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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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Overcoming the Hard Things of Life

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Good morning to one and all! I hope that today's broadcast will help to stabilize every listener who is a believer in Christ! Jesus never said that by following him life would be easy. And it is for sure that all men are not going to speak well of you. So the secret then, is to learn how to overcome the hard things of life. In fact the stumbling blocks can be used for stepping stones if used rightly. And that is what I want to talk about right after this poem:

CHOSEN IN AFFLICTION

Though chosen in the furnace of affliction,
While trusting God, no evil can betide;
From ill comes good, when, under his direction,
You're passing through temptations sore, and tried.

From threatening clouds oft come refreshing showers;
Great calm oft follows tempests troublesome;
The darkest night oft ends in fairest morning;
From greatest troubles greatest blessings come.

From prickly thorns are plucked the sweetest flowers;
The bitter cold soon purifies the ground;
The darkest mines produce some precious jewels,
And costly pearls in waters deep are found.

The darkest cloud is trimmed with silver lining;
The sun is shining on the other side:
'Twill soon peep through; then, what's the use repining?
Cheer up! Remember, Jesus is our Guide.

God sometimes sends his children sweet love-letters,
In envelopes with mourning all around;
The loss of friends makes Jesus seem more precious,
And blessings rare in sorrows deep abound.

As rough winds make the sturdy oak grow stronger,
And drive the roots still deeper in the sod;
So we, while standing firm, with faith unshaken,
Are made to settle deeper into God.

Sweet fruit is often found on bramble-bushes,
Which grow where hideous reptiles hiss and crawl;
The sweet-brier bush sends forth delicious fragrance
When dewdrops from above upon it fall.

Let pain and sickness, trials and persecutions,
Let storms and floods of accusations, come;
We'll nestle closer to our Great Physician,
And trust him till we reach our heavenly home.

Now let us take a look at this verse in John 16:33--"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." This surely means that we are going to have some hard things to meet after we become true followers of the Lord. Satan, the prince of this world, will use everything over which he has any power to annoy and oppress us. Sometimes he uses professors who are not really true saints. And at other times he may even use those that are young in faith, who because of a lack of understanding, may not know they are causing problems. Jesus tells us to fear not, for He has overcome the world--which means that He will give us victory over every hard thing we have to meet if we meet it according to the plan that He gives in the scriptures. God uses the hard things that people say and do to us to perfect our Christian characters, if we meet it right. In other words we possibly need some corrections and chastening. This is brought out in Hebrews 12:11; listen, "Now no chastening for the

present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

God's plan for meeting the hard things that people do to us is to know that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28. So we are to turn the whole matter over to Him to deal with. This is exactly what Jesus did. Listen:

"For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls." 1 Pet. 2:19-25. So it is worthy of thanks from God if we endure grief, suffering wrongfully, and take it patiently. And this is the very pathway we are called upon to walk in. It is the same path which Jesus trod. Is that too hard? Do we expect better treatment than He? Would you be an overcomer? This is the way! Just turn your stumbling blocks into stepping stones.

In Romans 12:19 Paul says that we are not to avenge ourselves, but to get out of the way and let God deal with the matter, "...for it is written, vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." We also have the thought of humility brought out in 1 Pet. 5:5-7. We are to be clothed with humility, that is, with a disposition to suffer what is said and done to us in patience and without retaliation, leaving our wrongs in the hands of the righteous Judge. If we thus humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, He will exalt us in due time. All our care about it is to be cast upon Him, which will enable us to prove that he careth for us.

Here is a good example of the way Jesus lived in Phil. 2 beginning with verse 5: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." That is through verse 13.

We are to have the same disposition toward bearing the evil things that are

done to us that He had. He became obedient in this line of suffering without retaliation, or one effort to right the wrong which had been done to him; and even died on the cross. "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;"

Joseph is another example of suffering hard things in a right spirit. His ten brothers hated him for his dreams, and for his words. They were jealous. After attempting to dispose of him, they later sold him into slavery. A terrible lie was told about him which caused him to be cast into prison without any human hope for ever getting out; but when he had learned his lesson of humility and of leaving his wrongs in the hands of God, finally God's mighty hand reached down into the prison cell and placed him next to Pharaoh on the throne of Egypt, and brought to him peace and victory over all his trials. Furthermore, he brought his evil brethren to see the goodness of God and Joseph, then saved them alive in the time of famine, and proved that "all things work together for good to them that love God," when it is met according to God's plan. Instead of meeting evil with evil, he returned good for evil altogether. God tells us to do the same, "Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good." Not only does humility bring many blessings in this life, but it prepares us to meet Jesus when He comes. In Hebrews 12:14 it says that we are to follow peace with all men -- not meet evil with evil, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord.

Another wonderful verse is found in James 1:12--"Blessed is the man that

endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." It makes no difference where the evil is from, or whom it is from. It may be in home life, in the work shop, or in our Christian work, but if we meet it right, it will prove to be a stepping-stone to fullness of blessings here in all things, and to eternal life when Jesus comes. "By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life." Prov. 22:4.

God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill
He treasures up his bright designs,
And works his sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take,
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste
But sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan his work in vain;
God is His own interpreter,
And He will make it plain.

Our Father, we ask for an abundance of grace, both for ourselves and for all those hearing the broadcast. Prepare

us for every hard and pressing trial, as well as for all the little things which come unexpectedly. Now we commit ourselves into thine hands, trusting in thy wisdom as well as thy power. Keep us and all the listeners to thine own glory. We ask it in Jesus name. Amen

Thanks to every one who helps make it possible for us to continue with the broadcast. Expenses continue to climb, but God is still on His throne and we are depending on him, and those who have a love for the truth.

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

MY MOTHER

My mother brought me into this world,
 an infant so helpless and small.
 She spent her heart and time watching
 over me until I had grown so tall.
 She fed me when I was so tiny;
 I ate that she gave me to eat.
 She rocked and sang to me softly,
 until I was fast asleep.
 She changed my clothes, oh, so often,
 as only a mother knows.
 She awoke many times in the night and
 was up attending my woes.
 She watched me when I took my first
 step; for her that was the day.
 She watched me grow from an infant,
 to one that could run and play.
 She did her best to keep me clean; she
 washed my face and ironed my shirt.
 But that was to do all over again, when
 I would come in all covered with dirt.
 She watched me grow from my childhood
 until I was full grown.
 Her heart was with me when I married
 and had a family of my own.
 Now that the years have passed, she
 rests in a place Christ did prepare.
 By God's grace and mercy, I some day
 will meet her there. --J. E. Estopy

Testimonies

From Kansas: "It has been so long since I have written, why? I do not know unless it is neglect. I do enjoy the Mission Trail program. I thank the Lord for Christian broadcast and the messages as you bring it... I wish to share with you a poem I wrote about mother a few years ago."

--J. E. Estopy

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From N. Car.: "Dear Saints, Hello to everyone in Christ. Isn't it wonderful how the Lord decorates the earth in spring time? I surely want the Lord to decorate my soul in such a manner. It's a true mystery about trees; the buds appear on the trees and blossom to beautiful life. Thank God for two perfect plans: the way he cares for the world and our lives and his plan of salvation, a plan of life and happiness in this world."

--Sis. Ivy Lennon

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From N. Mex.: "Greetings of love in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am praising him this day for all the many blessings. This is a beautiful day he has made us to rejoice and be glad in. I learned this little verse off the thank you card you sent me. So I say it many times thank you... God bless you much for your service in him and I am grateful for the good I receive..."

--Sis. Ruth Doolittle

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From Calif.: "We are thankful we can report victory in our souls to-day. God has been so good to us. We find him a present help in time of need; I am so glad we learned to trust him for both soul and body. We do enjoy the Mission Trail paper very much, the messages, poems, and testimonies are encouraging to our souls."

--Sis. Mable Carter

ONLY ONE LIFE

If I could live life over,
 And know what I do now,
 I'd never make the past mistakes
 And sin I'd ne'er allow.
 I'd start right out for Jesus
 As soon as e'er I could,
 I know that I would always be
 So patient, kind and good.
 Because I could remember
 How harsh I sometimes spoke,
 And I would never try
 My parents to provoke.
 I'd know all the snares
 That caught me by the way,
 And I would not go near them,
 But look to God and pray.
 Oh I would never backslide
 So some day I could say,
 I always walked uprightly
 And never went astray.
 But alas! I have but one life,
 One alone to live,
 The soul that has been given me,
 One day to Him I'll give,
 And if I've done the best I could
 With all my sins forgiven
 I'll spend eternity with God
 And with His son in Heaven.

--Sis. Grace Jones

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From Oregon: "We have said our last
 goodbye to dear Sis. King and it was
 really hard for me. I loved her so
 much. She was like a mother to me and
 I spent a lot of time in her home visit-
 ing her and she also spent some time
 in mine. I will miss her so but I would-
 n't call her back. She has earned her
 reward and is now with her blessed
 Lord. She lived a long fruitful life..."

--Sis. Grace Jones

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From Calif.: "Today finds me still
 living for the Lord. I don't write much
 as I have arthritis in my fingers. So
 I will do the best I can. I enjoy the paper
 very much... God bless and keep you
 all."

--Sis. Esther Thornton

From Okla.: "Last Sunday's message
 was very precious. "Every word of God
 is pure: he is a shield unto them that
 put their trust in him." Prov. 30:5.
 It is so good to hear the word of God
 preached in truth. It is pretty today. I
 am working in the garden and out-doors.
 Potatoes are looking good. God bless
 the broadcast for dear ones near and
 far. Pray for us. I also love to pray
 for you all."

--Sis. Eva Penner

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From Ga.: "Dear friends and saints,
 I am pleased to send what I can spare
 in Jesus name, so keep my name on the
 prayer book. I will be 91 if the Lord
 be pleased for me to live till August the
 16th."

--Sis. Claudia Robinson

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From Minn.: "I am still in good health
 for which I thank the Lord who does all
 things well. He said He would supply
 all our needs and with me he has done
 so. Great are His tender mercies...
 We surely are in the last days. I am
 not looking for the undertaker, but am
 looking for the uptaker and His soon
 coming."

--Bro. Andrew Senti

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From Okla.: "It has been a while since
 I have written you. I am still on the
 battlefield for God. The farther I go
 along the dearer my Savior seems to
 me. I mean to fight the good fight of
 faith and lay hold on eternal life. It
 won't be long before we will meet our
 dear Lord. Do pray for us. We do
 appreciate the Sunday morning broad-
 cast."

--Sis. Theresa Gaines

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From Oregon: "Greetings to you there!
 We are having such beautiful sunny
 weather here. The fields are so pretty
 and green since we had rain last week.
 A half-inch fell in 30 minutes and it
 also hailed. I am thankful the Lord
 keeps us in good health and supplies all
 our needs. Do keep the Mission Trail
 coming..."

--Sis. Lucille Trimble

From Calif.: "This morning finds me blessed in my heart and soul and very much encouraged to live for the Lord. I thank him so much for touching my body and keeping me from having a bad stroke three weeks ago. I feel much stronger the last few days, and am looking to him to heal my arm and hand and area on my left side. I did have such a wonderful visit with my family last Nov. and was there for the meeting that Bro. Leslie held. It was really food to my soul to be home again and where I had gone to church before I married. I pray much for you and Frances and the work there. Please keep praying for us. Christian love,"

--Sis. Hazel Savage

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From Calif.: "Our summer has begun. So our irrigating season has started. Our Lord blesses us to be able to do the work we need to do,"

--Sis. Letha Reece

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From Penna.: "I greet you in that most precious of all names, Jesus, wonderful Lord. He means more to me each day as I grow older. I can feel His hand leading and guiding every step, the small things as well as bigger things. I like my apt. more every day. ...I feel sure God has put me here for a purpose, so please pray that I may be able to help someone find God. From my living room I can see the river. Across river, trains are going back and forth day and night. It is really beautiful here and they are landscaping now."

--Sis. Eva Cox

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From Okla.: "Jesus tarries and there is yet much to be done. We, the older ones remain for some reason. I mean to be true. I've gone too far to go back. I can say with the song writer, "The Longer I serve Him the Sweeter He grows..."

--Mrs. Chas. Kelse

From La.: "Bro. and Sis., you sent me a pretty card Jan. 16, 1981 and I held on to the verse ever since, that you had on it. I was so ill for the longest time and the Bible verse was ever before me! Psalms 125:1-2, "They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people from henceforth even for ever." So I took this scripture with me so far this year and God has shown Himself strong in my behalf. I have held on to God in this furnace of affliction and He is healing me, bless His name! I want to exalt Him and give Him all the glory due to His wonderful name! I'm looking to Lord to heal me completely so I can attend Hammond camp meeting... Love to all the saints."

--Sis. Rubye Quave

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From Okla.: "I feel saved and still living for Jesus. I am going all the way with Jesus. I don't mean to stop short of heaven. The world is getting in a bad fix and getting worse and worse all the time... The Lord is going to be here in a few more days and take us out of this troublesome world. I sure want to come to that meeting up there when it starts ... I am going to help out in that meeting all I can when I get there."

--Sis. Lizzie Jordan

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From Okla.: "Thank the Lord for being saved and in the land of the living by his love, mercy and goodness extended to me."

--Sis. Mary A. Brown

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From Okla.: "I sure enjoy the little paper. I am sending you a little money. ...I am not very well. Pray for me... I am still trusting in the Lord. Times are sure getting hard... We are looking for his coming any time."

--Sis. Jannie Hill

at press time

we understand:

SATISFACTION

There's no skill in easy sailing
 When the skies are clear and blue;
 There's no joy in merely doing
 Things that anyone can do.
 But there is great satisfaction,
 That is mighty sweet to take,
 When you reach a destination
 That they said you couldn't make.

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CAMP MEETING DATES

Okla. State is in progress at this time
 May 22, here in Guthrie and will con-
 tinue throughout the last day of May.

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Others to follow:

Holly Hill, S. Car., June 5 to 14.

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Tulsa, Okla., June 5 to 14.

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Jefferson, Oregon, June 12 to 21.

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Hammond, La. June 27 to July 5.

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Monark Springs, Mo. July 24 to Aug. 2.

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"When you get this letter pray for me.
 Pray for the cooks at Holly Hill camp-
 meeting, also our campmeeting that
 some of those lost sinners here will
 find the Lord. The brothers work so
 hard in trying to get lost saved. The
 chapel could be over full right here if
 people would come in and sit for a few
 minutes... We will have a few different
 kinds of vegetables for our campmeet-
 ing. I am expecting God to work mir-
 acles this June 5-14. Praise His name.
 What a mighty God we serve."

--Sis. Nettie Harbeson

Our heart-felt sympathy and prayers
 go out to Sis. Thelma Busbee in the
 death of her husband, Ray Busbee, on
 May 12. Their four sons and two
 daughters, and grandchildren as well as
 other relatives have suffered a great
 loss. Funeral was held in Guthrie with
 burial in Summit View Cemetery.

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Sis. Dorothy Bridges desires prayer
 of the saints for swelling of her ankles
 after some ants stung her.

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"We are very well and happy in the
 Lord. He is our all and in all, praise
 the Lord. We are here in Shawnee now.
 Ellen's husband passed away 13th of
 April. I'm here with her as she needs
 me so badly. She isn't well at all. So
 pray for us. We both sold our homes
 at Neosho, and bought us apartment
 a piece, so pray things will work out for
 us."

--Sis. Elizabeth Glass

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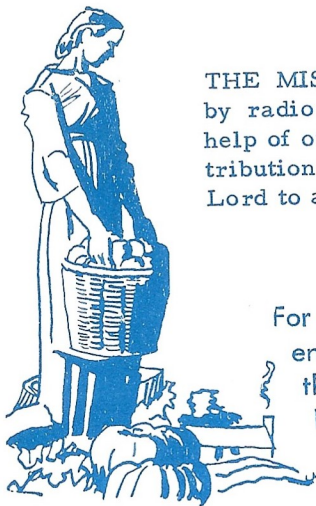
"The Lord is so good and precious to
 us. I had a hard time last winter; my
 head, earache and bursitis pains in my
 shoulder and back. He has healed me
 of all that and at the present time I'm
 feeling very well."--Sis. Floy Woolery

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"I am not feeling too well now. I need
 your prayers... I do so much enjoy liv-
 ing for the Lord."--Bro. Ralph Posey

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The swift passing months of summer are
 upon us again. What a privilege and yet
 they carry a great responsibility, that
 we may be faithful to witness for the
 Lord in winning souls.



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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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