



"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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"Be not Weary in Well Doing"

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Good morning, friends. I hope today finds each of you encouraged in the Lord. I have been looking to the Lord for this message and here is the scripture He has given me. May I pass it on to you. "For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. But ye, bretheren, be not weary in well doing. And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother. Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all." 2 Thess. 3:10-16

There is much good and instruction in this scripture, but I would like to place the emphasis on verse 13: "But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing." The same thought is brought out in Galatians 6:9. It puts it this way: "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

In a world filled with confusion, tormoil, strife and division, how refreshing it is to see the saints humbly filling their places in the body of Christ. They quietly go about the things which the Lord has called them to do. When they grow weary and become tired in a physical sense, the Lord gives renewed strength. We are exhorted to not grow weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

Would you like to know how to renew your strength? Then let me give you

this scripture in Isaiah 40:28-31--"Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Notice another thing about this promise: "in due season we shall reap". That doesn't mean we are going to reap everything right now. There is a season for reaping. Sometimes the reaping times come very slowly. I guess that is the reason so many grow weary. But

that is true whether you are sowing evil or good seed. Well, sometimes that is true. Other times the reaping comes swiftly.

I suppose those who sow to the flesh would be glad if the reaping time never did come. But don't fool yourself. That time is coming, regardless of how long it may seem. God is not mocked. The same is true for those who sow to the Spirit. God is not unmindful to forget your labor of love which you have done.

But if you grow weary and give up, do you know what happens? Listen:

I looked upon a farm one day,
 That once I used to own;
 The barn had fallen to the ground,
 The fields were overgrown.
 The house in which my children grew,
 Where we had lived for years--
 I turned to see it broken down,
 And brushed aside the tears.
 I looked upon my soul one day,
 To find it too had grown
 With thorns and nettles everywhere,
 The seeds neglect had sown.
 The years had passed while I had cared
 For lesser things of worth:
 The things of Heaven I let go
 While minding things of Earth.
 To Christ I turned with bitter tears,
 And cried, "O Lord, forgive!
 I haven't much time left for Thee,
 Not many years to live."
 The wasted years forever gone,
 The days I can't recall;
 If I could live those days again,
 I'd make Him Lord of all.

Can't you see what happens if you grow weary and give up? There is one scripture which says: "For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy com-

mandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." 2 Peter 2:21-22

Did you ever hear that parable of the death of Mrs. Prayer meeting? Do you know what brought it on? Let me give it to you.

We note in the Free Echo that Mrs. Prayer Meeting is dead. In the belief that friends of the deceased might be interested, we print the death notice. Mrs. Prayer Meeting died recently at the First Neglected Church on Worldly Avenue. She was born many years ago in the midst of great revivals and deep spirituality. She grew to be a strong and healthy child, fed mostly on testimony and Bible study. She was educated in the school of Christian teachers, the Holy Spirit and the Divine Scriptures. She soon grew to womanhood and was prominent throughout the world for a number of years, and was one of the most influential members of this famous church family.

For the last several years, Mrs. Prayer Meeting has been in failing health and gradually wasting away until recently when she was rendered almost helpless by stiffness of knees, coldness of heart, weakness of purpose, lack of will power, and inactivity.

At the last she was but a shadow of her former self. Her last words were whispered inquiries concerning the absence of her loved ones, now busy in the market places, trades, and of worldly amusements.

Experts, included Dr. Works, Dr. Reform, Dr. Joiner, and Dr. Churchman,

all disagreed as to the cause of fatal illness, administering large doses of organization, socials, contests and drives, but to no avail. A postmortem showed a deficiency of spiritual food coupled with a lack of faith and of heartfelt religion. Also shameless desertion and nonsupport hastened her death. Only a few were present at her death, sobbing over the memories of her past beauty and power. The body rests in the beautiful cemetery of Bygone Memories awaiting the judgment.

Dear ones, we are living in perilous times. Too many nations are filled with corruption. Men and women are toiling without power, without songs of praise. They have rulers without justice and without righteousness, homes without peace, marriage without sanctity, young men without ideals and enthusiasm for the things of God. There are little children without purity and without innocence. But worst of all too many folks are facing death without hope in the great beyond.

Let us pray, Our Father, bless the message to the good of every listener. Help us to work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work. Cause the Spirit of God to bear these words of warning to the hearts of those who are careless. Comfort and bless the ones who are faithfully laboring to fulfill their obligation before God and men and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanks so much for a few moments of your time. We hope you are strengthened and will not grow weary in this battle for truth and right. If we may be of some spiritual help be sure to let us know. Address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

And may I add just this personal note

of thanks to everyone who help make this broadcast possible from week to week. We praise the Lord for His mercy to us and permitting us to carry on His work in this way. We appreciate your interest and prayers. Would you remember us? And may God bless each one of you.

Here is a song, "Glorious Peace". The singers are Bob Forbes, Randall Flynn, Melvin Doolittle, and Dale Doolittle. Until we meet again, this is Willie Murrey saying God bless you and a cheerful goodbye!

Testimonies

From Ill.: "May God's grace, mercy and peace be with you all today! If we have those three things--what more do we have need of? Surely our God shall supply all our needs according to His riches in glory! His riches in glory are above our comprehension. Eye hath not seen, neither hath ear heard the things which God hath prepared for those who love Him. (I left out, "Neither hath entered into the heart of man, "didn't I?"), which just confirms the fact that we are unable to know how great His riches in glory are! Oh! It is my desire, my deepest desire to see and hear and know--what God has prepared for those who love Him! And every day brings me one step closer to that goal! One day at a time--one step at a time! That's all we are called upon to do and live. Aren't you glad Jesus said "Take no thought for the morrow, for the morrow will take thought for itself." Today we have sufficient, God has supplied our needs. We have His grace. When the morrow comes, (if it does), then He will be our supplier again. Talk about "social security"! We have much more than that! Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift--Jesus Christ who died for us... --Sis. Thelma Sprague

From Calif.: "I am feeling the best for some time, as it took so long for me to get over the spell I had some time ago. I felt like I was going when I was at my worst. I had to call for help as I was alone that night until late, but I was so near gone I could hardly get my breath any more. I called Sister Vera and she called at the Home to get some one to come as she wan't able to walk down to where I was living and a couple of the girls that work there came over and called on the Lord and in a little while the Lord touched my body. I do want to give the Lord all the glory and I do appreciate the dear little sisters for their prayers...I ask an interest in your prayers for my unsaved family as I have many that are unsaved."

--Sis. Edith Wittenborn

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From Ark.: "I haven't felt too good and was sorta planning on going "home" for my birthday but since I feel better I may be around May 25th. Eighty-one years is a long time. I don't dread the crossing for I know where I'm going for the Lord is with me. I felt like I'd had sort of a stroke or a light heart attack. I said, "Lord, are you going to take me home for my birthday?" Do pray for me at all times...I enjoy the testimonies in the paper. They are strength to my soul...I was once searching for the Lord and I found Him and He's been precious to my soul ever since and the longer I live the better I love Him."

--Sis. Ruth Scalf

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From Calif.: "...I am still saved and encouraged to trust the Lord for soul and body. I am sick now but my trust is in the Lord. I can't tell you how much I enjoy reading the Mission Trail. It encouraged me to read of so many others trusting God...it is sweeter today than the day before."

--Sis. Jettie Mae Phillips

I SAW TODAY

Dear God, I heard a bird today
 And saw its silvery throat.
 I touched a fragile dandelion and
 Watched its softness float.
 I heard the whisper of Your wind
 And saw the tall grass sway.
 I felt the warmth of Sol's bright face
 And caught a glimmering ray.
 I tasted bread all buttery warm
 and looked o'er fields of grain.
 I heard a pattering on my roof
 and looked through veils of rain.
 I felt a kitten brush my leg
 and watched her lick her paw.
 I kissed a baby on his nose;
 What cute results I saw!
 I smelled a violet's dainty scent
 and saw a dewdrop gleam.
 I heard a whistling teapot's voice
 and watched it "blow off steam."
 Dear God, I see so many things
 that oftentimes I find
 I smile a secret little smile
 When people say, "She's blind."

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From Ark.: "Every morning I do thank the Lord for giving me the strength and health to get up on my feet and go about my daily work. Sometimes the thought comes to me that when a morning does come when I will not be able to do so, I must be careful to still have thanks and praise in my heart, for He will still watch over me. I have read where God said that if we obey His voice and keep His covenant, "ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people," and I do want to be included in that promise, to be for Him "for a praise and for an honor, and for a name."...Please pray that the Lord will continue to keep His hand on our work for Him. Building costs are so high now that a chapel seems far away, but if the Lord wants us to have one He will make a way. Of course we will all have to do our part too!"

--Sis. Ethel Worrall

From Calif.: "...may God's richest blessings be with you in your work for him. I want the Mission Trail continued as long as you are able to print it. I read it thru as soon as I receive. It needs to be a much larger paper, as I enjoy it so much..." --Letha Reece

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From Ga.: "I am still on the safe side, hope the same of you. I have been sick with my eyes. They are better now. Thank the Lord for everything He has done for me and I thank you all too..."

--Bro. Friendly Green

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From Kansas: "We are so thankful to be in God's family, just one of his little children. We love to hear from the rest of his children through the Mission Trail. It helps us to keep in touch with each other. We thank you all for praying for us. The Lord has blessed us very much. I still am very dependent on God and am so needy at times, more than other times. Continue to pray for us. Love you all very much,"

--Sis. Lavina Martens

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From Pa.: "Greetings in the precious name of Jesus! The One who bore our sins on Calvary that we might go free from sin. I am so thankful He included me, too. I am happy today to know my sins are forgiven and I am pressing on toward the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus! Praise His name. It is dark and raining here. Oh! the poor people of the lowlands of the south. Tornadoes, floods and so many things to bring terror to their hearts. Don't know how long they can hold out and survive in that terrible tragedy. We shouldn't complain if we get rain and can't do outside work, but be thankful for all of God's mercies and blessings.

...Your sister in His service,"

--Eva Cox

From Miss.: "I especially enjoyed the articles Reminder of water and Reminder of fire... Yes, I like that poem too, (He maketh no mistakes). I knew the writer of this poem. He was a preacher. He died several years ago... he had visited in our home, and I heard him preach lots of times. I will never forget the last time I heard him. He said his father would say late in the afternoon when he would be plowing in the field, son we have time for another round, and now my heavenly father has spoken to me, son, you have time for another round. He was so sick... he went on home soon after this to meet his Lord... We are, I believe living in the last days, and the thing I want most is to be ready when Jesus calls..."

--Sis. Grace Gill

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From Calif.: "I greet you this morning. It is pretty this morning, everything looks green. O! the wonderful works of God. Praise his name for ever and forever. Thanks for all your prayers and letters and encouragement. I love God with all my heart and mind and soul. Though trials will come and troubles Jesus will help us in them all."

--Sis. Opal Williams

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Take my hand dear Lord in thine,
And sweet peace in thee I find,
Take my feet and may they be
Ever swift to follow thee;
Take my lips and may they be,
Always ready to speak for thee;
Take my all what e'er it be,
I consecrate it all to thee.

--Mable Been

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From Okla.: "Pray for us. We have such a press on us paying for our meeting house that the Lord will help us... Oh! yes, the 4th of Jan. I was 80 years old. My time is about out I think."

--Sis. Mary May

From Mo.: "Oh Jesus is so precious to me. No one so dear as he. He keeps us saved and encouraged to go all the way and helps us with grace to endure whatever comes our way. It is good to know he won't let more come than we are able to bear...we trust you all are encouraged to keep the good work going. The dear Lord surely will reward you."

--Sis. Katie Gibson

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From Mo.: "I have been sick with heart trouble ever since New Year's... This is the first time I've been this sick with my heart in 8 years. I'm writing to request prayer of you and the saints every where... I'd be so thankful if the Lord would heal me..."

--Alice Rhoades

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From Ark.: "Greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus, the only name whereby we can have hope and victory. He is a wonderful Savior to me. I am glad He shows me my weaknesses and then helps me to be stronger. I don't want to "sleep in the night," but be alert to just what the Lord would have me to do... We do need your prayers. 1 Sam. 12:23--"God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you." I do desire more of a life of prayer for others. We are wronging our fellowmen or any in need when we fail to pray for them."

--Sis. Lou Bray

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From Calif.: "I am still pressing on for the Lord. He sure has been good to us... I think it is wonderful the Smallings are getting to come to camp meeting... Our grandchildren are supposed to come and visit us about the 10th of June. We can hardly wait till they get here! I am burdened for my unsaved loved ones... Sis. Opal Kelly came by to visit us while back. I sure was glad to see her. It is strawberry time again here and I should get some jam made."

--Sis. Edith Reavis

From Colo.: "Greetings from Lamar, hoping this finds you all fine. This is a nice morning, but still have quite a bit of cool weather. So the spring crop is late. Remember me in prayer health-wise."

--Mary Wollert

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From La.: "We have much to be thankful for, don't want to murmur or complain, but always count our blessings, which are more than can be numbered. We still enjoy the Mission Trail and the broadcast... Christian love,"

--Kenneth Flynn

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From La. "Our eyes are on Lord. He is good to us and there are so many needs here and abroad! We do need to live close to God so our prayers will be answered for others. God is with us. His great love remains! Beyond the storm of winter, there is yet the rainbow of God's promise in the sky; and well we know, although the storm be fierce, hope need not die; for there, beyond the clouds still shines the sun and light comes through after the rain. So we can look up! We all have hope beyond reach of change and decay!"

--Sis. Ruby Quave

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From Colo.: "I am writing a few lines to let you know I am still among the living and serving the Lord. What a wonderful God we have. I love Him with my whole heart and want to do His will at all times. He has been so good to me, giving me health and strength and helps me to carry on. I was 80 in March, live alone only my Jesus and I and no one better to have... A sister in Christ,"

--Mrs. R. A. Tomblison

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From Miss.: "Please remember me in prayer. My eyes are so weak and health is not so good. Remember my unsaved loved ones. I want to see them saved so much."

--Sis. Bessie Downs

at press time

we understand:

From Kansas: "I was glad to hear your message this morning on deceit. The world is full of it. The old devil has so many wrapped around his finger, and their heart so full of deception that it is pitiful. And it seems as if a warning only makes them angry. I'm so glad I love God and not the devil... May the good Lord keep each one of you encouraged in his work. With love,"

--Sis. Mamie Norcutt

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Camp meeting season is upon us as the summer arrives. The Oklahoma State camp meeting begins May 25 and continues through the 3rd of June. If possible come and receive a blessing to soul and body. Services daily.

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National camp meeting begins July 20 and continues through July 29. Services are held under the tabernacle at Monark Springs, Mo. about 5 miles east of Neosho.

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From Miss.: "... We trust there'll be as many saved here in this meeting as there was in Prattsville, Ark. last fall. There seems to be pretty good interest here and a beautiful place to set the tent right beside the main highway in Kokomo, Miss. We are looking forward to a good meeting, as last night was our first service. We are looking forward to the tent meeting in Greenbank, West Va. that starts the 8th of June. Several are talking of attending that meeting... Remember the tent meetings in prayer. Love and prayers," --Bro. and Sis. Mart Samons, Gen Del., Junction City, Kentucky 40440

From Okla.: "Oh, He is so precious to me. I love Him more and more. There are so many today--differences arise, friends separated, homes broken. But He has promised never to leave me nor forsake me and His promises are true. He cannot lie; so if we separate I will have to do the leaving and I can say with David My heart is fixed, for I am satisfied with Jesus and after 70 years of constant companionship together I say again I love Him more and more..."

--Sis. Nellie Poulos

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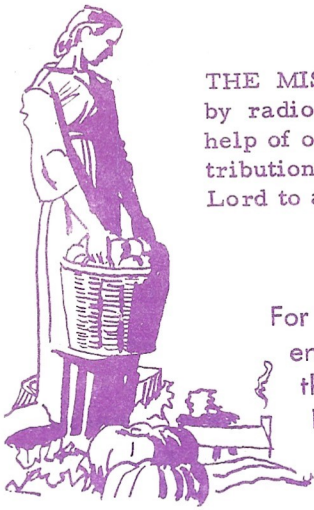
We congratulate Marsha Porter, Marcia Beisly and Rex Gibson who are graduating from the Guthrie High School this year. Other graduates who have sent us announcements include Jerry Meek, Don Forbes, Elizabeth Bock and Robin Meek. Many other young people are graduating this year. We pray God to bless each and make their lives very useful and happy.

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Congratulations to Brenda Williams and Delmar Wilkins who plan to be married June 2 in Clearfield, Ky. We wish them much happiness.

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We are pleased to announce the round-trip airline tickets have been purchased and sent to Bro. and Sis. Smalling in Jamaica. They are due to arrive in Miami, Fla. July 11th. Pray the Lord to give them strength and make the National camp meeting a blessing to them and to each one in attendance. We do plan to meet them in Florida and bring them here by car.



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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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