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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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U stands for UNSELFISHNESS

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"And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him: and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee." Luke 10:30-35.

Good morning, friends, Good morning. How happy I am to be coming your way once again with some of the Word of the Lord. I hope you have observed this lesson. Would you not say this good Samaritan was an unselfish man? It seems to me he was. And that is where we are in our gospel alphabet--down to the letter U which stands for UNSELFISHNESS!

Now notice, it was selfishness which mistreated the poor man in the first place. He was beaten and robbed because of selfishness. Another desired his money and took it by force, selfish force? What a pity that one should be so self-centered! But these things happen daily in this world of ours! The selfish take and have less, for it makes them smaller, but the unselfish give and have more, for it makes them bigger!

Jesus made it plain that we all have a moral obligation to our neighbor. Unselfishness is a basic requirement to good behavior, happiness and contentment. The second commandment of the law requires: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" Matt. 22:39. And that which we call the golden rule demands: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them" Matt. 7:12. Pure religion and undefiled requires that one should "visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and keep himself unspotted from the world." James 1:27. We are also taught, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men." Doesn't that portray unselfishness? I would indeed say so. And how about that scripture: "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others"? Phil. 2:4. The apostle in giving of his life wrote:

"And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you;" 2 Cor. 12:15. Why did he do it? Simply because he was interested in them and unselfishly gave of his own life, even though it made them love him less.

And Jesus said: "...but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Matt. 20:26-28. Look at the unselfishness there!

Again the apostle Paul speaking, "I have showed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35. The selfish person--that one who continually receives but never gives, is as dead and stagnant as the Dead Sea! All the fresh waters of the Jordan River cannot freshen and enliven the great depths of the salt sea. The water is no longer fresh but briny and unfit for drinking! A selfish person hoards and is unwilling to share with others. How can God bless a soul that has no outlet? A self-centered existence is only a Dead Sea.

How can a person live happily who regards only himself and desires to turn everything to his own advantage? A self-indulgent person is miserable, because he is all wrapped up in himself! True friendship is more than a one-way street. Therefore, that self-centered person will pretend to be your friend as long as he can make gain of you. He is like some who sought to be with the multitude in the day when Jesus walked on earth. They followed for the loaves and

fishes. John 6:26. If the self-centered person can use you to help him financially, or socially, or to enhance his image, or to aid his family, that is well and good, but if you need help, then you find that he is no real friend in the time of need because he isn't interested!

So often the self-centered person has a very weak character. He is unstable and may change the direction of his course to the north, to the south, to the east or the west, depending upon which serves his best self-interests. He is like a fountain which sends forth both salt water and fresh! When you learn to know him, you find that his smooth words with which he feeds others, are too thick for a spoon and too thin for a fork! They are hard to digest! So often he is brave when there is no fight! His decisions are based not on right or wrong, but how they will affect him or work to his advantage. He longs to have a place of prominence and fill big shoes, but when he gets the opportunity to do so, his selfishness, which is akin to envy, makes him so small that he can scarcely see out. What a pity! So when we really come to the basic conditions which make one unselfish we find it is those folks who are filled with the love of God, who are willing to spend and be spent for the benefit of others. The unselfish are more humble, for it is selfishness which makes one proud. The unselfish are more forgiving, for there is less wounded pride. The unselfish are more sincere, for they are not controlled by selfish motives. They are more hospitable, for there is a real interest in others. They are more charitable, for they have a real feeling for others. The unselfish are more friendly, for they have more of an "outgoing" spirit. They are more joyful, because happiness comes from helping others. They are more adjusted, be-

cause it is easier to adjust when one forgets self. And certainly they are beautiful, for beauty is as beauty does.

If I may help some burdened heart
His heavy load to bear;
If any little song of mine
May cheer a soul somewhere;
If I may lead some grieving one
To know that loss is gain,
Or bring some shadowed soul to light,
I shall not live in vain.

If I may help bewildered ones
To find life's grandest clue;
If I may steady faltering feet,
Or help some heart be true;
If I may bring a tender touch
To some lone couch of pain,
Or whisper words of hope and strength,
I shall not live in vain.

If I may give disheartened ones
The impetus they need,
Or rescue the oppressed from hands
Of cruelty and greed;
If I may bring concord and love
Where strife and hatred reign,
Or be a friend to friendless ones,
I shall not live in vain.

If I may battle some great wrong,
Some worldly current stem,
Or give a hand of fellowship
Where other hearts condemn;
If I grow strong to do and bear
Amid life's stress and strain,
And keep a pure heart everywhere,
I shall not live in vain.

If I may give forth sympathy,
And keep a heart of youth,
Or help myself and fellow men
To grander heights of truth;
However small my part may be,
To cleanse the world of stain,
If I but do the thing I can,
I shall not live in vain.

Testimonies

From Mo.: "We feel real grateful for the safe move to Myrtle. Bro. Clayton Gaines, Donald and Donnie were in the big truck, LaVonda, Wanda and Ramona in the station wagon (very loaded) and Sis. Eva Lou and I in the smaller car loaded. We arrived here about 5:30 p.m. on Sat. Aug. 28th. Everyone seems to be adjusting quite well to the change from city life to a more quiet country style. Personally, I'm real happy for the quietness. At times the children think it too quiet. The week following our move here I felt quite badly, but the Lord touched me and I'm doing quite well now. Donald is helping Bro. Clayton on the egg farm for a couple weeks--doesn't have much time to write. We are looking forward to a good singing Oct. 2nd and all day service Oct. 3rd."--Bro. Donald, Sis. Lois Sharp and family, P. O. Box 715, Myrtle, Mo. 65778, Ph. (417) 938-4410

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From Okla.: "I'm still saved and much encouraged to live for the Lord. I'm thanking Him this morning for his wonderful blessings to me. I'm thankful for the sweet peace he gives me in my soul...I have a few lines I was singing that came to me this morning. I will share with you:

We'll walk the streets of gold,
His love to us unfold.
How beautiful will be that day
When we walk the streets of gold.
We'll meet our loved ones there
Their love with us to share
How beautiful will be that day
When we meet our loved ones there.
We'll walk the streets of gold
No more this world to behold
How beautiful will be that day
When we walk the streets of gold."

--Sis. Vera Mae Hawkins

From Mo.: "Greetings to you both in the precious name of Jesus, who always helps us in time of need. Surely the Lord has been a present help in our sorrow and grief in giving up my brother in law, Andrew. He lived here with us 53 years. We all thought so much of him. (He did us too). It was so hard for my only sister Lydia. She stayed with us last night. I took her back down to her home this morning. It was so lonely for her to open the door, walk inside the house and her companion not there. Do pray for her. She wants to go with us to prayer meeting to night. . . . we know the Lord will bless and give comfort in his way. I am thinking of a scripture in 2 Cor. 1:3-4--"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."

--Bro. Alsia and Sis. Dollie Sorrell

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From Okla.: "Just a few lines to let you know we are still a witness for the Lord. He's done so much for me. I've been reading in Jeremiah 3, 4, 5 and 6th chapters. I was greatly impressed when the Lord said, "Set the standard toward Zion, retire, stay not." Jer. 4:6. Lord has a standard of holiness, righteousness, purity going forward in strength and power in the Holy Ghost to conquer every foe. How we need to let people see a virtuous, holy, clean and upright standard that will take us to heaven. WE MUST LET IT BE SEEN! in these perilous days. In Christian faith,"

--Sis. Malinda Penner

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From La.: "I have been listening to your radio messages and I enjoy all of them more than words can express."

--Sis. John Robertson

From Jamaica: "Warm greetings of Christian love. We trust that you are keeping well. I have not been keeping so well recently but thank God not sick as I was a few weeks ago. Sister Smalling is still able to do a little moving up and down in the home. Praise the dear Lord. We thank you much for your last letter. The thoughts in it about Job have been a blessing to us. Also the messages in the Mission Trail on the letters "P & Q". The thoughts expressed are just as if we were talking together. Truly we serve a mighty universal God who knows and supplies the need spiritual and temporal of all His children. We pray that your services will continue to be a blessing to many. Yes, we are trusting in the Lord Jesus for His grace to help us in this time of great need. The "dragon" and his "angels" are truly fighting against us, casting his flood, but through the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony we shall be victorious. Please remember us specially in your prayers. The battle of truth against error is on but we have pledged not to be weary. It is with great joy that we at times remember our visit with you over there. It helps to strengthen our courage to stand for "the faith" . . . Nothing brings more happiness to us as the fellowship of saints walking in light . . . we are endeavoring to live with God and the saints through out eternity. Greet the saints on our behalf, especially at Enid and Guthrie . . . That God's richest blessings will always be yours is the sincere prayer of Yours in Christian fellowship,"

--Bro. Israel and Sis. Olga Smalling

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From Okla.: "I am still saved and going all the way with Jesus. I don't mean to stop any shorter than heaven. I want to travel this fall, if it is the Lord's will. Pray the Lord work it out for me."

--Sis. Lizzie Jordan

From Okla.: "I am still living for the dear Lord. I am feeling pretty good today, hope you all are enjoying the best of health and encouraged to live for God." --Sis. Mary May

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From Mo.: "We were thankful for having the privilege of being in the Monark meeting 2 days, sure did enjoy it. I was sick... my sugar in the blood is better but my throat is inflamed... I desire the prayers that God will heal me..." --Sis. Minnie Boulden

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From Calif.: "We are so thankful for the wonderful name of Jesus, the very one who shed his life's blood to save our souls. Without Him there was no hope for us. Oh, how we should praise Him for the great sacrifice he has made. May God help us to praise Him more. He is so good to us... we do enjoy hearing from you and also the little "Gospel" Mission Trail and the news. I'm sure it accomplishes its mission in many hearts. We do appreciate you sending it to us right along... Bro. Gene is not too well in his body and Sis. Huskey is still much afflicted. They both still need prayer... Our grandson fell out of the family car, speed around 40 miles per hr., sure got skinned up and bruised but no broken bones or concussion. The doctors could hardly believe it. They checked the Xrays 3 times and kept him in the hospital over night, but he's fine now... Christian love and prayers,"

--Bro. Gene and Sis. Loretta Harmon

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From Miss.: "I have been having some real spiritual blessings, along with a well body, for which I thank the dear Lord. He is so good to me. He never leaves nor forsakes me. I never go any place, without inviting Him to go with me, and keep me in His care. I love Him, because He first loved me."

--Sis. Grace Gill

From Pa.: "Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus! The One who is altogether lovely and never makes a mistake. He knows all about us and has given us so many promises to help us thru this dark world of sin. Praise His Name! God has been so good and has supplied all our needs and has watched over us on trips we have taken, for which we praise Him. Today is sunny and to go to 86... The summer is almost over. Time is surely fleeting fast. What we do, we must do now for time will soon be no more... Your sister in His service," --Eva Cox

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From Ga.: "I am happy to say that I am truly saved from my sins and can report victory over sin and the devil with a willing and made-up mind to go all the way with Jesus, my All, thank the Lord... Pray for us as we are doing for you all..." --Sis. P. R. Bowers

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From Mich.: "We do enjoy the visits of the dear saints. Dear sister Brant wanted to come and visit us for a few days but she passed away before she got to come... We would enjoy the camp-meetings if Ether and I were able to go. She cannot stand to ride and I do not drive very far now."

--Bro. and Sis. Floyd Hines

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From Kansas: "... Well, Bro. Willie, I am just improving just a little but mighty slow. I can walk better now but just seems like my legs get tired so quickly, can't stand on them very long at a time but I know that God knows what he has for me to do, so I will just wait on him. Maybe he is trying to show me something that I should do while I am still on his earth. I, of course, think I could do more for the Lord and also for myself. Hope you are all well and happy in the Lord."

--Bro. C. A. Stone

From Oregon: "God surely has given each of his saints talents whether they be many or few... We can use them diligently and faithfully and when the Lord sees He can trust us, He will give us more... I read a rather amusing article recently titled -- "Playing It Safe". A man once visited a farmer who was an acquaintance of his. He had not seen him for a long while, and from all appearances it seemed that hard times had befallen him. Wondering what had gone wrong he asked, "Have a poor harvest this year?" The response quickly came, "I didn't have any." Oh, I'm sorry," his friend sympathized. "Didn't you even get cotton?" "No, and I didn't plant any. I was afraid of what the boll weevil might do." "Well, what about your corn?" "Didn't put in any of that either," said the farmer. "I thought we wouldn't get enough rain." "But certainly you must have gotten some sweet potatoes." "No, I decided not to have any!" he exclaimed. "I was afraid the bugs would get them." No wonder this poor man didn't reap a harvest! He was so apprehensive that he didn't even try to raise anything. (Here is thy pound which I have kept laid up in a napkin. Luke 19:20) and he closed by saying, too many people make cemeteries of their lives by burying their talents. So it is, many will not pray in public because they feel others can pray better and won't testify because they say they would rather hear others and so they won't exercise what they have. When I got saved I told the Lord I wanted to be a minute man for Him and so I try to do whatever is at hand to do, if it be getting the preacher a glass of water or emptying waste baskets in rest rooms or opening up the church for early morning prayer meeting and seeing fire is lit. Most of my tasks are simple little things but they need doing by some one." -- Sis. Grace Jones

From Calif.: "If we are a child of God and trusting in Him, nothing can touch our lives but that which He permits... Saturday I was picking nabal avocados from the top of a 16' ladder and 12' pole. A blue-jay was scolding the three cats and me for being too close to the peach tree where he was having lunch on a ripe peach. In my heart I was praying and rejoicing that God was so good and precious to let me be able to do the things I enjoyed doing--230 lbs. of big nabals average weight 1 lb. each and no sore muscles the next day. Elmer and I are blessed every day of our lives with so many good things from the Lord. Elmer is still working at 72 and our cup overflows with happiness. I never forget this and want my Saviour to lead me in whatever He wills. Remember us in your prayers..."

--Sister Lucille Allen

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From Kansas: "Just a line to tell you I received the Mission Trail today, and have read it through. I enjoy it and do appreciate the testimonies. Well, I appreciate all the spiritual material I get... Here recently I awoke in the nite, and got to thinking about all of God's wonderful dealings with me during the last 50 years. I am 72 and am still saved. I live alone--but I am not lonely. Jesus is with me every minute. I am quite a few miles from a meeting place but go to church once in a while. Keep the paper coming..."

--Bro. Homer Fee

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From Okla.: "I am enclosing an offering to help keep the "Mission Trail" going out to souls. I enjoy getting it very much. This morning I am encouraged to press the battle on for our dear Savior who died on the cross to redeem our souls from sin... I love the Lord and want to do all I can to please him..."

--Sis. Floy Woolery

at press time

we understand:

Lord willing, there will be a fall revival meeting at Hoffman, Okla., Nov. 9th through 14th, 1976. We are asking the saints everywhere to be praying with us for the meeting. Every one is cordially invited to attend these services. For further information contact the pastor, Bro. Woodrow Warren, 810 N. Porter, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447. Ph (918) 756-6425--Sis. Lorene Payne

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From Wisc.: We are thankful for those who are standing for God and holding up the banner of truth. We are living in such an evil day. We need to watch and pray and read the Word much lest we be swept along with the multitude. Lord help us to be faithful unto death."

--Bro. & Sis. Frank Dietrich

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From Pa.: "I am enjoying the "Mission Trail". I read it from cover to cover. My soul is blessed. I am praying daily for your broadcast and the work of the Lord. Please pray for the salvation of my family and healing of my body."

--Sis. Anna Mowry

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Bro. Pat Cole's death on Aug. 23, was so sudden and shocking to the saints. He had been sick such a short time. He will be missed. Bro. Pat Cole did carry a great concern and burden for those who were afflicted and he often went to pray for them, encouraging the sick to have faith for their healing. Remember his companion, children and loved ones in their great loss. Sister Eunice Cole, Route 3, Grandby, Mo. 64844.

Carthage, Miss.: "We want you folks and all of the dear saints to come by to see us when you can."

--Sis. Dorothy Bridges

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From Ark.: "The blessings of the Lord are many. I only pray to be a blessing to Him, love Him more and adore His majestic power, His wisdom and love. I see myself as nothing, so helpless before Him, but thankful I can say "I own Him as my King." He cares for my needs and I do pray the very character of my life will reflect my dear Lord to a lost world or a soul"

--Sis. Lou Bray

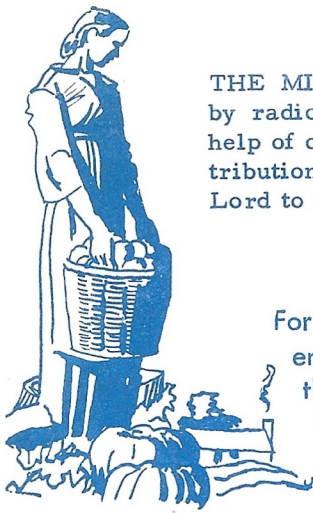
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IF GOD FORGOT

If God forgot the world,
 Forgot for just one day--
 Forgot to send the sunshine,
 And change the night to day;
 Forgot to make the flowers grow,
 Forgot the birds and bees,
 Forgot to send the sweetness
 Of the south wind in the trees;
 Forgot to give us friendship,
 Forgot to send the rain,
 Forgot to give the children play,
 Forgot to soften pain;
 What would happen to this world and us?
 Would you still be gay?
 If God should forget--
 Forget for just one day?

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We are so glad God doesn't forget the labor and effort which you and I put forth for the salvation of souls. Again we say "thanks" for all who help us keep the messages going forth.



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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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