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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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A Mother and Father Face the Supreme Test

They Went Through With Victory!

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Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful mothers! We are so glad for the virtuous Godly mothers who are helping to hold the world together as far as the morals and standards are concerned. And what is more important than this? Listen to the scripture:

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life." Prov. 31:10-12. So often when we read this scripture we think of a nice godly mother who helps with the duties of life, in caring for the husband and the children. And all this is true, but there is more than just living! There is coming to each man, woman and child a supreme test. "...it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:" Heb. 9:27. Not only should we prepare to live in this world, but in that world to come. I have chosen as an example for our lesson today a couple, a real father and mother, with two lovely daughters and a son.

Kenneth and Alberta Cook had faced problems in life, but somehow had made it through, hand in hand as their daughters, Julie and Brenda and their son, Kelly went through the usual stages and sometimes the unusual stages of growing up and developing.

But then there came a day when much of this was changed. On March 25, 1980 the Lord called for Kenneth Cook. As long as husband and wife have each other, things seem to hold together much better, but when one is left alone, the battles of life are different. Upon at least two occasions Ken had experienced some physical difficulties which seemed to indicate, perhaps a heart condition. And as we know so well, this would give reason for serious concern. The realities of life and death were faced.

Did you ever think to yourself, what would I say to my companion if I knew this was my last day on earth? or if you knew your companion was going to be taken from you at any moment, what would you say to that one? When father or mother is taken, are there things left unsaid which you wish had been spoken?

By Sister Alberta's permission I am going to share with you her own words as given in a letter to one of her friends.

It tells how they prepared for this supreme test in life. Alberta's desire is that God may be glorified through their lives. As she explained on the phone, she realizes that a door in her life has been closed, but she was not hanging onto the closed door and seeking that it be opened again... only that God may be glorified. Friends, it is our desire also that we may all be strengthened and better prepared to face the supreme tests in our lives when they come, as they surely will. I quote:

"...We cannot but praise the dear merciful Lord, that Ken was saved, and is at peace (at rest) and with Jesus!! The Lord had prepared our hearts some how, for this event. Ken had passed out 2 different times, after climbing stairs, before he died. We felt it was coming, but he did not wish to see a doctor even for an interview or examination -- well knowing God could take him or spare him. The day he died--at the breakfast table, I pushed a book over in front of him and said, 'Here, get yourself a good inspiring thought for the day.'--and he read where Gideon was so fearful of leading the army against the Midianites--and the Lord said, 'Go, and I will be with thee.' So he stood up from the table and said, 'The Lord said, "Go, and I will be with thee," and that's good enough for me!' And he left on that note--and was taken home a few hours later. God in his mercy spared me the last scene. And when I got the call to come--the Lord calmed me down and gave me much assurance on the way-- That His way is best! That to be absent in the body is to be present with the Lord. (Think of that!!) That to live is Christ, to die is gain!... and whosoever would save his life shall lose it, etc. and when fearful thoughts would present themselves He brought the thought of

the disciples on the ship, in the storm, --when Jesus calmed the sea--he said, 'Why are ye fearful? Where is your faith!'???

"The Lord has wonderfully comforted our hearts--blessed the children in a marvelous way. We determined to plan his funeral service that our darling would be honored -- but God would be exalted -- and Christ lifted up!! The Lord helped the children and me that we sang 3 verses of 'God be with you till we meet again' at the conclusion of the service. We praise the Lord for his loving mercy. We just cannot praise Him enough! He has blessed the children in a wonderful way.

They are living to go be with daddy-- and I surely am too. I want to get my work done, well done! Don't you? Yes, Kelly is 15 1/2--a dear tender-hearted boy--much like his gentle father. He is here today--(wearing Ken's uniform shirt)--pumping gas--waiting on customers in the station... At the present time I shall endeavor to keep the station--and keep it running, God willing. We have excellent help--and the experience is good for Kelly. My sons in-law, brother in-law and all my trusted friends and counselors advise me to try to keep it, at least for the present. Ken has been here 10 years -- and has a clientele of good and loyal customers. They like to see Kelly and me here--and every one is so kind. It is a good place to witness for the Lord--so pray the precious Holy Spirit to lead and guide us. He is faithful.

'I, no trouble and no sorrow, see today nor will I borrow gloomy visions for tomorrow, with my Jesus all is bright.' ... mother and daddy and I all flew back to Kentucky--had a beautiful uplifting service there also..."

End of quote. And thank you Sis. Alberta Cook for your willingness to share your experience of how you met your supreme test of sorrow! And may I say to all: If your mother is living, show her your appreciation for all she has done to make you happy. Neglect her not when she is old and gray. Listen to this poem:

IF I MAY HELP

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 whisperwords 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 best I can,
I shall not live in vain.

And now a few scriptures for guidelines.
"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God,
whereby ye are sealed unto the day of
redemption. Let all bitterness, and
wrath, and anger, and clamour, and
evil speaking, be put away from you,
with all malice: And be ye kind one to
another, even as God for Christ's sake
hath forgiven you." Eph. 4:30-32.

"Children, obey your parents in the
Lord: for this is right. Honour thy
father and mother; which is the first
commandment with promise; That it
may be well with thee, and thou mayest
live long on the earth. And ye fathers,
provoke not your children to wrath: but
bring them up in the nurture and ad-
monition of the Lord." Eph. 6:1-4.

There are so many scriptures to cover
almost every problem of life. And how
much better we would be if we gave
heed to these things. God has a way of
preparing us for the things which are
ahead, He knows our future and it is
His will that all be saved. He willeth
not the death of any, but that all should
come to repentance.

Listen to this one: "But now thus saith
the Lord that created thee, O Jacob,
and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear
not: for I have redeemed thee, I have
called thee by thy name; thou art mine.
When thou passest through the waters,
I will be with thee; and through the
rivers, they shall not overflow thee:
when thou walkest through the fire, thou

shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee." Isa. 43:1-3. Isn't that a good promise? But that is not all! "For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us." 2 Cor. 1:20. Then, what are we to do with all these promises? Exactly this: "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." 2 Cor. 7:1. This one says almost the same thing: "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." 2 Pet. 1:4.

Our Father, bless each listener in the way which they have most need and thine shall be the praise in Jesus' name.

Thank you, friends, for a few moments of your time. We trust that your life may be enriched and strengthened to face the supreme test of life. If we may be of some spiritual help, be sure to let us know. We wish all a happy mother's day. Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying God bless and keep you always and a very cheerful goodbye!

Testimonies

From Calif.: "Another month has skipped off and gone into eternity. The days just seem to come and go so fast anymore and this year which seemed to hardly have started will soon be half gone. Time marches on bringing us oh, so close to the end of all things. How we do want to do what we can for the Master for He will soon be coming for His bride and we must be ready when He comes." --Sis. Loretta Harmon

From Ala.: "I am saved to the glory of God and I am living to all I know and I mean by the help of God as to never commit sin any more, and yet I need your prayers. My family is well and I trust yours are. It is my prayer, Amen...I came to the truth twelve years ago to stay and to never go back. I am still standing for the truth. I have no mind to go back. I hope to meet you all again in this life but if not I will meet you all in that sweet by and by...I am yours in Christ,"

--Bro. Henry P. Effinger

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From Mo.: "Sister Carrie Woods was very ill during our last stay at the Golden Rule Home. It was such a great pleasure to 'take over', largely, in the care of her...the Lord took her Home about midnight Sunday night...It was a real blessing to care for her. She would revive when we sang and prayed in her room and hold her arm real high, until too weak to do so--otherwise she'd lay so quiet with eyes closed. She wanted nothing to eat or drink, amazed us all as to how she lived on, those days, without swallowing a thing to speak of, perhaps a few spoonfuls in 24 hours time. The dear Lord's ways are past finding out. She was unable to speak a word, could not get her to even shake her head for yes or no...I often say my testimony for the Lord is the same as that of every other one of Jesus' little ones. The Lord hath done great things for me(us) whereof we are glad...Kindly pray for us. We feel our days are really numbered because of our age now and the Spirit of the Lord leads to walk carefully, prayerfully and give good heed to ourselves, continually, so as to be a blessing in Jesus' name as long as He sees fit to let life remain in these human bodies...May the earnest of the Spirit be upon us to watch and pray as never before." --Sister Rosella Scott

From Calif.: "I am yet saved and trusting the dear Lord for soul and body. The Lord is surely good to me. He has spared me to see my 80th birthday the eleventh of this month. I am very happy to receive the Mission Trail. You all were so nice to send it to me for a long time and I thank you for that. I need your prayers... may God bless you all and his work..." --Sis. Katie Gaines

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From Oregon: "We greet you this afternoon in holy love in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood. We hope this finds you both in good health and enjoying the blessings of the Lord in both soul and body and encouraged in His service and receiving the comfort of His Spirit in all your tribulations... We hope the saints at Anthony were encouraged and helped through our combined efforts--yours and ours... We arrived home on the 1st day of May and found every thing and every body in pretty good shape here for which we thank the Lord... On our way home we stopped off for 3 days at Los Angeles... On Monday we visited Evelyn's Mother; also Bro. & Sister Abbott and Brother and Sister Huskey and Sister Essie Wilson in the home... They phoned from the rest home Saturday that Evelyn's Mother had had a stroke. It had affected her throat until she could hardly swallow. She could not drink water only as they gave it to her with a spoon and they had to blend her food and feed it to her slowly... We are praying for better things and we would appreciate your prayers with us. Will soon be time for your camp meeting. We would like to be there but will not be possible this time. But we will pray and trust the Lord visits Guthrie in a very definite way during that time. Will close now with Christian love and prayers from,"

--Ostis and Evelyn Wilson

From Minn.: "The way of the Lord Christ Jesus leads Home. I love the Lord because He first loved me and went all the way to calvary for me and all who have confessed Him as Lord and do His good will. I am well in the arms of Jesus for which I thank Him. I am going on for Him who does all things well. I am happy in the Lord for evermore. God bless you all as the time is short until the Lord comes. Much love and prayers,"

--Bro. Andrew Senti

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From S. Car.: "I am still on the battle field for God. Please pray for all us back at Holly Hill. We will keep praying for the sick ones everywhere."

--Sis. Lurline Scott

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From La.: "Greetings of Christian love to both of you in the name of Jesus, the Captain of our wonderful salvation, He, the One who goes before us conquering and to conquer, and if we follow and obey Him, we will always be conquerors too. Surely that is my desire and daily prayer, to know and obey His voice. I appreciate the Holy Spirit more all the time. Jesus said, "He will guide you into all truth." The Lord knew we couldn't find the way alone and it is through His Holy Spirit that He leads, guides, comforts, encourages, checks, reproves, rebukes, reminds etc. us. Surely there is only one safe place and that is to abide in the Lord. I wouldn't want to be without Him one minute... The great reward is at the end of life. Surely, at the longest, the end of life isn't too far off from any of us. Time seems to pass so fast. But, no doubt, the end of all things is nearer than we can realize... We enjoyed and appreciated so much having the Wilsons here. Many thanks to you folks for taking them with you to Guthrie... In Christian love,"

--Sis. Alta Flynn

From Pa.: "Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus! I am so glad to know He is my Savior and His promises are so precious to me. I wouldn't want to live without Him and I want to do more for Him, to help some poor lost soul find that peace that comes from knowing Him and living for Him...I still can't believe my husband is gone, but have to make myself accept it. When I'm up at nite, I keep still like he was there beside me. God is helping me but it is very hard. He knows and cares. Praise His Name!...God has supplied my every need and is so good to me. My sisters are so good to take me when I need to go. I make one trip do a lot of things, so it won't waste the expensive gasoline...Please pray for me that I will stand true and that I may win some soul to our dear Lord." --Sis. Eva Cox

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From Okla.: "Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I am happy to know Jesus as my Saviour, sanctifier, healer and keeper. The Lord is so faithful to his people. It is so good to hear the broadcasts, and an encouragement to ones heart and life. May it reach out to others near and far is my prayer. How true is the Word of God: "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do." I believe and know it is so." --Sis. Eva Penner

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From Oregon: "I'm thanking the Lord for good health and the many blessings He bestows on me daily. We can't begin to thank Him enough for the peace and joy of Salvation." --Lucille Trimble

From Kansas: "We are still thanking God for this glorious salvation. It is so good to be free and safe in the ark of safety. I am determined to keep pressing on in the name of the Lord and by his grace I mean to make Heaven my home. I am so thankful that I am much encouraged in spite of the abounding of iniquity all around us. Praise God we can still have the victory. I was glad to be able to attend the meeting in Anthony. We also attended the Coffeyville singing and a night of the Enid meeting...We really need some special blessings in these days when only a few seem to be able to keep the faith and keep their eyes on the goal. Self and pride are hindering and tripping-up too many people and it stirs us to be more watchful and prayerful."

--Sis. Shirley Knight

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From Oregon: "God has overfilled our cup with material blessings. At the so called "eleventh hour" God provided a place to move to for us here in southern Oregon. Bill saw an add in the paper for a caretaker's job on a small ranch up in the foothills of the Siskiyou mountains--22 miles from Medford. Right now it is beautiful with much water for irrigation--will be dry later as other times...we have much to do here, general cleaning up inside and out to get settled but so many blessings (a wood stove, much wood laying around outside) ...Love and prayers in His Name,"

--Doris and Bill Busch

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From Mo.: "Trust you both are well and happy in the service of the Master. We are enjoying the little Mission Trail paper and the Broadcast. It means so much to us as we don't get out to meeting. Bro. & Sis. Vada McMillian come to see us quite often. It means so much to us. We are still in this fight of Faith."

--Bro. & Sis. F. E. Wilson

at press time

we understand:

From Calif.: "It's that time again! Here is a little stamp money to help you in your--the Lord's work. I am still the same--so weak and frail, but we are still here and doing all right, I reckon. God is helping us to "hold on." We don't see Alberta often, but she is "holding up" well..."

--Sis. Armilda Abbott

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It is with sorrow we announce the death of Bro. Bud Porter, Springfield, Mo., May 3, 1980. Remember his companion and family in this time of great sorrow.

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From Okla.: "I am encouraged this morning to live pleasing to the dear Lord. The one who is my healer. Even He gives us the breath we breathe. He even takes note of the little sparrows, and we are much more in God's sight. So He is a mighty God."

--Sis. Floy Woolery

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From Kansas: "The more I hear the closer I think the end of time is. Such wickedness is terrible... Many times I tell myself for encouragement that the devil can't go one step further than God permits him to go, and that no trial will come to me that isn't common on to man."

--Sis. Mamie Norcutt

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From Ark.: "Would appreciate your continued prayers for my health. We are doing very well except for my health. We still remember the good visit we had with you and hope to try it again sometime."

--W. P. Cryer, Jr.

Sis. Emma Dilley would appreciate the prayers of the saints. Because of Dewey's ill health they recently moved back to Guthrie from Crescent. But the Lord saw best to call for Dewey on May 9th, 1980. Her address is: 192 Oak Park Addition, Guthrie, Okla. 73044.

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From Ga.: "Dear Saints, please keep me on the prayer list. I am still pressing on. I don't have many more days, I don't think."--Sis. Claudia Robinson

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From Calif.: "Due to some unfortunate circumstances together with the rumor that The Mission Trail had been discontinued, I have missed its inspiring messages for years, but at Pomona a few Sundays ago a sister told me it was still being published. That was celestial news to me. Enclosed find meager offering. Please put me on your receiving list again, and I'll be looking forward to the joy I receive from reading Mission Trail with glad renewed fellowship I am,"--Sis. Ethel K. Miles

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Sister Miles: "We are glad that it was an unfounded rumor and that Mission Trail is still being published. We give the Lord the praise and thank Him and the saints for making it possible for us to continue. We are now in our 16th year of the broadcast. Even in the midst of recession and high costs, still the Lord has supplied our needs. To His name be the glory. It is our great desire that we may live worthy of the Lord's blessings and the confidence of the saints."

--Bro. Willie



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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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