listener. Cheer those who are downcast. Lift up the fallen through the marvelous grace which is able to save everyone. Heal the sick and deliver from the cages of deception those whose hearts are seeking for more truth and thine shall be praise through our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

Once again, I say thanks for sharing with us a few moments of your time. Be with us again next week, same time, same station. Write us by addressing your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla.

Now this song "Hide Me Rock of Ages". The singers are Bob Forbes, Randall Flynn, Melvin Doolittle, and Dale Doolittle.

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

Testimonies

From Okla.: 'We had good rain and some wind, also little hail. It didn't hurt my garden. My garden and flowers are real pretty, thank good Lord for everything He does for us. I was reading in 1 Corinthians. It tells all these men and women not to marry again when their wives and husbands live--they commit adultery. Well, our United States is leading nations in divorces in all the world. There must be awakening in our United States or else it goes down in defeat. God tells us His Spirit won't always strive with man and in 11 chapter of 1 Corinthians for women not to cut their hair. It tells us God gave women long hair... "if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering." If a man has long hair--"Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?" Well, so many men are wearing their long hair. It is awful how people do. If women would wear dresses like they should we would have less crime and divorces. So many women are too busy with their clubs they turn their children loose on streets to do as they please instead of keeping those children at home and love them like they should. We would have a better world to live in instead of so much crime... people of God should rise up and preach God's word and not be afraid to tell just what is coming on this earth.'

--Sister Della Harrison

Care-A-Van Report

This is Gene Beisly's personal account in diary form. Thanks to Dora Lela for permission to print in Mission Trail.

Left Guthrie about 1:30 pm June 29, 1972--going to Lloyd and Judy's at Edmond. Helped them finish getting ready, had prayer and left at 3 p.m. Arrived at Lewisville, Texas (south of Gainesville about 8 pm) Camped about 1 mile east of Lewisville on the Garza-Little Elm reservoir. 6-30--Got to bed about midnight and up about 6 am next day. Had good breakfast and worship and on our way about 9 am. Met Anecia and family at I-35 and 635 junction in Dallas. Looks rainy today, completely overcast--cool, about 75 degrees; I imagine. Turned off clear, hot and dry about noon and on into the rest of the day. By about 3 pm today (Friday) we had traveled about 465 miles from Guthrie. Had a blow out on the right rear of Tommy's car. A car was following close behind. The Lord blessed us to pull off on the center median with out losing control of the car. We have now arrived at highway 57 and I-35 junction --headed toward Eagle Pass. It is now 6:30 pm. I am with Tommy's car as I have been since starting the trip. We have stopped to wait for the rest of the folks to catch up. We thought the rest were ready to leave the service station when we pulled away from them about 25 miles back. Here they come now.

July 1--Broke camp at the lake in the Texas State Park at Eagle Pass after enjoying a good breakfast of hot cakes. James, Lloyd and I went across the border to Bro. Sanchez's house to check out an area for camping that night. We decided to camp in the "street" by Bro. Sanchez's house. The natives thought

we were really something. We have 4 vehicles in the group and 2 parked on each side of the "street." This left about 4 feet between the vehicles. That was all the room there was remaining of the narrow, dirt for us to get around in. We then set up a table for supper and some lawn chairs to relax in so we were pretty crowded. As people of the neighborhood came and went up and down their street that we were camped in and had pretty well closed up, they would sometimes (most of the time really) they would walk on the south side of the vehicles. (There was a little walking room left between the cars and the fence.) Had a good service that night. The people seemed to really enjoy it. One lady--a Mrs. Rodriguez--seemed to drink in every word that was said and song that was sung. There were at least seven adults with some children besides our group. (I am writing this as we are driving.) The roads have been real good so far. This morning we passed one of the "Green Angel" trucks.

...going back to yesterday morning. had a good visit with the vet. Dr. Hans Petersen. He gave us several testaments and Bible portions for free distribution. We sang and had prayer together then went our way toward the border. We were crossing over about 2:30. It was pretty crowded at that time. The Lord blessed us with an easy crossing there. The authorities did very little checking on James' van with the trailer (jam packed), our car, and Lloyd's car with his house trailer. We had trouble though with Bob Huskey's permission to cross. We had to return to the American side to get an affidavit for Bob Huskey--signed by James etc. The notary public notarized the letter that Jerry's mother wrote--hoping that would be alright. We then went back to get the boys over. The

authorities said something like--"Now look, all you did was to go over and get this letter (Jerry's) notarized in Texas and then came back wanting us to let him go over. This letter should have been notarized back in Tulsa, Okla. We'll let him go though--we don't want to spoil your trip." We thanked the Lord for that...

July 2--Well, the Lord has blessed us with real easy passage through 2 more check points today. One aduana (custom house) just checked our personal permits and without doing any more than just looking in James' trailer. The next check point was where the man just talked to James then sent him and all the rest of us right on through without stopping. Tommy bought some bananas and mangos. Both were very good. The bananas had the (U.S. style over-ripe) good sweet tree ripened taste. They were firm but good and sweet. The mangos were some thing else--juicy and a different taste from any thing else I've tasted. We are now in "green" desert country--rather desolate country but not such sparse vegetation nor nearly so hot (right now) as the western United States or Baja Cfa. (below Edith's) We are now about 175 miles from Saltillo. Through the haze in the distance, to the west, some rather big mountains can be seen. We have come through some unusual country today. Some desert as described above, (with real short, scrubby bushes and Joshua trees) then sort of a desert area with trees and bushes 8-12 ft. high pretty thickly grown up--then all at once--here are open fields of cultivation. Some of these fields appear to have had wheat on them, others are just plowed for now. The mountains I mentioned while ago can be seen to be a range of them stretching from as far as can be seen to the north and south. It is now 1:30

(sun time) and we thank the Lord for a safe trip so far.

---Well, I'll start again. Since the above writing, I have driven about 50 miles for Tommy. We have stopped to eat (about 3 p.m.). It is now 5:30. The road and the mountain range I mentioned above kept getting closer together until we got into them. In the last hour or so I would guess that we have climbed about 1 or 2,000 feet. Even though the sun is shining hot you can tell that the air is a lot cooler now. We plan to arrive Saltillo tonite, Lord willing. James was telling us that Saltillo was the capital of Texas many years ago. Saltillo is about the same altitude as Denver, Colo.--one mile above sea level. Tommy just now tells me that we have traveled around 950 miles to this point. I fully expect this to be a very cool night tonight. The last two nights have been rather warm--have slept with little or no cover. I took a picture of a part of the mountain pass we went through in the mountains. If it is good, it shows a real high rocky peak with Anecia's car in front of us entering a curve... Back when we stopped to eat--(in a school yard, under some shade trees) several children came from a small town near by (the nearest homes were about 1 1/2 blocks away). (They said about 400 children attend school there.) So after we ate, we had children's meeting, sang songs, exhorted, had prayer, told them Jesus died for them and then handed out Bible portions (St. John), tracts, etc. I guess there were about 30 children there at this meeting.

---We have just pulled in to Saltillo--it is now 7:10 pm and the sun is about to set behind the mountains. Tommy says that we will be in or in the sight of mountains for the rest of our trip until

we return to about this point on our way home. I would estimate the temperature to be about 75 degrees now...

Monday, July 3--We spent the night camped in the "patio" of the "La Buena-tierra" last night. La Buena-tierra means: the good earth. This is a preacher school--the "Anderson, Indiana" of Mexico. (It is First Church of God affiliated). A man and his wife from Oregon had arrived just before we did and had their trailer parked in the same area that we camped in. We found that their name is Palmer. When we told Shirley Watkins about it she got real interested. Then she found out his given name. She said that they were related--second cousins or something like that. They had seen each other at a family reunion in Oregon last summer. We went through a shop where sarapes, (blankets) etc. are made and sold. It was interesting. We saw them carding wool, the old spinning wheels, little boys about 7 or 8 years old who work 8 hrs. a day. We watched them (the men at the looms) doing the weaving. I sure don't see how they manage to keep the design uniform as fast as they work. We then headed out of Saltillo going on up into the higher mountains. A heavy rain and clouds hid the mountain peaks ahead of us where we were going. We stopped to have prayer and asked the Lord to protect us which by now he has done. We climbed through some moderately heavy showers and over curvy, blacktop roads. We were afraid they might be slick but we had no trouble. Our intentions were to stop at Llano (yaw'-no), a very pretty valley high in the mountains. There may have been about 20 or 30 little huts there. We decided against stopping because of the rain (rather difficult to have services). I guess that the people are so backward that they are hard to minister to even

under good conditions. The roads are real good down here. The clouds are starting to break away and it is warming up some too. I guess we will head on down toward San Luis Potosi. We stopped for lunch about 2:45 today. So far, we have made the lunch hour and a children's meeting coincide. This time James stopped right at a little road side settlement. Several children soon gathered around. It was at this place (didn't notice any name) that we could see the wreckage of a large bus which had turned over apparently a very short time before our arrival... It has now become overcast again. One mountain peak has a cloud on the top of it. Wisps of the cloud are hanging down making the appearance of "roots" growing into the mountain. Different times you can see heavy showers here and there close about us.

It is now 6:30 and we have stopped at this motel "Las Palmas." It is real classy! It is a Holiday Inn. It looks about as good as any in the States and much better than many. I want to get this on its way so will mail it now... It's so hard to write on the road--stopping for meals, children's meetings etc... There is a car here from Arkansas, New York, Michigan, California, 2 from Illinois, Texas and we saw 2 from Oklahoma County back up the road a ways... We are (most of us) getting bleached hair from the sun, sun burns etc. The high, cool air with the rain showers seem to be troubling Tommy somewhat but all others are doing well. The kitchen work and dishwashing is being shared by all the women and young girls. We have wished time and again for some radio communication between vehicles especially at first. It does seem to be working out better now. Better say bye for now, "

--Bro. Gene Beisly

at press time

we understand:

From Ark.: "Greetings of love in the dearname of Jesus. He is so precious and isn't it wonderful, "the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him"? This has been a nice day, showered on and off and cool...The Lord truly touched my eyes. There's noway to ever repay His kind favor but He will smile upon us if we give Him our time, talents and all. It seems I have the least to offer of anyone, but I do delight in serving Him with my small mite. Thanks for the tract you fixed, "The Bible is a compass". I have enjoyed passing them on. It's the best of all our reading material if people could realize it. The traffic by here is a constant stream. It seems every holiday it is...I must get out and try to find some black berries. These cobbler are too good not to get a few berries. We're looking forward to camp meeting. I do trust nothing will hinder...I know you folks are so busy. Every one seems to be but the most we can do seems so little. When there is so much darkness on every hand, we cannot be idle. We're studying "Helps to Holy Living." It is very interesting and is rich to our souls, helps us to deepen down some. Bro. Egbert Allen is at Neosho 3rd-4th-5th of this week. Do hope all meetings will be profitable. We enjoy them here the weekend of the 3rd Sunday each month. Please remember our work here. God is so good to us and our lost loved ones are heavy on our hearts.

Love, "

--Sister Lou Bray

It was a pleasure to see Bro. George Hammond back in prayer meeting with the saints in Guthrie, Wednesday night July 5. He is recovering very nicely from the bruises he received in the auto mishap in Baja, Calif., Mexico. He replaced the broken windshield with a plastic one and drove the VW van back to Oklahoma.

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National Campmeeting of the church of God begins July 21 at Monark Springs, near Neosho, Mo. Lord willing, we hope to be in at least part of this meeting. Come if you can!

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Sister Lucille Allen, Fallbrook, Calif. has special request for prayer concerning the health of her husband, Elmer.

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From Miss.: "...God was very nice to me going and coming and the meeting was such a feast to my soul and the fellowship seems so good. The preaching was mighty good. Sure am sorry you folks did not get to be there...it seemed very sad that such a few went to the altar. I was blessed to go to all of the services but the last Sunday... Bro. and Sis. Steve Henry came the last night I was there, had a wonderful testimony..." --Sis. Dorothy Bridges

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The nice rains and the cool weather has been a real blessing. Did you know it is the goodness of God that leadeth men to repentance?... "for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." Matt. 5:45



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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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