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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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"Train Up a Child"

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Good morning, friends. It is a pleasure to be coming your way once again over the airwaves. We hope today finds each of you encouraged and pressing on in the ways of the Lord for surely it is a pressing way. There is one verse of scripture which says, "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." Luke 16:16.

We are living in a time when there are many problems. I am sure there were problems in this world before we came and there will be plenty of them when we leave here. However, I hope that we may, through the grace of God, contribute something that will be a help to those around us in solving their problems. Many of us are aware of some of the difficulties faced by the younger generation and may I say right here before I go any further that I am particularly concerned about the young people. They have plenty of problems, some of them for which they were not all together responsible. Some of these problems were handed down to them from the past generation. So they need special help and encouragement. When we see so much disorder, riots, and civil disobedience, I am made to believe that somebody, somewhere has failed to do their duty. Do you remember the old expression which says, "A stitch in time saves nine"? I believe that if more teaching, instruction, and discipline had been invested in the youth of our land, we would not be required to gather such a vast harvest of disturbance. Now someone may think, "Just

what are you getting at?" Well, let me come directly to the point. Listen to this scripture from Prov. 22:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Friends, do you believe that? This is a statement of fact and is not hard to understand, so when we see the reckless manner in which some of the youth of our land is living I am made to believe that some parents, somewhere, have failed to do their duty. Delinquent children are often the result of delinquent parents.

Here is something which I believe will prove interesting. It will give us a greater insight into how folks lived many years ago in the 1700's and the manner in which they taught their children. Even though we have more light on the truth in these days, it might be well for us to remember how they trained their children and take a lesson from it. Now, this mother of 19 children who lived in England had plenty of experience, and two of her sons were preachers. Here, then, is some of her letter to one of her sons telling him how she trained her family.

"July 24, 1732...Dear Son, According to your desire, I have collected the principal rules I observed in educating my family; which I now send you as they occurred to my mind, and you may (if you think they can be of use to any) dispose of them in what order you please.

"The children were always put into a regular method of living, in such things as they were capable of, from their birth; as in dressing, undressing, changing their linen, and so on. The first quarter commonly passes in sleep. After that, they were, if possible, laid into their cradles awake and rocked to sleep; and so they were kept rocking till it was time for them to awake. This was done to bring them to a regular course of sleeping, which at first was three hours in the morning and three in the afternoon; afterward two hours, till they needed none at all.

"When turned a year old (and some before), they were taught to fear the rod and to cry softly, by which means they escaped abundance of correction they might otherwise have had; and that most odious noise of the crying of children was rarely heard in the house, but the family usually lived in as much quietness as if there had not been a child among them.

"As soon as they were grown pretty strong, they were confined to three meals a day. At dinner their little table and chairs were set by ours, where they could be observed; and they were suffered to eat and drink as much as they would but not to call for anything. If they wanted aught, they used to whisper to the maid which attended them, who came and spoke to me; and as soon as they could handle a knife and fork, they were set to our table.

They were never suffered to choose their meat, but always made to eat such things as were provided for the family.

"Mornings they had always spoon-meat; sometimes at nights. But whatever they had, they were never permitted to eat, at those meals, of more than one thing; and of that sparingly enough.

"Drinking or eating between meals was never allowed, unless in case of sickness, which seldom happened. Nor were they suffered to go into the kitchen to ask anything of the servants, when they were at meat: if it was known they did, they were certainly beaten, and the servants severely reprimanded.

"At six, as soon as family prayers were over, they had their supper; at seven, the maid washed them; and, beginning at the youngest, she undressed and got them all to bed by eight, at which time she left them in their several rooms awake; for there was no such thing allowed of in our house as sitting by a child till it fell asleep...

"In order to form the minds of children, the first thing to be done is to conquer their will and bring them to an obedient temper. To inform the understanding is a work of time and must with children proceed by slow degrees as they are able to bear it; but the subjecting the will is a thing which must be done at once; and the sooner the better. For by neglecting timely correction, they will contract a stubbornness and obstinacy which is hardly ever after conquered; and never, without using such severity as would be as painful to me as to the child. In the esteem of the world they pass for kind and indulgent, whom I call cruel, parents, who permit their children to get habits which they know must be afterward broken.

Nay, some are so stupidly fond as in sport to teach their children to do things which, in a while after, they have severely beaten them for doing.

"Whenever a child is corrected, it must be conquered; and this will be no hard matter to do if it be not grown headstrong by too much indulgence. And when the will of a child is totally subdued and it is brought to revere and stand in awe of the parents, then a great many childish follies and inadvertences may be passed by...

"I insist upon conquering the will of children betimes, because this is the only strong and rational foundation of a religious education; without which both precept and example will be ineffectual. But when this is thoroughly done, then a child is capable of being governed by the reason and piety of its parents, till its own understanding comes to maturity and the principles of religion have taken root in the mind.

"I cannot yet dismiss this subject. As self-will is the root of all sin and misery, so whatever cherishes this in children insures their after-wretchedness and irreligion; whatever checks and mortifies it promotes their future happiness and piety. This is still more evident if we further consider that religion is nothing else than the doing the will of God and not our own: that the one grand impediment to our temporal and eternal happiness being this self-will, no indulgences of it can be trivial, no denial unprofitable. Heaven or hell depends on this alone. So that the parent who studies to subdue it in his child works together with God in the renewing and saving a soul. The parent who indulges it does the devil's work, makes religion impracticable, salvation unattainable; and does all that in

him lies to damn his child, soul and body forever."

Now, what do you think of that for disciplinary action as taken by a mother of 19 children in the 18th century? I am afraid that most boys and girls would feel they were being really suppressed if brought into subjection in that manner, wouldn't you? Well, I am not really advocating that they be handled in the same manner, but I do say she had some points well worth remembering and she let it be known that children should be brought under subjection to their parents. Remember the text. It says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Let us pray,

Our Father,
Bless this message to the hearts of each and every listener. May grace, wisdom, and peace be imparted to each one who hears this broadcast. Help us not to forget the instructions left in your word, but may we teach them to our children with diligence and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Friends, if you have any comments about this message, let us hear from you. Address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. We are trusting the Lord by faith to keep his word going forth on the air so long as it is his will. And now this song, which is an old one, "My soul be on thy guard." The singers are the Carvers, Lynn, Arnett, Genevieve, and Sharon.

Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may the Lord's richest blessings abide with each of you and a very cheerful good-bye!

Testimonies

From Okla.: "We appreciate every effort you folks are making for the gospel to be spread. There are many souls yet to be brought in before that 'Great Judgment Day.' Our knees shouldn't ever get tired of bending when pleading for the lost world. Of course those close to us of our family are a daily concern. 'Have mercy Lord, have mercy, Lord' is our cry. as we see them going in the way of awful destruction. We trust before it's too late we will see them washed in the 'Precious Blood.' Oh, that fountain that cleanses us from all filthiness of sin and flesh. I recall one time several years ago now, I was out doing some personal work for the Lord. I came in to eat a sandwich, but I was so burdened for a soul, that tears flowed from my eyes and dripped on the sandwich. I laid it down; didn't finish eating it, and I went back out to visit this soul as well as some others. Oh! what a blessing to my soul. But I've thought of the burden that was on my heart. I never have forgotten that. I'm praying that the Lord would give me a burden for souls like that again, where tears would be dripping on my 'sandwich' and I would have to lay it down and go find that lost sheep out in the cold, dark, lonesome, dreary world without a hope. Christ is our hope of eternal life, and our great rescue from the awful place of torment. May the Lord lead us to a lost one today with tears flowing down our cheeks, and our 'sandwich' left laying on the table. Delbert and I are very happy in the Lord and happy together. He is blessing us abundantly. Our union of love is a great gift from God. We enjoy our worship together so much. We both want to be drawn closer to Him..."

--Delbert and Malinda Flynn

From Okla.: "This is a lovely morning, looking rainy, not too cold, birds are singing a lovely melody, comforting our hearts as we go about the necessary duties of life. I have my chores done outside, a little cleaning inside. It will soon be time for breakfast. The Mission Trail and radio messages are an encouragement, for we do not get to go to services every time. I am living alone...Sister Peterson has been very sick, (here in Neosho congregation). The Lord has again helped her. She is so badly needed by her family... There have been many things to see to this last 6 weeks and I miss Chalmer so much, yet God comforts, strengthens and helps me...I expect to press on, showing Him I love Him (the Lord) for what He does for me."

--Sis. Doris Bowers

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From Okla.: "Hope you are well. I am not so well at this writing...may the good Lord bless you."

--Bro. Luther Reed

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From Texas: "Well, I heard the broadcast this morning. It's a beautiful day. It is so good to hear a saint's voice once in a while. I can get it clear when it's clear weather, no static. But my radio is about to play out. No one knows how bad I want to go to church, only some one that's isolated. May God bless and keep you all in the center of His will."

--Sis. Nellie Lovell

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From S. Car.: "The Lord has let me live to almost 72 years. I am so thankful. I can't write much but hope you can read it... please pray that I will live to please God to all I know how. Please pray for all the folks back here. We need it...I am doing God's will to all I know and I am glad He knows it... Please keep my paper coming."

--Sis. Lurline Scott

From Guthrie: "I surely want to make heaven my home. I'm so thankful for Jesus and what He means to me. It's been some time since I have written you. I appreciated your message last Sunday. I thought it very timely, considering the looseness, and the way children are turned loose today. Some of it might have been a little far-fetched, but I would like to see it tried, and I'm sure it would work if both parents see alike and both Christians. I wouldn't feel sorry for the children either. It would save them much trouble in life as they grow up. A child that is taught love and to share with other children and not want their own way always, learn to obey without complaining, will be saved much trouble in years ahead. I was quite young when we started our family and neither of us were Christians. I know I made many mistakes and blunders, but I did the best I knew how... God knows all things and I'm glad He does. I'm glad also He called after me and I accepted Him as my Saviour. He is all in all to me."

--Sis. Emma Dilley

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From S. Car.: "We trust these few lines will find you two doing fine in health and body, as this leaves us in very poor health. I surely desire your prayers. God knows our needs."

--Sis. Edna Crummie

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From S. Car.: "...we are not too well in body these days. Of course, we know we are getting towards the sunset of life, but thank the Lord, we are looking to the Lord for help. I feel the Lord is helping me, but you know we are not here to stay always, but I want to hear that welcome voice saying, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.' I pray that you will keep us (my companion and me) on your prayer list."

--Sis. Minnie Boulden

From Okla.: "I am encouraged to live for the Lord the rest of the time I am left on this earth. The Lord has been so good to me. He is my healer. He supplies my needs. He is my all in all. Praise his dear name."

--Sis. Floy Woolery

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From Pa.: "Greetings in the most wonderful name of all, Jesus our Lord! When we need Him, He is there. The words of the song are so true, "Never a burden that we carry, never a sorrow that He does not share, whether the day be cloudy or dreary, Jesus is always there."

--Sis. Eva Cox

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From Mo.: "We enjoyed our visit so very much and meeting with all the saints once again. I plan to come with my folks in May... May God continue to bless both of you."

--Joyce Hall

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From Ark.: "This has been a lovely day 70 degrees, so spring-like, tints of greengrass, birds singing at day and frogs singing at night, the wild geese and ducks are going north, so as God plans--so is it. Bless the name of our dear Lord."

--Sis. Lou Bray

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From Okla.: "Greetings in Christ Jesus. I am so happy to know God the Father, to know the love of God, that he gave his only Son, that we have an inheritance in the kingdom of God. Also I thank the Lord for the broadcast of the Mission Trail. God bless you in this work of the Lord. Thank God for the prayers of the saints, also we can pray for each other."

--Sis. Eva Penner

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"We lost our dear Sister Helen Haven. We do miss her very much and hope to meet her in heaven where there will be no sickness or tears or sorrow."

--Sis. Ruth Bethell

From Mo.: "We appreciate the privilege of trusting and serving our loving Lord and Saviour. We thank Him for salvation and the hope He has given us of eternal life, the best thing we can have this side of Heaven. Even though we are still in the furnace of affliction, we are keeping our trust in God and waiting for victory, which ever way it may be. For we know and have confidence in our Lord, that He knows best and will never make a mistake!...As Paul said, 'To live is Christ, but to die is gain.' So by the grace of God we mean to stand true and faithful. We covet your continued prayers. The battle gets very hot and these bodies get weary. But our souls are pressing forth!...The Lord is precious, and His dear people have been so wonderful to send cards, make calls and give of their love. It all has been a blessing to us. We know God will not forget their works and labor of love, which they have shown toward His name. Murphy has so much severe pain day and night any more. He only gets naps in between... his eyesight is very poorly and the light hurts his eyes that he keeps something over them and sleeps in a darkened room a lot... We need much prayer."

--Bro. Murphy and Sis. Natalie Allen, 1808 W. Thoman, Springfield, Mo. 65803.

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From Canada: "The message, 'Remove not the Ancient Landmarks,' was a blessing to us. When people try to remove the ancient landmarks, may it be just a little bit, but that little bit if they are aware of it, will bar them out of the kingdom of God. The word of God says: 'Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father...' It is our aim to please the Lord according to his word..."

--Bro. Alfons and Sis. Martha Oppel

From Calif.: "Just want to tell you that I appreciate reading The Mission Trail and I am sure that it is a blessing to people far and near. We appreciate your every effort and sacrifice to send it to the people. Wish I could get you on the radio. We continue to go to Mexico to be with the people and have services with them even though we don't go every week. We have services here in our home also and are meeting more of our neighbors and trust to find some souls that are hungry for God and the truth and we want to be pliable in the hands of God... Our children are growing up so fast and most of them doing real good in school, 3 of them are on the honor roll. They are learning English really good but still I speak to them in Spanish, can't seem to bring myself to talk to them in English yet... If you think of us please remember us to the Father that we can be all the Lord would have us to be. With Christian love,"

--Sis. Edith Lara

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From Kans.: "Well, we are still praying for the suffering saints and looking for deliverance for some of them thru healing and some through death which will transport them to everlasting peace and rest with no more pain or suffering. I am very much encouraged and by the grace and power of God I mean to go right on until the crown is won."

--Sis. Shirley Knight

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From Va.: "Truly as the song says, there is no friend like Jesus. He has proven to be the sweetest and best friend I've ever known. I love him today and my greatest desire is to please him with my life. I'm enjoying my salvation, for which my Saviour died, and desire to be faithful until my last battle is won. Truly there is nothing to go back to but everything to press on for."

--Nancy Wagoner

at press time

we understand:

The death of Sis. Thelma Sprague March 8th has brought a great loss to the saints in general, the Guthrie congregation, and especially the family. Moving from Illinois to Oklahoma a few years ago she has shown a great interest in the advancement of the work of the Lord. Many have read her testimonies and writings. Her life was not one of seeking for earthly fame or glory but to do the will of God as expressed in her poem:

MY LAST REQUEST

No earthly monuments for me
 Of granite, bronze or marble-stone
 No vain display of this old house of clay
 When I have gone.
 Why dress and deck to lay beneath the
 sod,
 That which is ordained to turn to dust
 by God?
 No solemn funeral march, nor grand
 bouquets, (give them to the living!)
 I shall have flown far past the sun's
 long rays
 To dwell in that fair mansion built for
 me
 By Jesus, throughout eternity!
 "The day of one's death is better than
 the day of birth"
 Why weep for me because I've left this
 earth?
 The weariness, the pain, the disappoint-
 ments I have known,
 Will all be past, all sorrow then I shall
 have flown!
 Be ready, "born again" and meet me
 at the Father's throne!

--Sis. Thelma Sprague



BRO. ANDREW SENTI

A greater attraction toward heaven is added with the passing of Bro. Andrew Senti of Minneapolis on Feb. 18 at the age of 95 years. He was such a faithful brother in the Lord and so diligent to support the cause of God. How his testimonies of victory and rejoicing will be missed by the readers of the paper.

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SPECIAL SERVICES

The Coffeyville congregation wishes to announce, Lord willing, to have a revival meeting (hopefully a tent meeting) starting with a singing the night of April 17th thru April 24th, Eldridge & Willow St. We are praying the Lord to burden the saints and ministers to come and help us in this out-reach for lost souls.

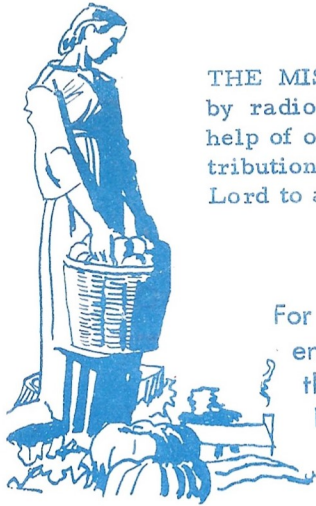
--Bro. Ralph and Sis. Inez Beisly

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Congratulations to Byron Loftis and Debbie Porter who were married in Guthrie March 20. We wish them much happiness and the blessings of God.

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We wish for all our readers victory through Christ as we approach the Easter season, spring and summer.



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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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