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N stands for NO

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Good morning to all the friends of the broadcast. I am certainly happy to be coming your way again. Today we are back on the gospel alphabet and dealing with the letter N. What do you think it should stand for? I will be glad to tell you what I think of it in just a moment, but first this scripture:

"Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward ahungered. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God,

and him only shalt thou serve." Matt. 4:1-10.

Now, back to our thought of the letter N. I say it stands for NO! This word NO, spelled N-O, is perhaps the most useful word in the English language. And it is the very opposite from perhaps the most misused word--yes. A person will never amount to very much without learning to say NO. In our scripture for today Jesus in substance was saying over and over and over again to Satan--NO! NO! NO! And he meant it!

Today there are many congregations, many families, and many individuals which are subjected to certain pressures by groups and others who have departed from the truth and would like to seduce many souls to go with them. The best way to prevent complications and problems in the days ahead is to say NO in the very beginning! Many have departed from the faith as the scriptures say they will, looking for a more attractive way and one which is easier to the flesh. In doing so they have become a "rolling stone" so to speak. The way

to stop a rolling stone is to block it with a positive NO! Young people have been allured into temptation and dragged into sin because they failed to say NO! They went the way of least resistance. Shame and tragedy has overtaken many because in times of weakness and recklessness, they failed to say NO to the evil!

I understand in other languages the word NO is the same and has the same meaning. I am sure this is true in Spanish. It is indeed, a small word, but it takes a powerful person to use it when needed. Regardless of how little the word NO is, it is a giant killer!

Sometimes the Americans pronounce it this way--no-o-o! We drag out the o! But not so with the Spanish speakers. They say--no, no, no. It is short and positive.

To say NO to the evil gives one the liberty to go God's way and they are not a puppet to Satan or his crowd! Listen to the words of the apostles: "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men." Acts 5:29. Isn't that the way it should be?

Read the 16th chapter of Judges and notice how the mighty man Samson stood firm and strong just as long as he could say NO, NO, NO to Delilah, the spy of the Philistines. His strength remained with him. But when she pressed him daily and urged him, his soul was vexed unto death and he weakened and told her wherein his strength was. The thing which weakens men of great character is to say "yes" when they should say "no"! The mighty word "no" is the great protector of young ladies and others as well. Virtue and honor is retained by using it often. Don't be afraid

you are going to hurt someone's feelings when you are tempted to say "yes" when you should really say a positive "no"! No apologies are necessary for the right!

The word "no" is a barricade to block the path of young people who are staggering toward the pits of drunkenness and shame. If they would only stop and ask themselves: "Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?" Prov. 23:29, perhaps then the answer would be clear: "They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine." Prov. 23:30. Yes, and I do want you to notice verse 32: "At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder."

Proverbs 1:10 says it this way: "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not." This "no" is like a bolt or a latch on the door of self-respect. When consent is given one loses their self-respect and like Adam and Eve they want to go and hide from the presence of the Lord. Shame has come. And all of this is because they failed to say "no". Joseph was a young man, perhaps handsome, and I am sure he was talented. He was sold because of envy, but God was with him. He was in a place of trust and honor being respected by Potiphar. "And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured." Gen. 39:6. But temptation came. "... his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph" Gen. 39:7. Although Potiphar didn't know or realize it at the time, it was this slave, Joseph, whose answer of a positive "no", protected his master's house. Joseph was loyal to his faith and his God. Although falsely accused and cast into prison, it was this positive "no" that again brought about

his advancement. It was the turning point in his life.

Friends, do you want to be a yes-yes, rubber-stamp type person? Shall the pressure of the mob cause us to go along with the crowd as Pilate did when the crowd cried for Barabbas to be released and Jesus to be crucified? Pilate was too weak to say "no"! It was within his power, but he yielded to the blood-thirsty mob and released Jesus to be crucified, all because he didn't have courage to say "NO"! Although he washed his hands and said "I am innocent from the blood of this just person" Matt. 27:24, yet he cast his vote on the "yes" side of the crucifixion. Although the word "no" is the negative, it is that which gives strength to the "yes", the positive! If you really stand for something, then by the same token you stand against that which opposes it. "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Matt. 6:24. As you say a hearty "yes" to God then you are saying a positive "no" to Satan and his crowd. The "noes" will back up the "yeses".

Our Father, we thank thee for the right way of eternal life. There is a right and a wrong way to live. The Psalmist said: "I hate every false way"! May we also take a definite stand for God and an eternal "yes"; and to Satan and his agents say again and again and again a positive "NO"! Bless each listener in the way which they have most need and thine shall be the praise through our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen. Friends, we've only covered one letter of the alphabet today, but if we have learned our lesson well and can say NO at the proper time, it will have been well worth it all.

Testimonies

From Mich.: "Greetings in the lovely name of Jesus. Trust you folks are well in body and encouraged to press on in His service. We are so thankful for God's rich blessings towards us. The Lord is so precious to us. We desire to please Him with our lives. Ralph and I had the opportunity to hear one of your broadcasts while we were visiting Terry and Nancy in Myrtle, a couple weeks ago. Seemed like we were hearing from "home folks." Wish we could be privileged to hear it more often. We've been going through some trials and tests. But thank the Lord, we are definitely on the winning side. The battle is the Lord's, and not ours... There can be no victories, if we don't have some battles in life. You've probably heard about me falling. A couple days after we got home from Guthrie, I slipped off the step on our back porch and twisted my foot, then fell side ways. In falling over I broke the bone on the side of my leg about 4 or 5 inches from my ankle. At least, I'm quite certain it was broken. I didn't go to the doctor, but fully trusted the Lord. I needed to use crutches for about 6 weeks. The Lord would touch me at times and always kept the pain from being too bad. The 4th of Feb. God definitely healed me and from that time my foot and leg got better and stronger right along... So thankful to prove once again that God is "the same yesterday, today, and forever." It is a wonderful privilege to trust God for our every need. We received the "Mission Trail" yesterday. We really enjoy the gospel in alphabet. And the testimonies are letters to us all and encouragement to our soul... please pray for us, as we do you." --Bro. Ralph, Sis. Dorothy Wilkins and Ralph Steven.

From Calif.: "Today finds me feeling real well in body and a desire to be faithful to the dear Lord. I still enjoy the little paper. He has been so good to me. While Ira and Ruby were out here visiting us my twin sister got so bad, it looked like she was going one night as she was so low she could hardly swallow. I went to bed and in the morning early she called my niece and wanted her to get her some breakfast as she was hungry. And she ate it and it never hurt her at all. Our God can do so much for his children. I desire to live for the Lord. Pray that I will be faithful to him. Remember my family as my daughter is going through some real trials and my youngest son lost his son in a wreck as the man went through a stop and killed him last weekend."

--Sis. Edith Wittenborn

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From Calif.: "Today I am yet saved and truly encouraged to go all the way with the Lord. It has been some time since you heard from me, yet you continued to send me the Mission Trail which I do appreciate very much. The Lord saw fit to take my husband in August, '74. Seems I could not get my mind together like I once did. I desire your prayers..." --Sis. Katie Gaines

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From Texas: "I have been getting Coffeyville, Kansas station clear lately and am I glad to hear those voices I know come on so plain...I was truly glad of the poem to the ones that live alone. I've been making me a scrap book with pictures...and aim to put that one in my picture album on first page. I love to set down on rainy days and look thro the album and scrap book and look at the pictures and read the good encouraging poems--makes sunshine on a cloudy day... These few lines leaves me still saved and sanctified and pressing the battle on."

--Sis. Nellie Lovell

From Okla.: "May the Lord bless you in all your efforts for him. That is a great work and only God knows of the souls that may have never heard this truth. Do keep remembering us when you pray. Mama and Daddy (Bro. & Sis. Willie McMakin) still need prayer. Also my sister Charlotte hasn't been too well. She pulled a muscle around her heart and suffers quite a lot of pain. ...Be encouraged. We always enjoy your broadcast when we get to hear it."

--Lloyd and Mary Dunavan

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From Kansas: "I am so thankful for the truth that has survived the ages and is handed to us today, for the privilege of being a part of God's church and the freedom we have to worship God in Spirit and truth. I am thankful for the examples of the martyrs that have come to us through the accounts of their suffering and death at the hands of the pagan barbarians. It is good to be living in the present annals of time. May our country awaken in time to save herself from destruction through her own moral and spiritual decay. It does not seem likely this will happen, but more likely she will digress farther and farther into the very condition the known world was in at the time of the pagan and papal reign. Let us not think there is no idol worship today, that it was all back centuries ago in the dark ages. God has brought us down to the present Christian era through the blood and tears of the martyrs, but as we stop and consider we can read and see and know many people are following idol worship today and making gods of men... May God have mercy upon our nation that has sold herself out to every foul spirit the devil would impose upon her. Would to God the authorities of our land would humble their hearts, call upon the nation to fast and pray and be the example they should be."

--Sis. Wildenna Huffman

From Washington: "Greeting in Jesus precious name. We are thankful to the Lord for salvation, and for keeping us saved. We have been in the furnace of fire, but thank the Lord, it wasn't too hot and the Lord came to our rescue. For several days I couldn't help but sing the 1st verse of, "Never Alone." We surely do thank him for all he does for us. Lord bless all."

--Sister D. T. Thomas

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From Ohio: "We are writing again to thank you for and tell you how very much we enjoy the Mission Trail paper. It is surely a great blessing to us and such vital and nourishing food for our souls."

--Sis. Janice Shaw

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"Greetings to all the Mission Trail family. It has been so long since I have taken time to say, we are still pressing on in this great fight of faith. How we do appreciate being here in Guthrie where we can be in meeting. We had prayed many years for this blessing. Now we feel so very responsible to draw closer to the Lord and be a brighter light and example for him. The Lord has blessed us with so much to enjoy, we have no time to be lonely. We desire to share, our joy and all the Lord has blessed us with, with others. This last Mission Trail was such a blessing to me on "Love." Truly salvation is all that can cause us to have true love for each other. The poem "A Prayer for those who live alone" did so much for me. It is my prayer also. Let us toil on and work together with him who saved us and keeps us day by day."

--Sis. Edith Wall

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"We pray the simple gospel message may continue to go forth. To love the Lord with our heart, soul, mind and strength is our goal."

--Leslie Adams and family

From Calif.: "I want to write and tell how the good Lord touched my head and eyes when my blood pressure was so high and in appreciation to all the dear saints. I don't have these bad headaches and my eyes are so much better, praise the good Lord and thanks for the prayers of the saints... So dear saints, just believe God's word and he will surely hear us... thank God, I am his child and trusting him for soul and body. I have an unspoken request. I enjoy the Mission Trail."

--Sis. Ada Leach

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From Okla.: "...hope you folks and all your families are well and happy in the service of the Lord. I still enjoy the paper. I am enclosing a little offering to help a little... I have been having arthritis and haven't been going any where much all winter and so many bad things happening--killings and robbings... remember me and my family in prayer... with best wishes and prayer..."

--Sis. Tennie Dotson

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From Wisc.: "I must write and tell you that Sr. Baerenwald passed away Friday. Her sister called for prayer and we went down Thursday. She was suffering sorely. She would say: "Where are you Lord? I can't stand this longer. Take me home quick." She was at her sister's home... she just trusted the Lord. Her sister came from Sheboygan and helped care for her... Did you hear Mrs. Chapman passed away this spring? She was with Olsens for about 5 months... It was a large funeral at funeral home. At first I felt I was getting rather old for such an occasion but after the Lord gave me the message I was thankful for the opportunity to bring the gospel to so many. It seemed it was well received... I hadn't had a funeral for quite some time before that... do pray for us..."

--Sister Dietrich

From Mo.: "Well praise the Lord. I am glad I have a hope of a home in heaven. Bro. Willie, how I did praise and glorify God with a flow of tears Sunday morning when I got your broadcast over KBOA at Kennett, Mo. How good to hear the saints' voices in word and song again. What a lift in my soul it gave me...please keep the Mission Trail coming my way."

--Sis. Berniece Rumpfelt

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From Minn.: "This finds me in good health and going on for the Lord who has been so good to me. I am always glad to get the Mission Trail... The gospel is always good news. As each day passes away we are so much nearer Home. You know when you have been away from Home it is a joy to get back Home. I was a lost sinner but Jesus came all the way from Heaven to this sin-cursed world to seek and to save that which was lost. Praise God I found the way, the truth and the life through Jesus my redeemer. And now I would not have it any other way... We had 8 inches of snow last night and it is surely welcome."--Bro. Andrew Senti

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From W. Va.: "It has been some time since I have written you, but when the Mission Trail came today and I read it through, felt a real desire to write you about the Gospel Alphabet being such a good way to get the Gospel out, When the bread failed to weigh a pound, so the butter was even with it. Why oh why would anyone want to CHEAT. Pray that our lives will be well balanced... When the truth goes out, the enemy comes up to try to bring in false doctrines. Please do pray for this place. I have been so glad that I have met you dear people through the word and feel that I know you. I met Sister Elsie Dietrich years ago in 1924 and 1925 & 6..."

--Sis. Flora Hinzman

From Mo.: "We listen to your radio broadcast each Sunday morning. Enjoy each message of truth."

--Bro. Alsia and Sis. Dollie Sorrell

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From Calif.: "This is to let you know I'm yet pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. I am sure thankful to be saved in these evil days. I realize time is getting away from us very fast and I surely don't want to fail to obtain my prize. I yet enjoy the Mission Trail... also I'm still enjoying old ones that I have, some of them are so inspiring to me I read them over and over at different times. I'm reminded now especially of that one of April, 1975 "God Speaks Through His Son". That incident of the little girl in Germany whose teacher persecuted her by telling her to go out and bring in her God. That was a very touching thing to me, how God worked so quickly and with such wrath against that teacher. I've read that incident many times and to different people."

--Sis. Geneva Pierro

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From S. Car.: "Do hope you are all well...as the most of us folks here have some type of cold. It seems to have something to do with our voices. Our singing is not doing well. Some folks have to stop and cough. We love for our services to be what the Lord wants them to be. Our congregation is very small. So if we get to where we cannot sing we may lose those few. Bro. O'Neal Pratt is still preaching after all those strokes and heart attacks... Lord has done a wonderful work for him. I am still pressing on, no thought of turning back... Lord knows best. We want all saints to pray for all of us here. Pray Lord will work in our camp meeting... Please send paper. It is food to my soul. Wish we could get you on radio."

--Sister Nettie Harbeson

at press time

we understand:



CONGRATULATIONS to Bro. Elmer and Sis. Edna Blacksher on their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Open house is being held in their home March 28, 2 till 6 p.m. All saints, friends and relatives are invited. "I and my husband got saved in church of God in 1931. We are still happy in the Lord. The Lord is still good to us in these years." --Bro. & Sis. Elmer Blacksher, R. 8, Box 338, Springfield, Mo. 65807.

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PRAYER REQUEST--"Unless God sees best to heal her, my youngest daughter will soon die of cancer. She is saved. May the dear Lord have his way in it all. If she lives every one will know it was divine healing but we are all committed to God's will."

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TENT MEETING

Start praying now and plan to attend the tent meeting scheduled to begin April 23, 1976. Exact location has not been announced at press time, but the approximate area is to be near the Miles Community north of Vinita, Okla. You are welcome to come and invite others. For more information call Bro. Kenneth Probst, (918) 784-2599.

SINGING AND ALL-DAY MEETING
On Saturday night March 27, there will be a singing held at the Church of God chapel on Freeman Rd., Neosho, Missouri, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Sunday March 28, all-day meeting with Sunday School starting at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be served with afternoon service starting at 2:30 p.m. We are looking forward to a wonderful time in the Lord and urge everyone to attend if possible. If bad weather occurs, the singing will be postponed to a later date.

--Bro. T. V. McMillian, pastor

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GOSPEL SINGING--HOFFMAN, OKLA.
The Church of God at Hoffman, Okla. will have a gospel singing Saturday night May 8, 1976. We extend a warm welcome to all to attend this singing and remain for the all-day services on Sunday, May 9, Mother's Day. Come and worship the Lord in songs and praises.

--Brother Woodrow Warren, pastor, 810 N. Porter, Okmulgee, Okla. 74447 Phone (918) 756-6425.

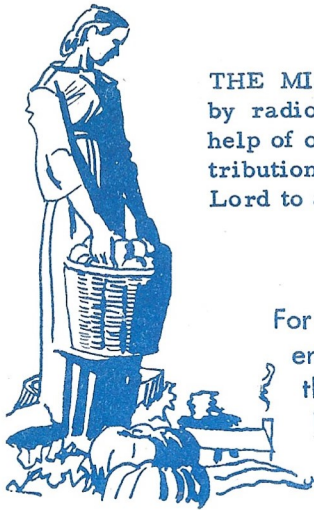
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"Greetings in Jesus precious name. I love him for he first loved me... Oh I thank and praise the Lord for all things. Now I enjoy this little paper and I wish I could help with your work more. God ever bless and keep you all doing this good work in Jesus name."

--Sis. E. B. McNair
Congratulations to Sis. McNair who will be 93 in April this month.--WCM

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