

Revival For Our Day, Inc.

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Dear beloved in the Lord Jesus, those who would go with God and do God's will by following the Christ, greetings:

In Ephesians, chapter five, it states: "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children." To be followers of God as dear children requires the spiritual law of following. Carnality picks it's own way to follow. But to be truly followers of God as dear children, as Jesus preached and taught, and as I have said over and over: if a person or any man or woman or boy or girl is going to follow Jesus, let him deny himself. (Now when I say, "...let him deny himself," I see a light afar off with my eyes closed.)

Most of us do not know what self-denial really means unless the Holy Spirit, in prayer and in experience, reveals it. It is so simple and we have preached it for a number of years. Unless self is denied continually the heart will not submit to the cross, and the cross upon which the self in us is crucified and slain must be assumed. (As I say that, there is an operation in my heart with light and like Springtime.) This inner-crucifixion of the self life is a requirement before we become a follower of Christ, a follower of God. In the carnal there is dullness of hearing and we hear only the carnal speaking. Only as the carnality is slain in us can we hear the voice of the Holy Spirit of Jesus teaching us how to follow God.

It is very important, very urgent, that each one who is saved be willing to deny themselves. If anyone who is forgiven of his sins is reluctant in denying the self life, then he is in a wilderness: he is only in a self-pattern and not truly a follower of God as a dear child. This is one of the great needs in Christendom--perhaps the first one. If we do not meet these spiritual requirements, even though we can sing and preach and win souls and do great things, we will be doing it in a certain pattern which man has devised beautifully and worked out in a lovely manner. It is not actually real. Therefore, we need to hear His voice and truly follow by continual denial. Only then can the heart pursue to allow the self to be crucified and pressed to that end. Only as this self and carnality is slain are we able to know what the will of God is by the witness of the Holy Spirit: and that is within your heart and my heart.

"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children." Dear children are attentive children, conscientious, long-suffering. Dear children are utterly devoted--they do not always have to be told what to do. They seek God's Kingdom first, not their own pattern and will. Dear children...dear: that is, they cause no trouble. They do not murmur or find fault or criticize. Dear children never do that. Children who are not dear do it quite a bit; but dear children are very precious in their manner, in their behavior, because they are washed in the

precious Blood of the Lamb. He cleanses the children of all these evils, iniquities, deceitfulness, in order to bring us to become like dear children. Praise the Lord.

Some time ago I called Brother Reimar Schultze and his wife in Kokomo, Indiana. We were talking and sharing about what God had laid on my heart in answers to prayer, guidances, revelations, directions and experiences. When I said, "Goodbye," the Holy Spirit said, "Wait just a minute." I had to call them back. I said, "Now when I pray whether it is Reimar, Marcia, or the children, there is no witness of the Holy Spirit. But when I say church, there is." So I said, "Jesus, when do you want me to be there?" You know, I cannot make the plans. Many want me in a number of places. I just have to trust for it. But when I prayed, the Holy Spirit witnessed to my heart that He would be with me there in Kokomo on the twenty-seventh and the twenty-eighth of December. That left few days for preparation because that phone call was made between the fifteenth and the twentieth of December. When we told them what God had revealed they were very happy and very thankful. Some of their people have written me letters telling of their joy and delight that Jesus would be so merciful, that God would be so precious to give me that guidance.

On December twentieth we had a Revival For Our Day director's meeting. We were privileged to meet in a very lovely, newly decorated conference room. Before it had been rather a pitiful looking place, but now it is exceptionally nice. When we gathered in, the Holy Spirit came with such preciousness, such wonderful work of His love and grace. I became very happy. I did not know I was going to shout and rejoice as I did. In the fourth hour, Guy William Young, sitting just back of me to my right, said, "This is my Christmas." He came as a guest with Rev. James Wright and Charles Payne. Oh, how the Lord blessed and how He led and how He directed. It cannot be conveyed to your heart or to your mind. With the very finest of words it would be difficult to ever bring to your hearing the wonder of His presence at times in those better than four hours of the meeting together. The Holy Spirit was so precious to lead and to guide.

In about the second or third hour I asked Brother Schultze if he had ever been in such a business meeting. He replied, "My little spirit is too small to perceive what is going on in this room." We were very fortunate and blessed of God to have Him lead like He did. In previous years God had led so graciously, I knew that it could only be by His grace that it could ever be again. Well, He again helped in His mercy and love to give us such a precious time. Most everyone, I am sure, was very thankful for it. We were so in debt to Jesus for the way He led, guided and directed. I want to praise the Lord for this marvelous work of God, for His wonderful help and love and care.

We went to Kokomo for the meeting on Saturday the twenty-seventh and the hospitality was excellent. My staff was entertained at the parsonage with the Schultze's. The people of Kokomo Christian Fellowship brought in the food and helped to serve the meal. Brother Schultze said the time together with our staff was so precious that it was difficult to end the little dinner meeting in order to come to the service at five that evening. We praise Jesus for His presence, for the Holy Spirit, for the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The meetings were very helpful and very blessed as dear ones have shared with me how God has really worked. It is difficult to express it. We were reviewing in these services that seventeen years ago on the twenty-ninth of December we were to leave Parker City about nine o'clock for our first pilgrimage into Israel. I had said to Herschel Johnson a few months before this that I wished he could go with us. He replied, "Oh, Brother Loran, it would be something for me to ever be able to get away because I am so needed at the plant where I work. It looks as though I couldn't get away." I have tried to be very careful and cautious in what I suggest to people, but I was strongly impressed to tell him: "Herschel, I believe that the Lord would be pleased if you were to go." He still didn't know whether they would permit him to go.

Not long after that he was going from his department down to the water fountain to get a drink of water. About that time he looked up, and there was the plant superintendent who said to him, "Say, Johnson, I hear you are going to Israel and I think it is wonderful." You see, he didn't have to ask permission to go. He had it without asking. And when he left his home the morning of the twenty-ninth of December, he didn't realize that God was going to take away the back trouble he had had for years. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever; and when he was willing to go, Jesus, the Holy Spirit went into his body and did a miracle by taking the suffering and pain in his back.

Jesus had revealed to me as well that Rev. Wesley Bullis was also to be part of that first pilgrimage. He believed what God had told me in spite of the fact that he was leaving his dear wife, Dorothy, with a severe sacroiliac problem which required him to adjust her from one to three times a day for nearly twelve years. (We reviewed this with him recently.) You know, to be responsible for helping your wife adjust her lower back over and over for several years, then to be leaving her for several days to go to Israel took quite a bit of faith for them and for me. That morning it was quite difficult to adjust his wife. He worked and worked with Dorothy and finally got it to slip back into place about five minutes before nine.

We had to believe that when that sacroiliac joint went back, it would stay. By God's help, it didn't come out the rest of that day. Through Jesus, it stayed all the next day, which it had not done for twelve years. All the next day it stayed, and the

next, and the next for a week. By God's grace, Dorothy's back stayed in place for nine days and was still well when Wesley returned. God did a miracle in Jesus' name to hold that sacroiliac in place. All those tendons, ligaments and little parts had to go back into proper position and then be strengthened to remain in place. Dorothy was able to go without that problem, to Jesus' glory, to this day. When we left on the twenty-ninth of December, 1969, God, in Christ, helped us so marvously in taking care of Herschel's back trouble and Dorothy's back difficulty.

We learned in one of the services at Kokomo that a dear sister and her husband were there from the Mentone Christian Fellowship. They had also been with us in some of the Kokomo meetings in June of this year when I shared about this miracle to Dorothy Bullis. At that time this young lady had suffered since childhood from severe curvature of the spine. She heard what God had done for Dorothy, believed, held on, and God began to do a wonderful work in strengthening her back. The wonder of that healing came out just a few days ago in those meetings at Kokomo, Indiana, as the story was shared and the experience was given to Jesus' glory, praise and honor. Praise the Lord.

During one of the services, a few came to the altar for prayer to cry out for the Lord's forgiveness, for the Lord's cleansing and sanctifying power. One dear person said that when we laid our hands upon him and asked God to send the cleansing power, the sanctifying power, it was quite an experience for some days and God was beginning to work more and more. Unto the Lord be thanksgiving and honor. Praise be to the Holy Spirit for the work of Jesus.

Edward and Jackie went by the home of our first cousins, Mary and Bud Little, near Hartford City. Bud told Edward that Mary had suffered quite a bit in her feet for some time. When we celebrated our fiftieth wedding anniversary June thirtieth two years ago at Ball State University, I was led to pray for the feet. When Bud and Mary were talking it over they realized that God began the work of healing at the celebration when prayer was made. Jesus went into her precious feet and began to eliminate this awful trouble and suffering. It was something to rejoice about that in the anniversary celebration answers to prayer were experienced. Praise the Lord.

Our going into Israel in 1969 was a very, very different experience. When I arrived in Paris my body was so utterly exhausted that I had to lie on a bench. We had to be there about three to four hours before going on. I don't know whether I have ever been exhausted like that in traveling. I had never crossed the ocean before. Now I've crossed the ocean fifty-four times. In Tel Aviv they had some old buses to take us to Jerusalem. The highways were not very good, and when we arrived in Jerusalem it was midnight. It was very dark and it produced a certain kind of feeling which we cannot tell you about. I cannot remember having such a feeling since.

The next morning we walked in various parts of Jerusalem and the vicinity through the rain. Our guide, Tony, would say, "Oh, this is so wonderful. Don't ask it to stop for we need this rain so badly." One of our dear ones said to me, "Can't we go back to the hotel?" I said, "No, we need to go right on." That precious one was saved just outside the tomb. He found the Lord Jesus Christ and was changed. It is so wonderful what God has done for him and for his family from that day on. We are very, very indebted to Jesus for the miraculous way that the Lord intervened and came into the heart of Comer Tankersley.

In the next day there would be times when I would say to my wife, "I have to leave the room." I would go down into the lobby and Comer would be there perhaps facing the wall working with his change in his pocket. I would say, "Oh, Brother Tankersley, I'm just so glad that you came," and I would love him. He has told me since, you see, that he had been drinking for many years and the enemy would want to tempt him with his old habit. But about the time the temptation would reach certain heights, the Lord would get me there to love him and to encourage him. That occurred more than once or twice I believe. He helped me be on time for our precious brother.

Then, of course, when we were leaving Greece days later, I looked at him as he was passing through customs and he was very, very sick with pneumonia. I didn't realize he had had pneumonia occasionally and would have to be put into the hospital. He was very ill with fever and weakness. I said, "Oh, Brother Tankersley." He replied, "Brother Helm, I am a sick man." I said, "In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth be whole." The power of God hit him through the body and made him well. Jesus took all the fever and weakness and made him a whole man right there. Jesus did a wonderful, wonderful thing for him. Days before he had asked the Lord for a miracle and Jesus gave him one for the glory of God and our precious Holy Spirit.

All seventy-two persons walked through the rain that first day in Jerusalem, but by God's grace there wasn't a sniffle or a sneeze. I think I became wetter that day probably than I had in many years, but God helped us. He was merciful to us. We had a meeting that evening, rather like a watch-night service, in the hotel lobby, which was the only place they had for us. My brother, Edward, had been burdened about going on the journey and thought perhaps he shouldn't go. But I told him that sometimes a burden is not a check, but a "go" sign. He believed me and he and his precious wife sacrificed to go with us. That New Year's Eve he was the first one to testify. He was so blessed because Jesus had given all of us such a precious time together in the city of Jerusalem. It is a wonderful story of His grace, of His love, of His holiness, of His purity and how He was able to give us such help from on High. It was a very, very dear time and we are thankful to Jesus for His mercy to lead and to guide and to direct us.

While in Israel a few days ago, we visited Brother and Sister Nicola Canavati, who own The Three Arches Gift Store in Bethlehem. As soon as I went in with my dear ones he asked, "Where is the picture?" I replied, "What picture do you mean?" He answered, "The picture of the four of us, the two of us with our wives." I said, "Oh, I have that at home." (I could see right away that the picture meant very much to him. I wanted to be very sure to have that for him when he journeyed to the States, which came to pass on the thirty-first of December.) While we were in the store he reviewed our first meeting one another. "When my wife saw you in Rome two years ago with your wife," he told us, "she saw this light and she began to change at that time." After that she would stay in her room and read the Bible and Christian books. The Lord has done a great miracle with her and for her. Nicola is so thankful to the Lord Jesus for what God had been doing in her heart. Before this she wanted a new home and he was going to build her a thirteen thousand-square-foot home; but since the Lord has worked with her, she doesn't want a new home. She wants to give that money to the poor and help with the church.

He said to me some time ago, "My wife is looking forward to you and your wife coming to our home. She is looking for the moment when you come in." On this past pilgrimage, that day arrived, and it was quite a wonderful experience to enter their lovely home in Bethlehem. I had with me my wife and daughter, Joyce Lee, Brother John McAdams, Rev. Oliver Hogue, and Brother Heim, our guide. Mrs. Canavati said, "I don't want the servants to serve: I want to serve this servant myself." She asked her husband if I might be seated by her on one side and my wife on the other so that we could talk with her. She wanted me to share with her whatever the Lord would so lead. As I was talking with them about some things she had asked me, the Holy Spirit would come upon her and she would say, "Nick, I'm not kidding you--my legs are so weak I can't stand up." The Holy Spirit had worked with her in such a precious way. Oliver Hogue told all of us that at the time the Lord was working with us in this manner, he received a great call to holiness. It is most precious that the Lord would do this. It was unusual. It is difficult to describe how the Lord was with us there in Bethlehem.

Nicola had told us then that they were looking forward to coming to the United States in a few days. They had wanted to be with us on the Sunday before Christmas, but because of situations on the West Bank, their obtaining a Visa was delayed about four days. Upon arrival in the States, their schedule was further postponed, and finally they were able to get here the thirty-first of December. We had already reserved the Parker Lion's Building for the twenty-ninth and thirtieth, but when their plans changed to the thirty-first, we all knew that this building in Parker City was reserved years in advance by certain groups. When Janet McAdams called to tell me that the Canavatis would not be here until the thirty-first, I asked, "Would you please call the YWCA. I

know many groups would like to have that large room which accommodates two hundred-plus people, but would you mind calling and seeing about it?" When she called the lady said, "Oh, look here--a church group was to have it the thirty-first but they cancelled two days ago." It was the desire of Brother and Sister Canavati to be with the people to whom the Lord had led us. To have this room open up to us two days before so that we could have it on the night of the thirty-first was quite a wonderful gift to us--a blessing indeed.

In the meeting on New Year's Eve, I began to share that if you would go from the YWCA building east to the first street, then south under the viaduct to the first street, then east a few hundred feet and come back to the left a little...that is where I was born February 3, 1916, just thirty-four days under seventy-one years ago. There we were that night just a little ways from the very place where I was born. My mother said that the Holy Spirit fell upon us as I was being born. I didn't know that until I was forty years, three months, and some days old.

So here we were in a watch-night service and I shared with them that from the very place where we were, if you go three blocks to the west, then two blocks south--that is where I was fifty years ago that night at midnight. Just as 1937 was coming in I was pouring gasoline into a 1929 Ford. Some of you may remember that the gas fill was near the windshield. That was what I was doing just as the sirens and the bells were ringing at midnight. I said, "This is interesting that I'm just a little ways from the very spot after fifty years. That night I was pouring fuel into a tank; but now we are trusting to feed by spiritual truths, spiritual sharings, the things of God to a people who will trust and follow Jesus, desirous to do God's will more than their own. It is by God's grace that it could be. We cannot do this except through Jesus. It is through God's mercy that we could be slain of this old carnal nature to be willing to submit ourselves to the will of God and follow the blessed Jesus, risen from the dead at the right hand of the Father, soon to return to earth for the Bride who has washed herself white in the sacred Blood of the Lamb.

I then mentioned that if you would go one block to the west, then about two or three blocks to the north, I was in a shoe shining place several years ago where they clean hats and shine shoes. I was sharing with two or three men about the Kingdom of God when a man gave his heart to Christ that day. He met Jesus, the Stranger of Galilee. Then I shared that if you were to go about two blocks to the west, two blocks to the north, then half a block to the west, I was in a shoe shining place years after that and was privileged to see a fifteen-year-old young man find the Savior. I said that it is through Christ I could ever have another wonderful experience like that.

I could have told them that if you would go one block to the east, three to four

blocks to the north there in a little place where they were working on my car, I was privileged to see a man find Jesus around the car as we worked together. That was years after that. Oh, we are grateful.

I shared with the people that if you would go to the south a block and go back two blocks to the west, I had a great experience there with a photographer one time. Our twin daughters were eleven years old and Joyce was fourteen. I said to my wife and children, "We are to go in here and get our pictures taken." They said, "Oh, Daddy, we are not dressed for pictures." I told them I knew we weren't, but the Holy Spirit told me to go in. I took my wife and children in. They went at my request. They didn't want to go in, but they did because I was led by the Holy Spirit. They didn't resent that, they just were sorry they were not dressed up. They went in rather hesitant but because it was God's will. The photographer needed me that day, and I shared with him. I thought that was significant.

Here we were in the watch-night service at the YWCA in Muncie, Indiana, and God came so sweetly and helped us remarkably. We received a letter from someone and they said it was the most wonderful watch-night service they had ever been in. When I talked to Rev. Richey the next day or two following, he said, "I want you to know that this was the most wonderful watch-night service I have ever attended in my fifty-nine years." We were in debt to Jesus for this guidance by the Holy Spirit. Son Jon told me, "Dad, I believe it was one of the most wonderfully planned of services."

When we went in, I did not know what to do...only to start sharing as the Lord gave these experiences. So each occurrence in the program was by God's mercy and through the guidance and the leadership of Jesus, the Holy Spirit. It was so precious. Brother and Sister Canavati were on the front seat in nice chairs. He had told John and me that he couldn't stay in a meeting more than thirty minutes without leaving, because of his strong cigarette habit. He is a Greek Orthodox Catholic by faith, and one time in his office he told me that during one of their services which lasted an hour, he had not been able to smoke a cigarette, and he had to have help getting up because he was rather fainting away. Here they sat in our services so wonderfully for over two hours. Between the second and third hour he and his wife got up and spoke. It was so precious how the Lord helped them to feel the love in this place. After four hours, they hadn't smoked. He said, "I'm a heavy smoker. My wife and I have been heavy smokers for years." Yet in the fourth hour when I asked, "Are you feeling alright?" they both said, "Yes, we are alright." So they didn't leave that room for over five hours and the Lord was merciful to help us. They felt such a presence of Jesus and God's love there. It was God's mercy and Jesus that helped and blessed us as He did.

There were various person singing and testifying. In the second or third hour I

had asked Daniel and Jenny Light to sing "Comfort Ye My People." In the fifth hour I asked Daniel to come with his banjo to present "The Reverend Mr. Black." Then he went into a series of beautiful gospel songs. After singing between eight and fifteen songs I asked him if he could sing one more. We shared some more together and then I asked, "Can you sing more?" Just as my watch indicated the midnight hour, Daniel was singing that old song "Precious Memories." As he was singing the phrase: "...in the stillness of the midnight..." I looked at my watch, and it was midnight! 1987 was coming in just as he was singing that phrase! No one could ever have planned it. All of our people were very thankful and amazed. God's presence was so precious.

Enroute to meeting the Canavatis at the airport, Brother and Sister McAdams had on their hearts to leave early for Indianapolis on Wednesday in order to go to the Fashion Mall to buy an outstanding present for my wife and I to give to Brother and Sister Canavati. They were able to bring them from the hotel then on Thursday to our office and to our home. Here in our home we shared about different people finding Christ at various places in the rooms, and about some healings here and there to the glory of God. After about an hour Brother Canavati said to me, "Rev. Helm, I want you to know that I have something in my heart which has never been in there before." I said, "Oh, we are so in debt to Jesus." I thought it was so precious that the Holy Spirit was at work in his heart like he had never experienced any time in his life before.

Then we presented to them this beautiful gift which had been purchased for my wife and me to give them. Now the Canavatis have many beautiful things in their home in Bethlehem. But John and Janet found a marvelous gift--three little silver sparrows. I'd never seen anything quite so unique in beauty in my life. It was so interesting. When Mrs. Canavati opened it she made such a beautiful little sound of childlike joy. In a moment or two Brother Canavati came over to me and said, "Rev. Helm, I want you to know that this is the first gift my wife and I have ever received." I was startled, for they have been married sixteen to seventeen years. "What?" I said. He replied, "This is the first gift we have ever really had." He told Jon Cullum, "You know, someone gave me a box of chocolates once." But many people have chocolate candy. This was the first genuine gift of quality they had ever received. In all their experiences with hundreds of people, of all the wonderful groups they have known and worked with, none had ever thought to give them a gift in their life. She spoke up and said, "We always give the gifts." So, no one had ever thought to give them a gift. We were rather astonished and humbled and grateful, thankful for Brother and Sister McAdams to have this vision to go ahead of time to get a gift so that my wife and I would have this beautiful gift to share with them. It was quite a moment.

Going into the restaurant that night, she said to my wife and me, "This is the most

wonderful day of my life." After the dinner was over and we came back and were standing in our front hall she said, "This day I will always want to remember...always the rest of my life." Well, it was a very precious time how God had worked. He told about all of his meetings in many places, but confessed that they were all on business. But he said, "This is the first place we have come for fellowship." It was only through the Holy Spirit that we could have fellowship together and that Jesus' love would be sensed and that God would work like this. We were very thankful how Jesus led and guided and directed. Praise the Lord.

We trust that each one of you will be encouraged, and we know that you will be as you do God's will in this year of 1987. We are thankful for those who pray for us and those who have helped us; for those who have sacrificed, for those who have fasted and prayed; for those who have been willing to share. We want to thank Jesus for each prayer because in my body and my wife's body there is such need. There is tremendous need in her toe. It is so sore that she can hardly put a shoe or boot on. You know that I have prostate trouble and, of course, you know that both of us need help very badly in various parts of the body. Thank you for your prayers. We rejoice for the way the Lord has blessed, how He has led and guided. We praise Him for every provision, that the Lord would make way and take care through Jesus Christ our Savior, for His glory and honor. Praise the Lord.

We want to praise the Lord for each one of the two hundred-fifty to three hundred Christmas cards we received. We were grateful for each one, and for those who sacrificed and shared in them we were humbled and thankful. We are also thankful for all your prayers, your remembrances, your fellowship, your understanding and compassion as you hold us to God. We are grateful for each sacrifice for this unworthy servant and servants of God. We praise Jesus, our Heavenly Father, for all the wonderful helps of God, all He has done for us in these nearly seventy-one years.

I want to also mention how wonderful it is to have my wife these fifty-four years since I was with her the first time on April the fourteenth. The Lord has blessed and helped me with her so much, and her music has been such an encouragement, not only to me, but to many. Our children, our grandchildren, our great-grandchildren, all our staff (like sons), our secretaries (like daughters), all those who labor with us have been such a blessing and encouragement. We can't praise the Lord enough for this. It is a wonderful, wonderful meditation and thought.

Forty-three years ago when we left all, we did not have very much income. Our telephone number was 980 in 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, and 1947. How many long distance calls do you think I was able to make? I did not make long distance calls on that number because I could not afford it. It wasn't because I didn't want to call, for I would have enjoyed it much, but we need wisdom to know how to

take care when our income is small. We did not charge on our telephone bill more than about one call a month, or maybe even five times in one whole year. We need wisdom to know what to do, where to go, what to say, when to call and when to pray. We need to consistently think about our being a blessing rather than an imposition.

When I wanted to go and visit Rev. Bullis or Rev. Boggs I could only go maybe one time in six months or twelve months because I knew it was not wise. Dear ones may get together once or twice a week. If we aren't careful, we can wear the people out and not be aware of it. Some persons take their children, and get so involved with the fellowship that their children go unattended and go into the bathroom--maybe breaking something or pulling something over. The parents are so involved that they forget to watch their children. I had to watch our children constantly. We did not go a lot with our children, but when we did, I knew I needed to watch our children constantly, checking every few minutes. We need wisdom to know how to care for our children, how to help one another behave ourselves at church and in the homes.

We trust that this year of 1987 will be a year of willingness to hear His voice and follow, to tread safely, cautiously and carefully to win souls to Jesus. I remember that last Friday evening Sister Pauline Lichtenwalter had called Virginia Yoder and shared with her about a young Jewish man and his wife who had attended our watch-night services. During this service he had felt like we were speaking directly to him. God was dealing with him, and Sister Pauline was sharing this with Virginia. When Roger came home he said, "Virginia, you need to call Nancy Marie and get word to Rev. Helm." After Virginia had shared this with our daughter, Nancy then called me. I immediately arranged for he and his wife to come to our home, and was privileged that night to lead this young Jewish man to Jesus in the Home Built by Faith. I thought it was such a precious privilege. We pray that he will be encouraged and strengthened as he returns back to Clare, Michigan, for he will be such an encouragement to Gary and Sarah and all the dear ones at Clare Christ Fellowship. We praise the Lord for all these wonderful experiences He has allowed us to have.

In Jesus' Name,

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Dear Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ,
greetings:

One or two days prior to January 1, 1938, I received a revelation that I should begin a revival meeting. When I consulted the church board, the two main men (the treasurer and the trustee) felt that since they were behind on my salary there wouldn't be enough money to pay an evangelist to come. I had not considered the aspect of finance, because I was proceeding on the basis of revelation. Returning to the parsonage, I prayed, and the Holy Spirit revealed to me that I could call the evangelist and have him preach the morning of the first of January as my guest speaker. This way I did not set myself in opposition to my board members, yet followed what God had shown me in my heart.

That Sunday morning the guest speaker declared the Word of God, and at the altar call Mrs. Arthur Brown came and gave her heart to Jesus. This really stirred the place, for the presence of Jesus was there and everyone knew that this was revival. The services lasted three weeks, and forty-five persons were saved and sought sanctification, because of the Lord's mercy. (The only persons who can be sanctified are those who have followed Jesus faithfully in the state of justification. If we try to be sanctified and we haven't really followed Jesus and denied self, allowing Him to slay us by submitting our hearts to do God's will, it's very, very much an impossibility. We cannot be sanctified if we haven't been faithful in the justified state.)

The church just about doubled it's attendance, and the Lord healed. I remember the treasurer's wife had been in an accident, suffering severely from fractures of the vertebrae and the pelvis. We gathered in their home to pray for her healing, and the power of Jesus came down in such a great measure that I saw her husband shake and tremble. Jesus had healed her. She asked her elderly aunt, who had been taking care of her all those weeks, to get her clothes because she wanted to get up, dress, and help with the evening meal. The aunt could not fathom such a thing, for her niece had been bedfast for weeks. "Oh, Edna," she said, "you are very bad." But Edna replied, "I was, but now I'm healed." She got up, dressed, and helped her aunt prepare the evening meal. The next night she was at church. Of course, it moved the hearts of the people and was quite a testimony that Jesus heals today as He did of old.

Carrie Heniser, wife of the Sunday School Superintendent, was suffering with pneumonia. The evangelist and I went out to pray, and the Holy Spirit came and healed her. That night she was on the second or third pew. Mabel Pearson had an awful sickness, something like tuberculosis. Because she could not breathe lying down, she had to sleep in a sitting position. We gathered to pray for her, but when we prayed, we couldn't

get anywhere. We tried again and there was still a hindrance. "There is someone here who needs to make restitution," I said. Finally two women came across the room, met each other, and asked one another's forgiveness. That moment, as we prayed, Jesus healed Mabel in a most wonderful way. In fact, she said that she saw Jesus standing in the gates of Heaven, and it was just like He laid His hand on her. Suddenly a red, bloody mucus began to come out of Mabel's mouth. It was an awful-looking thing. Of course, it rather frightened people. I said, "The unclean is coming out. Just believe." Well, she was healed that day and is still living. That's been over forty-nine years ago.

On the first day of January, 1950, I went to Greensboro, Indiana, to begin a revival meeting. As I turned south off of Highway 234 to Greensboro, the Holy Spirit within me would say, "Pray...pray...pray...pray!" He was telling me that all the wonderful things begun in that meeting could not be seen now, but would be brought to pass over a few more hills of time. It was a very precious experience as I preached that morning on revival. I said, "There are two types of revival. One is man-planned and the other is God-sent." After the service I was at the door shaking hands with the people when Ralph Stoots walked up to me and said, "Here comes one of the saints of the church--Mrs. Paul." Of course, I could see that by her countenance. Her voice was not even, but would rather go and come. When she got up to me she said, "Rev. Helm, the revival has started." I learned later that for one or two years she and Emory Reece's mother had met from time to time to pray for revival in the church. They would meet for prayer and ask God to send an awakening. And her words to me that morning after the first service were: "The revival has started."

About five weeks into the revival she came up in the pulpit and said, "Rev. Helm, the revival is on." And it was. Before church I would go into the basement to pray by myself. As I would kneel and cry out, the Holy Spirit within my heart would witness: "I am here in revival." Sixty-three persons sought the Lord. Six of the sixty-three had been called to the ministry. Some of these sons in the Gospel are still in the ministry; and how many have been called from their ministries and others called from their ministries on and on we do not know. So the Lord did a wonderful thing in 1938 and also in 1950. We want to be very grateful to the Lord for the work of the Holy Spirit and for His guidance.

Thirty-seven years ago tonight I was in revival at Greensboro. I preached every night until the twenty-sixth of February, which was the first day of the ninth week of the meeting. At the end of four weeks a very fine pastor and an evangelist felt that the meeting had ended, but the Holy Spirit witnessed to me that He would be underneath the next week. That fifth week He did a

wonderful, marvelous thing, for that Monday night I was led to preach the sermon: "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near." I had been speaking about fifteen minutes when Mrs. Ida Williams, a woman about sixty years of age, stood. Now weeks before I had stayed in the home of Orville and Ida Williams, and in one of our conversations during that time she had told me: "Only bawl-babies cry in church." I did not reply, but inside said to myself, "Oh, Sister Williams, when you find Jesus you may weep." That Monday night she was on her feet weeping and said, "I found Jesus at two o'clock this morning in my room." I tell you there was some rejoicing in that church.

The Holy Spirit revealed that the meeting was to go on into the sixth week. The first night of the sixth week Orville Williams was there. He was a promoter in the community and esteemed by everyone. However, he was a backward and shy person. He was so shy that when company would come to their home, he would go to the woods and stay until they left. When I saw him at church that first night of the sixth week, I was very, very thankful. When the meeting was over I hurried to the door so I could shake hands with him. But instead of rushing out, Orville was shaking hands with people in various parts of the church. It was almost unheard of for him. His wife came to the door and asked, "Rev. Helm, where are you having lunch tomorrow?" I answered, "At your house." (I didn't inquire of the planning committee because I knew I was surely supposed to be there, and knew that they would understand.) "And supper too?" she inquired. I replied, "And supper too."

So Edwin and I were there that day for lunch and supper. About five-thirty that evening in the kitchen Orville said to me, "I sure understand what you mean by that throbbing and pounding in your heart." I said, "Tell me about it." He continued, "Well, night-before-last I was at my son-in-law's about three hundred feet south of the church, and at about ten o'clock my heart begin to pound and throb. I went home and took an aspirin, but couldn't get it to stop. About twelve or one in the morning I said, 'Lord, if you take this out of my heart I'll go to church tonight.' It just lifted like that. I was there last night, and I know it was a step in the right direction, but I'm not right yet." I said, "Brother Williams, would you be willing to give your heart to Jesus if He calls you tonight?" He put his hand over his heart, pounded his chest and said, "If God puts that throbbing back in there I'll come."

That night they went with us, and I thought it was worth the whole six weeks just for them. Of course it was. About the third stanza of the altar call hymn, Orville came. His conversion was a great experience in that church. He told me later, "If I would have just reached across my wife's lap and got hold of Brother Lewis, I believe he would have come with me." I said, "Oh, yes, he would have come." They tried to get him to come, but he couldn't. He would have come for Orville because they were friends.

Orville began to write little poems and songs. It was a wonderful time of victory.

The revival there was very, very precious. Emory Reece was saved in that meeting. Joseph Reece (not a relative of Emory) is still preaching the Gospel and has had some wonderful experiences. David Rutherford was saved in that meeting, along with Charles Grider, Kenneth Cauble, and Roscoe Pheneger. The Lord was calling these precious ones into the ministry. Roscoe had been called for about sixteen years. The night of his conversion I saw him stand in the pew and just as he got up it witnessed in my heart. I declared: "Whatever you are going to say is in my heart before you say it." He looked to the right and to the left and said in a low voice, "Friends, I've been called to preach," and sat down. Kenneth Cauble had been called for about eight or nine years. The Lord worked there for His glory. We were so unworthy of having the Holy Spirit present to guide. Oh, what a privilege it would be to again be in meetings where God, by the Holy Spirit, would see fit to work in our hearts in the church.

It means everything to do God's will. I know I need to constantly do God's will, resisting all the accusations and buffetings of the devil. He constantly accuses and tempts and tries to make it hard on those who would want to do God's will. We must be sure we're doing God's will and not just what we think is great. In the fourteenth verse of the seventh chapter of Matthew Jesus said: "...and few there be that find it...", inferring that there will be few that will find their strait gate, their narrow path, and their way in the Kingdom of God. He said that few will find it. Eight verses later He said, "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name?" To "prophesy" is to preach, to present the Gospel; it is giving the Word, teaching the Good News. "...and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?"

Now you see, He says "many." How many is "many?" Before He said "few." How much is "few?" Well now He says "many." "Many will say to me in that day..." They will say: "I've preached. I've worked. I've given the message. I've labored in Thy Kingdom in Thy Name. I've cast out devils in Thy Name. In Thy Name I've done many wonderful works (miracles, signs and wonders)." This is the group of the "many." How many is that? Hundreds of thousands of millions are going to claim to be Christians because they've prophesied and proclaimed and forecast and told what was coming in the future; they've cast out devils as well as given their revelation; they've done many wonderful works in the name of Jesus--many miracles, wonders, signs, gifts, great things. This is what Jesus said. This group refers to the leaders of the church...church leaders who say, "We've prophesied and preached in Thy Name; We've administered in Thy Name." Many, He said, will be in that number.

In verse twenty-three Jesus says to these "many" who have prophesied, cast out devils

in Jesus' Name, and done many wonderful works in Jesus' Name: "And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you." Can you see that it's going to be tragic? Oh, I don't want to see this happen, but Jesus said that it would take place with many: this means the great group in the church. Only a few are going to find the narrow way. Many are going to miss it. "And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you." Jesus is speaking to these who did great and marvelous things: casting out devils, preaching, prophesying; giving remarkable presentations about the Kingdom of God, doing miracles and wonders, healing the sick, and I don't know what all. But He said, "...I never knew you."

Now this is to the many religious leaders. He said that many are going to say to Him that they've done all these great works in His Name--they've preached, prophesied, told about Jesus. Great things happened all around them. But He will say: "...I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." You see, it looked like they were performing religious things, godly things, but Jesus wasn't leading. God wasn't guiding. Many people think that if they do great things, beautiful works of God, that God is in it. We have to be sure that the Lord is leading; that He is in our heart by the witness of the Holy Spirit; that we're not working anything up and are not getting out of line, not trying to do this or that except we wait on the Lord and let Him lead. It's important, it's urgent, it's expedient, it's paramount that we wait on the Lord to be sure that Jesus is leading and that we are not arranging it, because He says that there will be many who do great works, but of these He will say: "...I never knew you."

Now how are we going to know when we are of Jesus? Well, the evidence we are of Jesus is that in our hearts there is love for our neighbors, for our enemies and for our persecutors as for ourselves. We love those who are unlovely. We love all people because Jesus said that we are to love one another as He loves us. That's not possible for the carnal man and woman to do. Carnality must be cleansed out of us through the Blood of Jesus. As we walk by faith and obey God He can cleanse out the old carnal nature so that we can do Jesus' will instead of our own will. Although we can do all kinds of healings, all kinds of miracles, all kinds of wonders, unless Jesus leads them He will say, "...I never knew you."

It is important that we be sure that we wait on the Lord and that the Holy Spirit is really leading it in the heart. You can watch religious programs on television; you can go to services; but if the Holy Spirit doesn't witness in the heart it could be possible that Jesus is not actually in control. It is easy for us to do it instead of waiting for the leading of Jesus, the leading of the Holy Spirit. This is a solemn message; a message of sobriety; a message of truth; a message telling that we need to be sure Jesus is leading, because it is better to know now than to wait until we get to the Judgment. As I read the scriptures there are only going to be a few who are going to make

Heaven their home. The Disciples, in Luke, chapter thirteen, asked, "Lord, are there few that be saved? And He said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." He said there were going to be many who would seek to enter but were not going to be able to strive to enter the strait gate.

It's been on my heart for almost fifty-four years that we need to be sure that we do God's will and follow Jesus. I know that it's by His mercies that I can do this. I know I have no merit. I have no virtue. It's only by the grace of God that I'm saved, only through the grace of God that I'll know what to do. We can do great works and they won't be of Jesus unless He leads them by the Holy Spirit, by His grace, by His Word, by His truth, by His power. It's "...not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." "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 which is in heaven."

There is nothing in the Bible that says, "Loran Helm, go thou to Israel on the fourth of December and come back the twelfth." That specific guidance is not in the Bible. The only way I knew (by the grace of God will I ever know again) was that it was in my heart when I prayed, "Oh, Lord, what day do you want me to go?--is it the first, the second, the third, the fourth...?" When I got to the fourth of December, the Holy Spirit operated in my heart. I prayed on and when I got to the twelfth I could tell it operated there; so we were to come back the twelfth.

If you will remember, they told us that just days before we arrived in Israel, it had been rainy and gloomy and bad. But from the fourth to the twelfth we had perfect weather. When we left on the twelfth, the weather turned bad again. So, you see, it's very important that we do God's will and not our own; that we be faithful to Jesus and follow Him by the Holy Spirit. It's by His grace we can. I know I can't do anything except by His mercies and His grace. We want to encourage you to just trust the Lord and trust God: to wait and to pray and to obey. If we don't obey each leading of the Holy Spirit, then we don't know what to do from then on. Every revelation of God depends upon my obeying the last leading, and the leading before that. We must repent of our disobedience so that He can lead us.

We have to die to know God's will. We have to deny self and die out to self (that's the cross, the inner death) to know God's will. It is easy for us in the church to try to figure out a plan, to work out something appealing, and to follow in beautiful patterns. Many don't realize that we've fallen into the pattern of just trying to work things out. People will ask, "Why haven't you built a church? You've had the ground for a few years, why don't you build?" Well, the Holy Spirit told us the building was to face the west and the pulpit was to face the south, but He didn't tell us to build. Some say, "But you're almost

seventy-one." Yes, that's right. I was seventy-one two days ago. But you see, as I understand God's Word, we're to wait until the Holy Spirit leads. If we try to arrange anything, then it's our doing. It may be beautiful, it may be miraculous, it may be wonderful: but we must wait until Jesus leads. And I don't know too much about this. After fifty-four years I'm just a beginner.

We want to be sure to encourage people to do God's will and not our own. The only way that we know God is leading is by the witness of the Holy Spirit. And if we are not living a holy life at home with our companions and with our children, then God's not in it at all. I've got to live a holy life with my companion and my children, my grandchildren, my great-grandchildren, my staff, my precious people. If, by the grace of God, I don't live pure at home and die out moment-by-moment, then I'll walk in the flesh, I'll work it out in the flesh. It's expedient that we wait on the Lord and do God's will. We know we owe everything to Him and we praise the Lord for His Holy Spirit.

We pray for Victor, who was saved in our front room just about a month ago. We pray that the Lord will someway help him, because a month ago He found Jesus in our front room at 528 South Fulton Street. We're so grateful, dear Father, that you would be so merciful to heal and to save, to cleanse, to sanctify and to deliver. We need Thy deliverance so that we'll be in Thy order instead of doing it ourselves. Praise Thee, Jesus, for Your great faithfulness to us. We are so needy. In Jesus' Name we pray for those who have prayed and fasted for us that some of them would be healed. For those who have sacrificed, that Thee could send back to them one-fold, two-fold, or three-fold. That Thou would be with the sick and the bereaved and the cast-down, and those who are in need now, for our need is great. Father, we pray in Jesus' Name for deliverance through Christ Jesus our Lord. Unto Thee will be the praise and the glory for all You've done, for all You are doing, for all that You will do. In Jesus' Name we trust. Amen.

I trust that you will be encouraged and strengthened as you wait upon the Lord for Him to guide you. Thank you all for praying and fasting for my wife and me. I also want to mention my gratitude and appreciation for all the birthday cards. We praise the Lord for each and every one. We are thankful for our staff and secretaries, for our Treasurer, our Financial Secretary, all those who help to get the letters out. We want to express love and care and appreciation for all your petitions, your prayers and for obeying the Holy Spirit. To Jesus be praise and to God be glory for the Kingdom of God to come on earth as it is in Heaven.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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p.s. of February 9, 1987:

As we began the previous Sunday's meeting at the Christ Fellowship here at Palm Beach Gardens, I started to pray and noticed the appearance of a woman. I noticed the way she was walking when she hurried out of the room after being in the service only two to four minutes. I knew God was working with her.

I found out six days later through a precious friend that this woman had come to our country from England for a seminar. When these two precious young women were sharing, she would say that it's alright for others to believe in the Bible, but she didn't believe it. On Sunday this young English woman wanted her friend to go with her to Epcot, but Sister Gladys said, "I can't miss my worship service. Won't you come with me?" And she consented to come.

At the start of the service she felt the power and love of God so great that she could not stay in the room. Sister Gladys hurried out to see if she was alright and this young woman asked, "That man on the platform...do you think he could pray for me?" Gladys replied, "Well, if the Holy Spirit is leading," and persuaded her to come back into the room. Later in the service I said, "Those of you who are willing to pray and to pay the price to be sanctified may come to the altar," and just about everyone in that room was at the altar for prayer.

Shortly after the service, as she got on the plane to go home, she said, "I am going home a changed person." We want to give God all the glory, Jesus all the praise. We thank Jesus for the love in that service and for God's presence. Praise the Lord.

I also want to mention that I've just returned from the ranch where I have my carriage and pony. My pony is getting so old. We pray that the Lord would help me find a pony to take JoJo's place--a pony with the ability to go; a pony who will not kick; a pony who is not stubborn, but pliable and teachable. The Lord knows how to help me to find one. We appreciate the Palm Beach Gardens Christ Fellowship providing the rent each month, looking after various necessities, and for how Edward and Jackie have helped as well.

SPECIAL NOTE FROM JOHN MCADAMS:

A humble thank you for all the remembrances on my birthday, January twenty-ninth. Thank you for all the cards, letters, and gifts. But most of all, thank you for the love behind them and the lesson in receiving that God is trying to teach me. Janet and I love you all.

Revival For Our Day, Inc.

March 9, 1987

Dear Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ. Greetings in the Holy One of Israel, the Great God of Our Salvation, the Bishop of Our Souls, the Ancient of Days, the Everlasting Father, the Counselor, the Mighty God, the Prince of Peace, the Lily of the Valley, the Bright and Morning Star, the Rose of Sharon--Jesus, the Stranger of Galilee.

Jesus said in the fourteenth chapter of St. John, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Now all who really love Jesus, who love God with all their heart, will follow Jesus faithfully. "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Love comes by total commitment and forsaking all as we yield ourselves after confessing our sins and iniquities and letting God have preeminence and Jesus His holy indwelling. This great love of God flows through us as the old carnal nature is slain out. But as long as our carnal nature is within us there is a divided spirit--a little love for the world and a little love for God. But Jesus, the Son, the Beloved of the Father, the Only Begotten of the Father, God, Almighty Jehovah said: "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

Now to love Jesus with all of our heart, with all of our strength, with all of our might, with all of our mind, with all of our soul, with all of our being, means one-hundred-percent effort and whole-hearted trust. It means continual obedience, because if we do not obey it reflects that our love is very shallow, if any. Now when I said, "if any," God says, "Pray." Our love is shallow or not to the depth it should be. So we have to die constantly to the self and let it be denied and crucified continually in order to love Him with all of our heart, for He said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

When He was here with the multitudes, about all forsook Him and fled. Many of the precious ones wanted to do His will, but wanted to sleep when He requested they pray. He said to us, "If ye love me, keep my commandments," and I know it's by God's grace that I can do this, for: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it comes the issues of this life." When our heart is completely yielded to Jesus, doing God's will by following the Savior constantly and continually, then the Holy Spirit will help us and assist us in the fruits of love, which are the aftermath of following.

In conversation with Oliver the other day we were talking about revival. "You know," I said, "revival comes by following Jesus." Now there are times when God sends revival up and over situations and circumstances. But I believe revival usually comes, or could come, if we'll follow Jesus. Revival simply means the fire of God is inside of us, that we are communing with God, that the Holy Spirit intimately is

working as we yield ourselves to follow the Savior. He said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." His commandment is to deny ourselves and to take the cross, to let this self be crucified upon it--which is dying from morning to night to the earthly desires, to the fleshly wants and aspirations, to truly forsake all, to leave all. It is to not save our life, because he that will save his life shall lose it.

For many years my burden has been that many of us in the church are working so hard to save ourselves: to arrange the program for convenience, to arrange the program of the church so it will work out for good. We will work it out for our family's good and for the school's good. Oh, we labor here and there to work situations for the sake of convenience. The tendency is to save ourselves, to work everything to the good of ourselves. But Jesus said that he who would lose his life for His sake and the gospel's shall find it. A person who is willing to lose his life for Jesus' sake (and He said only a few would be willing) would find this life. We must constantly do that, because if we want the blessings, the miracles, the signs and wonders (which are all wonderful) that is what we will be working for. But He was wanting us, if we really love Him, to believe--not to do our own will, but do the will of God, following Christ to love our neighbor as ourself and not make requirements and requests; not want a lot of questions answered: because carnality never ceases to ask questions; but the spiritual man or woman who follows Jesus unquestionably will receive the answer in seconds or in years to come, whatever God's will is.

When we love Jesus we keep His commandments. That is to go the second mile, go the third mile, go the fourth mile, go beyond what is required. When the Lord gives us His guidance, then we go that way and complete it. For instance, today I felt impressed that I should send money to a certain organization which feeds the poor. I also felt that I needed to write John and Jane Langdon and express my appreciation to them, because in 1959 he started leading the song services for me in many churches. I didn't have very many with me at that time because my brothers were in different places during those days. It was a number of years before my first staff member came to assist us. I felt like I wanted to express appreciation to John and Jane for helping us: for the hundreds of deposits made, for the many times of sewing. Twenty-five years ago John would come and work on things needing repair at our home. I knew today that I was to send them a few words of thanksgiving. My scribbles don't look very good, but, you see, I was supposed to obey and show gratitude and thanksgiving for all that they have done: for the upholstering, the sewing, the deposits, the books, the thousands of receipts, for this and for that.

We have many families who have helped us so marvelously and if I were to attempt to name each of them I wouldn't get done for a long, long time. Many times when I pray I try to lift all the men who helped us build our home. My heart wants to cry out, "Oh, Jesus, could you touch them or bless them when they think about those hours, those days, they spent in helping us thirty-four and five years ago?" And for all those who have helped us meanwhile, I have often found myself down on the steps of our home or somewhere around saying, "Lord, thank you for everyone who pounded a nail in this place." My wife's father worried that we wouldn't get enough nails in the house in 1952 and 1953. There were eleven hundred pounds of nails driven in those boards. That's many thousands of nails. I try to be thankful for all those who pounded the nails, who sawed, who worked and labored on our behalf. I try to be thankful for my brother, Richard, who managed the building of it for many weeks. The Lord helped me to raise money so he and his family would have some income. Then many would come to help during the week or on the weekend. So we are to show gratitude, and we are to be obedient in that which the Lord would have us to do. If God lays it on our heart to go over here and take care of this situation, then we are to do it. "If ye love me, keep my commandments," Jesus said.

His commandments are not grievous, but they do require inner death. They require a separation from the world and the fleshly desires. They require us to pray, to read God's Word, to witness, to obey, to deny ourselves, to follow faithfully, to commune in the heart, to cry out, to trust, to be close to the Lord. "If ye love me, keep my commandments." If they smite you on one cheek, He said to turn the other. If people murmur, love them. He said, "Judge not lest ye be judged." When we find fault with anyone, we're not loving Jesus--we're doing the opposite. When we complain about anyone, we're not loving Jesus--we're doing the opposite. When we make certain judgments about anyone, we're not loving Jesus. He said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." So when we make a judgment, we're not loving Jesus--we're doing the opposite. When we are harsh and hostile, we don't love Jesus--we are doing hurt and injury. When we are impatient and jealous, we are not loving Jesus--we're doing the opposite of loving Jesus. When we have resentment in our heart about someone's failure or about someone not doing what they ought to do, that's the opposite of love. We're not to have a resentment. Resentment and love are opposites. Love is understanding and compassionate in the midst of trials, tests, struggles and conflicts.

When we love the Lord we pray and we read His Word. We meditate upon it and we go the second and third mile. I preached thirty years ago on the half-miler. I never heard anything like it, I had never read anything like it; but I preached on the half-miler. Then there is the second-miler, the third-miler, the fourth-miler, and the last-miler. "If ye love me, keep

my commandments." So when we do God's will, we're doing what God is saying for us to do. We're going where God would have us to go when Jesus is leading and God is guiding us. It's imperative. It's urgent that we walk in the light as He is in the light, to have fellowship one with another and the Blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, to cleanse us from all sin.

We pray for wisdom and knowledge and understanding when we love Jesus. When we love Jesus it's because our heart is pure and the love goes to our neighbor, to our enemy, to our friend, to our children, and to our companion. The true test of Christianity is how we live at home with our companion, with our children, our grandchildren, our brothers and sisters, our neighbors. He said, "If ye love me..." It seems to me that God's heart has been broken quite a bit of the time since the Fall of Adam because man rather loves self, loves the things that will help him and benefit him, get him more recognition, more money, more things. Jesus said, "If ye love, keep my commandments."

How much do you love Him really? Oh, sometimes we love Him enough to go a little ways. We love Him lightly, or slightly, or a little less, or more, or much, or an abundance, or immeasurably, or somewhat. He said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." What is the measure of your love for Jesus? You may find it in how you love your neighbor and your enemy, those who will be mean to you. We're so thankful that God's Word is true and we can depend upon it. There isn't anything that's too hard for the Lord. I was in meditation this morning crying out in my heart, "All things are possible with God!" The Lord said similar things to Abraham and Sarah, you know, when the angels were there. We must have faith. I need more faith. It seems that I have so little faith. I need more love, Holy Spirit love. That comes by following Jesus and doing God's will, being obedient. Trying to have faith without obedience is not so good, is it? When you obey the Lord, it's because you love Him. He is then able and willing to give us faith, purity, holiness of heart, and the right perspective.

We are deeply grateful to each of you who fast for my wife and me. My wife was just reading to me from Guideposts Magazine about a lady who had cancer of the bone sixteen years ago. She was awfully bad and it looked like she was close to the end. But there were a lot of people praying for her, and in the night she saw a vision of a man. She explained about how his hair looked and how he appeared. He said, "I have come in behalf of the overwhelming numbers of prayers said for you." He repeated this to her, then said, "Things won't be as they once were, but be of good faith." That cancer began to leave the bone marrow and she began to knit. It was a miracle what God did. That was sixteen years ago and she is now eighty-three.

When Florence was sharing that with me, it made me so thankful, for I thought about all of you who pray for us. Multitudes of her friends called all of the churches and all of the Christians and had them praying for her, and I want to express appreciation for every one of you who pray and fast that we could be delivered in the soul, the mind, and the body: that we would not be decrepit in the body and in the mind; that the soul will be abounding in holiness and purity; that we will be able to get about--to fly, to drive, to go, to sleep, to rest, to move, to fulfill the opportunities of ministering as God directs. Moses was an hundred and twenty years of age and his eyes were not dim nor his natural forces abated. We know we are very, very grateful to the Lord for all this. All things are possible with God. We again express appreciation for each prayer and each fasting, for all who are sacrificing.

When Jewell Lampl pled with our people a year ago last December to help us, a number began helping us who had never given before. We're thankful for those who have faithfully sent in their offerings as well as for those who were going to, but forgot. We pray that the Lord will help them to remember. We pray for those who have not even thought about helping us, that maybe they will. We pray, also, for those who have finance and who could help, that perhaps they will. Only a few who have much finance have ever helped us. We're just trusting that God would have mercy upon us. We pray for those who are sacrificing for us. We're so terribly unworthy, for we've done so little: we've seen so few souls saved, so few believers sanctified, so few churches become one as God and Jesus are one. But what we trust for is that there will be a submissiveness, an obedience, a willingness, a gratitude, an appreciation and thanksgiving for what God is doing, what He has done, what He will do. We praise Him for that.

This letter has been hard for me. For days I wanted to get it written. A few days ago I even got everything ready, but the Lord would say, "Pray, pray." I knew I had to wait until the Lord would help me, for I need His guidance and wisdom and knowledge to understand what God's will is as I speak on your love for Christ and my love for Christ. What measure is it? What is the measure of your love for the Lord, for Jesus, and for others? It's by God's grace, through the Blood of Jesus, that we could be sanctified and cleansed and filled with the Holy Spirit. It's the evidence that we love all those everywhere as He loves us. We can't love everyone, everywhere, unless our hearts are cleansed of this carnal nature, this inbred sin, this carnal mind. It must be cleansed out continually from morning to night by following, by faith, by trust, by obedience, by yieldedness, by childlikeness, by praise, by prayer, by the Word, by truth, by hearing, by heeding, by following. We trust that those today who are in trial will be encouraged and strengthened by the might of Christ in the inner man. We trust that God,

through Christ, by the Spirit, will come to you now who are weary and lonesome and troubled and disappointed and give deliverance.

We thank the Lord for our staff. When I talk to our men I am so grateful. I am thankful for their letters to me. I am grateful when they pray of a morning. We had requested years ago that they pray each morning together and we are so thankful when they can, when they are doing this. They have so many things on, but it's such a help to have prayer made. That's the first responsibility, of course--praying and crying out, because they left their jobs to come to help us. I'm not young anymore, and I can't get down on my knees and stay an hour or two or three like I used to at their age, which I did for some years. They are so precious to me. They've helped us so much and are such wonderful assistants. We pray that they will be encouraged and strengthened and helped and lifted, given wisdom and knowledge, granted understanding on how to speak, how to pray, how to witness, how to call on the widows and the orphans, the sick and the needy, how to lead prayer meeting, how to lead in prayer in prayer meeting, and in gospel preaching. James was saying to me in a letter I received from him yesterday (it was such a beautiful letter): "I believe Brother John could preach at any church anywhere." I, too, believe that this precious servant could preach in any church. God has helped him so miraculously in preaching. I am very thankful for this.

So, we're called on by the Scripture to be obedient to love as He loves. I spoke earlier about the scripture, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Then He said that if we really love Him and keep His commandments..."I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter." When we really love Him with all of our heart, why, He's going to pray to God and He shall give us another Comforter that He may abide with us forever: "...even the spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." When we follow Jesus and love Him, then He's going to indwell us as carnality is cleansed out.

We thank the Lord for how He has helped our helpers and our assistants. Rev. Hill has been helping us for twenty-five years. Emory Reece, of course, began Revival For Our Day twenty-five years ago this next July to November. He did a lot of work, as did Rev. Boggs and Dwight Stoner. They worked together to help us, and we don't want to forget them and those who assisted us. How Kenneth and Vera helped, and how Vera did much of the typing for our manuscript in 1972 and 1973. There are many who have helped. Virginia Yoder assisted us in typing many sermons. There are those I can't remember. And, of course, we wouldn't want to forget all those ladies who have assisted in the mailing of the letters, who have worked in the office in recent years with tapes and with the Evangel

Voice ministry, as well as for Revival For Our Day. We are thankful for Kathleen, who is now in her third year, and how the Lord has worked through her to help us. Joan Patrick and Jo Anne Gilbert have helped us. Terrance and Martha, Edward and Jackie, and Brother Charles have assisted us in countless ways. There have been different ones who have helped. I can't remember them all, but there are a number who have come in to help with the mailings. I don't want anyone to feel badly if I can't remember your name. I know you won't be offended if I forget, for if we love Jesus with all our heart, we won't be offended if we're forgotten (even though I wouldn't want to do that for anything). We want to remember each one who has helped and assisted us in prayer and in many ways.

We are trusting God to make a way, as we are in need. In Jesus' Holy Name we trust that you will be strengthened and helped along the journey. Praise the Lord for all you are doing for one another in Christ's Name. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,

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p.s. I wanted to add, if I may, that last Sunday the Lord helped me, blessed me and directed my speaking on a scripture in a manner most remarkable. As we went out of the service Richard Smith said to me, "Oh, Brother, I am so thankful how the Lord gave you these many things on that little bit of scripture." It was so encouraging to me. Then, when I was talking with Oliver, he told me how our brother, Edward, was so excited, encouraged and helped with the message and had seldom heard anything quite like it. I felt myself in great debt to the Heavenly Father for the blessing, the anointing, the direction and guidance in the work of Jesus as He helped me to present it to all the dear ones.

Around 9:15 the Saturday night before, God suddenly put a compulsion upon me to call Everett and Opal Hogue. I had not called them for about one year to review with them that I had found them twenty-one years ago this month. When they came on the phone, Everett was so kind and Opal was so thankful and appreciative that God would tell me to call, for she had just prayed not long before, "It would be so wonderful if Rev. Helm would call and pray. It would be such a help." She was carrying a certain burden, and for Jesus to tell me to call was such a great blessing to me and to them. She had just prayed that day, which had occurred one year ago when they needed

it also. She made the request, and it happened. We were all excited and happy about this. When Edward told me the next day that I was right on time to the hour, I was stirred up! Edward was excited about how the Lord, during these fifty-four years, has had me at the right place, at the right time, helping the right people--timing me in various parts of the country and abroad. He was so stirred up about how God had helped through the years. Praise the Lord.

I received a wonderful letter from a precious person in Washington, D.C. They were encouraged and helped with our book, which Georgine Christensen had given them about a year ago. Their letter told how God had helped them through the book and what it had meant to them. We found ourselves very, very thankful to our Heavenly Father. We so very much need Jesus, the Holy Spirit, to guide, to heal, to indwell and to give direction. We are thankful for all answers to prayer, for each guidance and each revelation.

I saw a commercial on television about a Pan Am 747 jet taking off. Jesus spoke with power in my heart that this 747 was in great need, so I cried out. It was just a little while that this 747 had to release fifteen thousand pounds of fuel over the Atlantic in order to land, because two tires had blown out. I just sat and cried in thanksgiving that Jesus would have me to pray for this 747 in need.

We were richly blessed yesterday as Edward and I were taking some dear ones from West Virginia to the phone booth in Hollywood, Florida, where God gave me the revelation for Oliver and Barbara to go to Scott Depot. I saw a car with Massachusetts license plates and immediately the Holy Spirit spoke to me to pray for a family in need in Massachusetts. I found myself very grateful for the Lord's mercy. Rose Cox told Sister Jackie that she thought it was one of the most wonderful days of her life. I was so thankful for this, and for Jesus' blessing.

(I am now dictating this postscript to Kathleen by phone, and just a few minutes ago she shared with me that as she was transcribing the newsletter yesterday, she felt like weeping. The Lord had encouraged her very much as she typed this letter to you. It was a blessing and help to me, for I felt myself very small and needy.)

I feel so keenly my littleness, my nothingness. I have great care and concern for all of you that the Lord would lead us through these years together. It has been known through the ages that men and women should want to obey the precious Holy Spirit and follow Jesus. Amen.

Revival For Our Day, Inc.

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Dear Beloved in the Lord Jesus, those who are His followers, who love God, who love Jesus, who love their neighbor: Greetings.

The Word of the Lord in St. John, Chapter Fourteen, Verse Twenty-One begins by saying, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me." It is possible to know many of the scriptures, to recite them by heart, and still not have His commandments. "He that hath my commandments." The word "hath" means to hold, to possess, to own, to know within. It's possible to know theology, to know religion, to know about Christ, to know about beautiful things, to do many good and wonderful works, yet not "have" or possess His commandments.

The Apostle John said, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in Him." As I meditate on that scripture, it doesn't quite seem possible to love the things of the world and possess Jesus' commandments at the same time. If we loved the world, His commandments would be crowded out rather soon, don't you think?

It's important to know that we have His commandments. I believe that in order to possess His commandments we should love the Lord our God with all of our heart, with all of our soul, with all of our mind, with all of our strength. I believe that would be a requisite, don't you? I think, also, that in order to have Christ's commandments in our heart and life, we would surely need to love our enemy. Jesus said, "Love your enemies." Now I know I didn't love my enemies until I was cleansed from the carnal nature and baptised in the Holy Spirit in April of 1942. I probably had reservation or resentment for my enemies up until then. But after the precious Blood had cleansed, the Spirit of God came in and gave me love for my enemies. Then Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Would it be possible to have His commandments in our heart and not love our neighbor? Therefore, if we were to resent any neighbor, or have a little something in our heart about a neighbor, that would also prevent us from having His commandments in our heart, would it not?

"He that hath my commandments." Until three or four weeks ago, I had never preached on this scripture in fifty-four years. I had never seen this before. I had read this many times, but had never received the revelation. I am so in debt to Jesus for each guidance, each revelation He's given me through these many years. How wonderful and merciful He's been to us. When He revealed this passage to me, my brother Edward said, "I feel like you gave it in a way I had seldom heard." Then Terrance wrote me a few days ago and told me similarly that God had helped me in a beautiful, precious way. I felt so in debt to Jesus

for the fact that after hearing a little, humble, nothing servant speak for fifty-four years, my two blood brothers could feel grateful and thankful that the Lord had helped me like that.

So I see that, by the grace of God, in order for us to have His commandments, to possess them, to hold them, to redeem them, there must be prayer. Prayer...communion...adoration. Without prayer it would be difficult, would it not, to have His commandment, to hold it, to retain it? "He that hath my commandments." In order to hold them, there is prayer. In prayer there is praise. We can pray quite a bit, but if we don't praise the Lord a lot, the commandments may not remain. It could be that the commandments are held in our heart by praise. If we fail to praise the Lord sufficiently it could be that those commandments would slip away out of our heart, because when there is a lack of praise, there is a lack of adoration. In order to possess Christ's commandments there should be quite a bit of adoration, don't you think? Yes, we believe there should be. Therefore, praise is quite a factor in a person having and possessing, keeping and retaining, Christ's commandments.

"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me." We see that to possess Christ's commandments we should not only pray, but we must praise the Lord. It's possible to give a word of prayer and not have much praise in the heart. That's something to meditate upon, isn't it? He said in the Word that we are to rejoice evermore: "Rejoice in the Lord alway; and again I say, Rejoice." I see by that, dear ones, that it would not be possible to have His commandments without praise, without some praise, without quite a bit of praise. Now praise comes by joy and joy, of course, comes by obedience. It wouldn't be possible to keep His commandments in our hearts without obedience. To obey the Lord we must die out to the old nature, which is so selfish, so self-willed, and wishes to arrange everything. A heart that is slow to deny self is not likely to have Christ's commandments. It will require constant and continual denying of self in order to hold the commandments, because the self-assertive life will choke the commandments out. They will push them out the back door, the front door, or all doors of the soul, the heart and the inner life.

We see that inner denial, self denial, is an absolute if we are going to have His commandments. It's a tremendous area of truth. "He that hath my commandments." In order to have them I must not let self enter in. I must wait upon the Lord. Without waiting upon the Lord we will not be likely to have His commandments. Waiting upon God we not only renew our strength, we mount up with wings as eagles, we run and are not weary; we walk and do not faint. By waiting upon God we're taught how to

embrace and cherish these sacred words, the commandments of Jesus. If they ask you to go one mile, go two. If they smite you on one cheek, turn the other. "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you." To love one another as Jesus loves us is a new commandment. And self will not allow it: it opposes it, it stops it. This must be constantly reviewed or self will crowd Jesus out, will crowd God out, just like the children of Israel, who were God's chosen people, forgot Him days without number, as spoken of in Jeremiah 32:2.

In reviewing this text, we discover that the person who possesses Christ's commandments not only denies self, but is willing for self to assume a cross. He is determined to place his old, evil, deceptive, jealous nature on the cross to be crucified and slain. As long as our old nature is not slain, then there is not room in the heart to possess the commandments of Jesus. The carnal nature won't allow Jesus' commandments in. It won't permit it. To have the slightest resentment in the heart, to possess a slight resentment of anyone, of anything or any matter, leaves no room for Christ's commandments to be there. Resentment will prevent us from holding and having and keeping Christ's commandments in our hearts.

We see immediately that by obedience, by rejoicing, by dying to self--we hold and cement Christ's commandment in the inner heart. Obeying God, obeying Christ, holds and cements and presses His Word into the inner life, whereby we are kept by the power of God. Praise the Lord. Glory be to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, Who has redeemed us and given us peace and joy and gladness as his precious Word is kept in our heart by obeying what God says. If He says, "Stop," we stop. If He says, "Go," we go. If He says, "Go over here," we go there. As we do God's will in all things--in giving, in sharing, in looking after the poor and needy, in assisting our brothers and sisters, in waiting and praying...whatever the Holy Spirit leads--that cements, that holds, that keeps the commandment within the heart.

When His commandments are kept, the joy of the Lord is evident, for the commandments of Jesus are not grievous. One experiences great joy as a result--joy, joy, joy! Praise, adoration, glory to God. Any servant of God who has His commandments is a person of thanksgiving and praise; one who adores and loves Christ; one who is cautious, tender, and gentle. He who has Christ's commandments is always of a compassionate spirit, for where His commandments are kept, there is mercy. Oh, what wonder of His mercy. If there is the slightest spirit of criticism, or the slightest spirit of judgment, immediately it chokes out Christ's commandment. His commandment cannot live in a critical heart, in a self-righteous heart, in a self-assertive heart, in a complaining heart, in a murmuring heart. These evil attitudes will not let

Christ's commandments abide. But He that has His commandments hears the voice of Jesus and follows.

They who have His commandments are blessed, happy persons. Even though they may suffer or feel lonely at times, they rejoice in God's faithfulness, not looking to the negative or to the problem, but looking to the promise, to the victory, to the light, to the sunrise, to the awakening, to the ingathering, to bringing in the sheaves. They look to the building up of the believers, to being holy unto God, to becoming one as God and Christ are one. In keeping His commandments we are made in His likeness. He creates within us His own beauty and purity and holiness by the precious Blood, by the Holy Spirit's work.

This twenty-first verse of the fourteenth chapter of St. John reveals an immense wonder of truth that is not only challenging and informative, but is telling us how to follow, how to hear. As we keep His commandments He begins to teach us, by His grace, how to hear and how to follow by His inner work. This cannot be learned simply by reading a book or talking, but is learned by dying, by obeying. It's learned by following what the Holy Spirit leads and directs. "He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me." We keep the commandments by following Jesus. To follow is inner death, inner submission, inner compliance with the Word of God. We keep His commandments, by His grace, as we obey. "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

We are thankful for the love of God in Christ. We want to be very grateful for His mercies and for His grace, for the precious Blood to cleanse and sanctify. We are thankful for the Holy Spirit to infill us and have His preeminence within us as we follow Jesus and love all peoples as He loves us. As we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, all things we need will be added. As we follow Jesus, obeying our Heavenly Father in all things--in the little, seemingly unimportant things--by God's grace, we keep His commandments. All the while it is through Jesus that we're kept from danger and darkness, pitfalls and evil, as we follow and are brought to that good, acceptable purpose of God.

On the twenty-first of March I called Brother Horace Reynolds to thank him. I said, "Thirty-five years ago this morning, Brother Reynolds, I came to your farm because you had given us the trees in your thirty acres of woods. When I arrived it was chilly. The wind was penetrating and sharp. You went into the house and brought me an old army cap which you had had for some years. It came down around my neck and fastened in front around my throat. I still have that cap."

I thanked him for the trees, for the old hat and for his kindness: for what he and

his wife had done for me, my wife and our children. We had no finance and didn't know how we were going to get any material to build the house. By God's grace, I had seen the home promised in light by the Spirit in the spring of 1934. And now, on March 21, 1952, the first trees were to be cut down for our home which the Lord had revealed. I felt so unworthy. But I wanted Brother Reynolds to know how thankful I was after thirty-five years, even though I had called him the first year, the second year, the third, and the fourth. I tried to call him year after year on the twenty-first through the twenty-eighth of March. It was so important to us and to our walk with God. I tried to express to him my deep gratitude for those trees that were sawed into timbers for studdings, floor joists, rafters, planks and all the pieces of wood we needed for the building of that home. He replied, "Thank you for calling."

We reviewed together that day in 1952. It had rained and when I arrived, we couldn't get back through the lane. There were four of us, and we had to carry all the equipment through the fields and over the fences back to the woods. I didn't know any of the men but the foreman. One of the men told me that morning, "To my shame, I know more gamblers and drunkards than anyone else in New Castle, Indiana." Of course, I just loved him. I remember that about noon-time I was trying to get through the woods so that I would not be an imposition upon them. I got a distance away when they called out to me, "Rev. Helm, where are you going?" I answered, "Well, I'm going to another part of the woods." They said, "Oh, no, come back. We are going to share our lunch with you." I said, "Oh, I hesitate to take any of your food." But they insisted, "We want to share our sandwiches here." So I consented and told them how thankful I was.

They asked, "Would you like to have the prayer?" I got down to pray, and when I prayed the glory of God began to fall. The joy of the Lord came within me. I was so happy. It seemed like I was as happy as if I were in king's palace. The power of the Holy Spirit came down so sweetly as I blessed their little lunches which they were going to share with me. When I opened my eyes, the man on the back log, who had told me he knew more gamblers and drunkards, to his shame, than anyone else in New Castle, was shining and a light was all over his face. The tears were coming down his cheeks. I got to thinking recently that no doubt he met Jesus right then. Jesus was right there with us. All this man had to say was, "Lord, I'm sorry for my sin." He had shown a rather repentant spirit when he had talked with me previously, and it could be that he found the Lord right there on that back log. I've seldom ever seen sinners shine and weep in prayer time, have you? The Lord helped us in such a wonderful manner, giving us a great time together in that woods.

On the twenty-eighth of March, seven days later, they were able to cut the last logs. The next to the last tree cut was a red

oak one-hundred-thirty-eight years of age. That mean' that it had started to grow way back in the eighteen hundreds. It was a little sapling when my great-great-grandfather gave the land to the Methodist Church one-hundred-ten-years ago or more. This little tree was growing for his great-great-grandson, by God's grace, who was to walk with the Lord by faith. It would be cut down to become part of the material for a home for his wife and children. Oh, I was very happy. I was thrilled. By then the lane had dried enough for us to drive on it. When we got in the car to go back up to the barn lot, I asked him if I could have a prayer again. I began to pray sitting between the two men. Soon I was crying and praising the Lord and shouting a bit in thanksgiving and praise, because the material had just been cut for our home, which God had revealed to me in the year of 1934. In this woods the promise was beginning to bud, the trees were cut. The roots of the home were here in this woods. Hallelujah! We had quite a time of thanksgiving.

It was quite late by that time, and I had fifteen-and-a-half miles to go from the farm to our home. I needed to wash, shave, and get ready to go to church nearly twenty-eight miles away in Greenfork. But when I got into my car, the Holy Spirit checked me about leaving. Brother Reynolds sat down beside me and his son, Philip, got in the back seat. I began to share about how one is converted: how we meet Jesus, how Christ comes into our heart. I looked around and precious Philip, who was twelve or thirteen years old, had a light all over his face. There was such a smile and glow. I asked, "Philip, did you just find Jesus?" He replied, "Yes." I said, "Oh, the angels are rejoicing. Jesus has just come into this precious son's heart." Isn't it wonderful! The day the last tree was cut for a home to be built by faith, precious Philip, the son of the brother and sister who gave us the trees, was so moved by the Holy Spirit that he found the Savior. This young man's salvation was worth more than all the homes that would ever be constructed. It was a glorious moment led and inspired by the Holy Spirit. I thought that surely I was free to go home now. But when I tried to leave, again the Holy Spirit revealed that there was something else in the heart of God for this moment.

I inquired, "Jesus, what are you telling me?" Finally Brother Reynolds, who was an extremely quiet, retiring man, confessed, "Well, the boy's eyes are not so well." I took my Thompson Chain Reference Bible and it opened to the thirteenth chapter of Hebrews: "Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Precious Philip could not even read the large print at the top of the page when the Bible was held twelve to fourteen inches from his eyes. From the front seat I reached back to this dear son who had just met the Savior. I placed my thumb and index finger on his eyes and began to pray the best I knew. I prayed once, and prayed

twice. About the third time I began to pray, the power of God came through my arm. Seldom have I experienced the power and presence of the Lord's healing power as it entered right below the elbow, came through the wrist, down my hand and into my thumb and finger. By God's grace, I knew this young man had been healed. When he opened his eyes, not only could he read the large type, but he was able to come down and read the third verse of the thirteenth chapter of Hebrews in the fine print!

It was a great miracle of Jesus' love and guidance, all to His glory and praise. We were so very, very thankful. We went into the kitchen to tell Philip's mother that her son had just met Jesus and that God had touched his eyes. This humble family had given the trees of their woods to help a little, nothing servant who was trusting God entirely, and the Lord had returned to them that which no man could give--salvation and healing to their son. It was something to be very thankful for. Praise the Lord. We want to thank Jesus for all He has done in making a way for us where there seemed to be none. Hallelujah!

On the seventeenth day of March, I said to my wife, "Honey, you played at a wedding forty-one years ago today. One of the songs you sang was 'Savior, like a Shepherd lead us; much we need Thy tender care.'" I called this couple and sang a happy anniversary song to them. They appreciated it. Thirty-two years ago today, March 27th, I had planned a surprise birthday party for my wife's mother. When I returned home from church, there were seven to eight inches of snow on the ground. I got Mother Spence in the car and drove her around the village in order to give Uncle Carl, Aunt Maude, Mother, Daddy, Hillard and Lilly time to prepare our house for her little surprise. There was so much snow on the ground that we couldn't even get to the home of one of our great uncles. When we returned to the house and walked through into the kitchen Mother was saying, "As we passed your parent's house I felt glad that Mother Helm's boy was my boy." And then she was surprised by loved ones on her birthday. How thankful my wife and I were to be able to give this surprise birthday party for Mother Spence. She had helped celebrate many things for other people, but had never had much of anything like this in sixty-seven years. That took place thirty-two years ago today.

Thirty-six or thirty-seven years ago, I walked out of our house at 616 West Washington Street and picked a variety of tulips that were very beautiful and very different. I arranged them into an attractive bouquet and traveled the twenty-eight miles to Parker City. At the Spence home I came through from the dining room door and knocked. When Mother Spence opened the door, I sang, "Happy birthday to you!" She began to cry, and with tears running down her cheeks she said, "Oh, son, I forgot it was my birthday!" She hadn't remembered, but God had helped me to remember and bring flowers all those miles. Thirty-two years

ago there had been seven to eight inches of snow on the ground. Thirty-six to thirty-seven years ago, the flowers were blooming. It's a mighty unusual thing to observe these changes in the weather from year to year.

We are grateful that Jesus hears and answers prayer. He takes care and makes a way for us as we follow, as we obey, as we trust, as we are thankful and appreciative. One week ago today we came into the lobby and there we saw one of the most beautiful arrangements of flowers we have ever received. The vase was about seven inches across and about ten inches high. It was filled with nine or ten different varieties of flowers. I believe it inspired more comments than almost any flowers sent to us. When we looked at the card, it said only, "Your friends in Indianapolis." Now Rev. and Mrs. Richey and the White Harvest people have often sent us beautiful floral arrangements, which have meant so much to us. In fact, they just sent some flowers two-and-a-half weeks ago. However, they always place on the card that they are from White Harvest Christ Fellowship. But this card simply said, "Your friends from Indianapolis," so we don't know who it was. The Bunting Company, who seem to have a good grade of flowers, brought them. We were so in debt to Jesus for the beauty of the arrangement, telling us that we are loved and cared for.

We are very, very in debt to Jesus for the love and care of all you who fast and pray for us. I do need prayer now more than ever before in the area of the prostate gland and in the heart. I just trust that God will be merciful to go in and heal these tremendous needs that we're facing. I've been burdened in my heart this day upon my bed, crying out for certain situations in the earth: upheaval in the earth, needs in the earth. Whatever God is speaking to me this day, we bring this burden to Him in Heaven.

We are glad to report that the precious young Jewish man from Michigan, who was saved in our home, is encouraged and the Lord is helping him. We pray for him and for all the new converts. We pray for Branko, who was saved a little over a year ago, that he will be strengthened and lifted and helped. We pray for all those who are carrying the burden and following Jesus, doing what God would have them to do. We appreciate the letters sent to us. We have a number of persons in our fellowship who write us faithfully. However, we would so enjoy hearing from new people, as well. If your letters could be short, we would be thankful.

We are grateful for all the care and love and sharing. Praise the Lord. I've said so little about our finances and have tried not to plead. Through the years as I've observed ministries on television some, if I would watch any length of time, there would be pleas for finances. But I've simply trusted that God would lay our need upon the hearts of those who can give. We just trust for God to work and lead. Our

need is before you. We thank the Lord for laying it upon your heart, in His mercy, to help us. We rarely speak about our financial needs, for I don't like to do it. We are responsible for \$27,000.00 a month to meet the needs of all the Lord's people who help and assist us. We know that as we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, all these things will be added.

Jane told me that some finance had come in to assist in the repairs to the Home Built by Faith, but not much had been sent in. So we are just trusting God to lay it on someone's heart to help. We are thankful to Jesus for each one. God laid it on Reimar Schultze's heart to put a new roof on the large part of the Home Built by Faith. Our grandson had just mentioned to my wife that it badly needed replacing. Seven truckloads of old shingles were taken to the dump and a new roof was put on. We are in debt to Jesus for Reimar and the Kokomo Christian Fellowship for their vision of caring and sharing, for they volunteered to take this project without our mentioning it. We are thankful for those of you who sacrifice for us, who have given to us. We are very grateful and trust that the Lord could, in His mercy, return it two-fold or more.

We are thankful for each member of our staff. Brother John, who is our Secretary, has been with us now going on twelve years. He has labored diligently under a great part of the responsibilities of the pastorate back home. Then the four men who assist him are so precious and helpful. We

are so thankful, as well, for our Treasurer, for our Financial Treasurer, for our Secretary to the Treasurer, for our secretaries. We thank the Lord for each one who helps and assists in the tape ministry, in Evangel Voice Publications, for those who help in preparing the letters to be sent out. We trust for our dear ones in Israel. We trust for those who think of us in this nation and abroad, who pray for us and for our needs.

Thank you again for praying, for fasting, for sacrificing and assisting. We know that we become one by following Him, in order that His Kingdom can really begin to work and come on earth as it is in Heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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p.s. The Lord healing, helping, and making a way, we will be at Muskegon, Michigan on June 11, 12, 13, and 14; continuing on to Clare, Michigan on June 16, 17, 18, and 19. Then on August 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 we will be at Kokomo Christ Fellowship. We praise the Lord for God's help and guidance, His direction and revelation. Please pray that God will have His way with our hearts, that we may become one by following Him. Please pray also for our strength and healing in these upcoming days, weeks, and months.

Revival For Our Day, Inc.

July 13, 1987

Dear beloved of Revival For Our Day, Inc., and the people of God: those who are walking with Jesus; those who are striving to do the will of God in the Holy Ghost. Praise the Triune Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who is able to take care of every need, of all situations and circumstances, as we trust Him, when we obey God and follow in this holy place of true obedience.

The Lord was so great to us this morning as He moved upon us, helping and guiding. Pastor William McPhail would say, "Oh, the Lord is helping." He and I were so amazed and thankful that God's dear and loving presence was there to guide. Thomas Mullins, from Palm Beach Gardens Christ Fellowship, and Oliver Hogue, from Scott Depot, West Virginia, were both so happy and delighted at the way Jesus was guiding, blessing, directing, working, and healing, and with His precious Word in little, precious ways. It was a privilege for us to be where Jesus, the Holy Spirit, could be in these little ways. We want to thank God for all He has done. Brother Reimar Schultze and other men of God, as well as the laymen, the young people, and the dear ones, were encouraged also.

If I could only tell you what Daniel Light said about the sermon last night. We were preaching about Jesus' Word to His apostles, "Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the Kingdom of God..." (Mark 4:11) His gratitude to Jesus, and his evaluation of how the Lord helped in those few moments, were priceless. As Oliver Hogue said, "Jesus helped you to bring this masterpiece in miniature." It's through Jesus, by the work of God in the Holy Ghost, that it could ever be again.

Forty-four years ago, on May 23, 1943, I approached the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church for the last day of our pastoral assignment there. As I entered, Jesus stepped right in beside me and said, "I am here with you this morning. I will tell you what to do. I will help you." I was both amazed and surprised, but by His help, by Jesus' grace and the power of God, I preached on, "For what is your life? It is even a vapour that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." I was so happy.

When I finished the message I left that church and went to the parsonage three or four miles away to pick up my wife and babies. They accompanied me to Mt. Carmel Methodist Church on State Road 3 south of Hartford City, Indiana. I began again to preach on this text and became so happy, so delighted, so anointed that I was from one end of the altar to the other. I had such joy, such peace, such glory, such love and light and gladness. It was the same in the evening as the Lord helped me to preach on the same text.

After the meeting most everyone had gone home but just a few people. My wife and I

were standing in the middle aisle with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gray and a few of our friends. "Rev. Helm," she asked, "why is it that God has anointed you in all three of these services today?" I was astonished that she could read this experience. I said to her, "Well, Mrs. Gray, what is your explanation?" She replied, "Rev. Helm, I believe God anointed you in all three of these services today because God's approval is upon your future ministry." That took place on the evening of the twenty-third of May, forty-four years ago. I was humbled and striving to be very grateful that Jesus would lead me and help me like that.

Since our pastoral assignment to that charge had ended, we were supposed to leave the parsonage in so many days, but we had no place to go. I had no salary and no income. No person told me they would help me financially except Charles Irwin, who has now gone on to his reward. "I want to give you five dollars a week until Jesus tells me that is enough," he said. Of course, five dollars a week was not much, but it was a little, it was a start. He was the only one who told me he would help me. We had no plans and no church or organization to back us. We were alone in the world. One precious Christian, who had been preaching since 1907, told me that I wouldn't be able to make it financially and that I would come to him for financial assistance within two years. So we were facing this tremendous assignment of finding a home where my wife, our three children, and I could dwell for awhile by faith. Though persons had wondered about how we would ever make it, we simply trusted and had faith to go from city to city, village to village, place to place for days and weeks looking for a home. I would call here, go there, inquire here, look there, but there was no home in sight anywhere. It wasn't just for two or three days, it was for quite awhile. All this time I was praying that the Lord would have mercy on me and help me to know what to do.

I inquired of one dear brother, who was in the real estate business, if he knew of any home rentals available that particular day. He said, "Rev. Helm, there isn't anything in sight." When we went back to the parsonage to begin to pray, my wife was in need of encouragement, for we had been diligently searching, but with no success. As we were praying I suddenly said, "We are to go toward Upland, Indiana." I hadn't been there in years. We headed north on Highway 3 into Hartford City. Just as I started to make the left turn on State Road 226 at Washington and Walnut, Jesus spoke in my heart and said, "Stop right here. Go into this filling station and inquire." Of course, I was very surprised.

Inside the station, when I asked about homes, two or three men said, "Well, there is just one apartment we know of in the whole city of four to six thousand people. It would be three weeks before there would be any possibility of renting it, plus there

are many who would like to have it. "I answered,"Thank you very much," and started to turn to leave. They said, "Wait just a moment. Have you been to the Dale Agency?" I replied,"I am a stranger here, and I really don't know anything about the city." They said, "Proceed east one block, then go north half-a-block and upstairs is the Dale Agency."

We made our way there and found them to be gracious people. However, they told us, "We don't have any possibility anywhere for renting." I thanked them and started to turn to leave when they said, "Wait just a moment. Have you gone to the News Times?" I replied, "No, I am a stranger here. I don't know anything about the city." They said, "That is our evening paper, and if you will proceed half-a-block north, another block to the east and half-a-block north you may inquire there." I said, "Thank you for that help."

When I walked into the News Times office a lady arose from a desk and came over. "May I help you?" she asked. I replied,"I am Rev. Helm and we have gone from place to place looking for a home to rent." She said, "Well, I'll tell you: in just an hour and thirty minutes our evening issue comes out, and there is a home that we learned of last night. It is a very nice home and practically new--only eighteen months old. It's listing will be coming out in this evening's issue." I said, "Oh, that is wonderful. Where is it?" She told me how to get there, just a few blocks away. We went to 301 East North Street trusting, because for days and weeks there had been no opportunity, no possibility anyplace.

I knocked at the door of this home and said, "I am Rev. Helm and we are looking for a home to rent." The gentleman said, "Well, step inside here for a moment." When I stepped inside, his wife came in from the kitchen, looked at me and said, "I remember when you married my first cousin, Betty." I said, "Oh, yes, that was July 6, 1939!?" The wife's name was Libby, and, of course, she knew me. They said, "We'll just be glad to rent this home to you." You can imagine how grateful to God I was that He would send me to someone we knew. "I'll be back in just a few minutes and let you know," I told them. I returned to the car to talk with my wife and to pray.

I was just beginning on a walk of total faith. I had no idea how to proceed except to trust God entirely to provide for every grocery bill, the weekly rent, and for all the various needs we would face. I did something I wouldn't advise anyone doing. I prayed, "Jesus--see those electric wires up there? I don't have anything in this world, Lord. I am trusting you absolutely. I am alone with you. Please send two doves up on those high tension wires in so many seconds, and I know it will be a sign that you will provide for us in this home." I was so thankful because two doves came fluttering up there in just seconds! (Now, as I said before, I wouldn't advise anyone doing

this.) I hurried to the door, went in and paid the rent for two months. Our salary had been very little, but the church had been back on our salary and had paid me some money: therefore I could go right in and pay the rent for two months.

In just a few minutes people were at the door saying, "We want to rent this place. Why didn't you let us know?" The owners replied, "Well, we just put it in the newspaper." They said, "Yes, we just read about it and would like to have it." But, you see, the owners had already rented it to us. God had gotten me there just a little before those in the village would come to take it. God's timing and provision were marvelous. A minister in Georgia was waiting for me to come for services and my wife said, "I can stay here with the children and not be frightened." Joyce was seven years old and the twins were only four.

Forty-four years ago about this time we were trying to be very thankful that God would find this beautiful place for us. Oh, how the Lord, the Holy Spirit, would lead me and tell me in my heart what to do on that left turn at Washington and Walnut and lead me three places to the very dwelling we needed. We were to find that it had hardwood floors, a shower downstairs, a bath upstairs, and a full basement. In the kitchen were beautiful cabinets and a double sink. We never had enjoyed such modern cabinets or sink, nor had our parents. We were grateful to the Lord.

When Jesus had entered the Pleasant Grove Church with me and had spoken to me, I had been helped greatly. Now we were facing another experience in trusting God on June 8, 1943, as the man arrived at the parsonage to move our little bit of furniture to 301 East North Street. It cost us only \$37.50 (which would now cost several hundred dollars) to have our few belongings, including about forty to sixty dollars worth of furniture, moved to 301 East North Street. Jesus had made a way for us miraculously in our last pastoral assignment. During the final six months there, most all evenings, from the last week of November to the night of the seventh of June, we waited upon God until ten, eleven, and even until midnight at times. We were waiting for the Holy Spirit awakening in the Church of God. The Holy Spirit would guide us in most wonderful ways. He watched over us and blessed us. Forty-four years ago we were believing and trusting God to make a way for us, and He has done it in a miraculous way.

A few weeks ago the Holy Spirit revealed that we were to go to Muskegon, Michigan, and begin a meeting there on the eleventh of June. I was again, as most times, rather surprised that the Lord would allow me to have the privilege of revelation. Four to six weeks in advance He revealed for me not to fly from Florida to Muskegon on eleventh nor on the tenth but to fly on the ninth. At that time I was not aware that the pastor and his wife would be celebrating

their twenty-sixth wedding anniversary on the tenth. We had arrived by God's direction for this precious time of their anniversary celebration.

My throat was very much in need of prayer when I got into the car with the pastor to go to the lovely anniversary meal. We hadn't traveled far until the choking started in my larynx. Usually when that begins it is so terrible that tears run down my cheeks and I have to have water to keep me from choking. I just had to cry out to God in my heart and swallow as fast and as hard as I could, trusting that the awful choking would end. (Even while I am speaking this difficulty is trying to get into the vocal apparatus, but the Devil is a liar.) We are thankful that Jesus would be so merciful to heal and to make the way. For the next few hours, the Lord richly blessed and lifted us all up in a great fellowship. Unto God be thanks.

The meeting began on the night of the eleventh. The Lord's presence was very real and sweet and dear. On Friday and Saturday nights the blessing of Jesus was still very rich and wonderful to our hearts. A precious young mother, a nurse, told me later that God had worked through me to share in the services to help her know what to do and how to proceed in all the situations, conditions, and burdens that faced her. We were most grateful when this precious one shared that Jesus was so faithful to help us in this area.

The Lord worked so in the last night of the meeting that it went into the fifth hour. And, oh, what an altar call! Brother John thought perhaps thirty to fifty persons requested prayer for various heart longings. It was just remarkable. One very intelligent young man was at the altar weeping before the throne. There were others waiting before God. I saw various precious ones at the altar bowing--young men and women, older people, middle-aged people. God was working with their hearts. My brother, Edwin, told me today that this meeting reminded him of the great revival in Greensboro in 1950, and I have seldom ever been in anything like it before or since. Jesus, the Holy Spirit, worked in such a dear, dear way. We want to give God the glory for each soul victory.

You see, this church is here because of a revelation. It is a mystery how God revealed it to me. The pastor, Rev. William McPhail, had called years ago to request that we pray about where God would have him pastor. Since I was not home, he left the message with our daughter, Nancy. Later she informed me that William had called but had given no inclination of having made a list of potential congregations for us to prayerfully consider. I meditated that day, the next day, and about the third or fourth day I prayed, "Lord I am three hundred miles from William and have no idea of the churches available nor how many he might be considering. Do you want them to go to church number one?..." and there was no

guidance in my heart. I spoke to the Lord about church number two, number three, four and so on and there was no witness of the Holy Spirit. But when I came to church number eight, the Holy Spirit witnessed in my heart. I called William McPhail, our son in the Gospel, and was talking to him about answers to prayer, guidances, revelations and directions when I said, "Oh, by the way, I want to tell you that the Lord has told me that you are to go to church number eight." He said, "Oh, Brother, I wouldn't want to touch that place with a ten-foot pole. It is Muskegon, Michigan."

But what a wonder God has done here. It is such a precious assignment. Of course, the reason he felt as he did was because the assignment was so great in many situations, but the Lord understood. Rev. McPhail came here over sixteen years ago, and it wasn't long until we were here in revival with him. Some weeks or months after that, forty-five of his people left him. While talking with his wife, Judith, one afternoon following this difficult occurrence, I said, "I feel that God is going to give a miracle there." As a result we have West Shore Christian Fellowship. God has granted wonderful victories. The Holy Spirit is working with precious ones here in a very extraordinary manner. I hadn't been here for years until God led us to be with them last October. I was surprised He would bring me back again so soon, for there are many churches waiting for us to come. Since God had blessed us so marvelously the last time we were here, only the merciful Holy Spirit could ever help us like that again. But once more He has given us divine assistance.

From Muskegon the Lord led us to again be with Rev. and Mrs. Gary Mann and their precious people at the Clare Christ Fellowship. The first night we began to rejoice over God's mercy to us in the past, when suddenly the Holy Spirit revealed to me of trouble on the left side of the neck, head and back. I shared with the people the location and found the difficulty in the cartilage. I prayed for God to send the power of Jesus' healing stripes into that area. Then He revealed to me of a person with a peculiar upheaval in the eye. I learned later that someone had this trouble: their eye matted and would jump and move. When I prayed for the situation it left the eye of this person. We later learned that Florence Ann Bays had been in a very serious accident three-and-a-half weeks before when a car pulled out and she hit it head-on. She went into the windshield and the medic said, "You are a lucky person." She had been suffering quite a bit with her neck and had been told to expect this trouble for the rest of her life. But God revealed to us her need and miraculously took that awful situation out of the cartilage! I was also praying for the abdomen and a man felt a warmth flow right through him. There were other revelations of healings but I can't remember them all.

morning at the Mentone Christian Fellowship was quite a thing. I prayed for this lung trouble and Thomas Harman said, "I have been having difficulty breathing and the doctors just found scar tissue in my lungs. I felt Jesus healing me!" When the Holy Spirit directed me to pray for the knee, Ernest Rhoades rose to his feet weeping and shining for Jesus, saying, "My knee was recently injured rather severely and was hurting me; but as you prayed, I felt the Lord healing in there!" Harold Morgan, brother of Rev. Robert Morgan, said that as I came into the pulpit that morning he felt a veil lift from his life. Then when I came down from the pulpit to watch the men sing, I sat down beside Harold and lightly touched his hand. He again felt a warmth come into his tailbone. The Lord was merciful to grant guidance in his Spirit for physical and spiritual healing. I was talking on the sanctifying power coming into the carnal heart when a dear woman got up and said, "My heart is just throbbing; my knees are trembling." I said, "Now if you will follow me in prayer, the power will come into your heart." As she followed me in prayer, she said that the pounding ceased and her knees stopped trembling. The Lord did so many other wonderful things in these services. This is but a small report of God's work at these recent meetings.

We do appreciate all of you on the mailing list. We are thankful for your prayers and fasting for us, for holding us to God, for all your sacrificing. We are thankful for each one who has had the vision to help us. We are so thankful for all of those who have supported the Ram Fund. We are very grateful for Jesus, the Holy Spirit, to make a way and to provide. Men and women are working diligently on the Home Built by Faith. Work on the prayer room will not be completed for a few weeks. We do not know how much more finance is going to be needed to finish the work, but God is able to lay it upon persons who have the finance to send in a few thousands of dollars to take care of it. We appreciate every response.

When we had our Director's meeting last December 15th in our conference room, the directors were discussing the salaries of our staff. They asked me, "Have you any guidance or revelation how much their salaries should be increased?" I said, "When I pray, the Lord operates in my heart on four percent increase for each of the five men, for Rev. Hill, for Vera, Kathleen, Jane Langdon, my wife, our widows, and also the salary for Rev. Morgan." (We began Rev. Morgan's salary about nine to eleven years ago. It was through him we were led to about half of our fellowship people.)

Then the directors asked, "How about your salary?" I replied, "When I pray, you are supposed to take four thousand dollars from the top of my salary. I am not to get the same salary you gave me last year. I am to have four thousand dollars less." They were quite surprised, because if they had anything to do with it, they would have raised it five to ten thousand dollars. I

appreciated that. But God helped me to know that I was to have less. We are thankful that the Holy Spirit could guide us, that He would reveal what we were to do and make a way for His children. It has been so precious to experience His great faithfulness. We give praise to God for those few churches and individuals that we have miraculously found who will pray and embrace the love and the desire to help take care of and provide for us unworthy servants. Thank you for praying faithfully. We know God is watching over you as you wait upon Him in your own personal life.

I trust that you will be able to pray and get hold of God for my throat because it is badly in need of healing. The heart area and the prostate area need prayer also, as well as other areas that I do not know about. Also, pray for my wife's afflictions and troubles. He has been so merciful to help us these fifty-four years and we want to thank Jesus, the Holy Spirit, for His protection, blessing, and provision; for taking care and making a way for us. Unto the Lord be praise and glory.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W Helm
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p.s. Dear Ones, because of situations over the world, we need your prayers that God might be able to lay on people's hearts the need of our finances, then that they will allow God to guide them in their giving. The Devil is fighting hard, and we need people to pray and discern God's will in this matter. We need people to pray to see what God would have done. We know it is by His grace we can make it each day. Thank you.

Revival For Our Day, Inc.

August 2, 1987

Dear beloved of Jesus, of the Kingdom of God, greetings:

Not quite a year ago Brother Oliver Hogue spoke to me about a wonderful celebration they were anticipating for Dad and Mother Hogue on their fiftieth wedding anniversary. In our little talk together he had said that he didn't want to be in the midst of this celebration if God might lead me into Israel or into other meetings at that time. So I said that we would just trust and pray to see if God would be gracious to reveal to us what to do. As we prayed and trusted concerning His desire for God's will, the Lord witnessed that they could have their celebration on June 28, 1987. Brother Oliver was so thankful that God would reveal the date, and the church began making their preparations.

As we shared briefly in our last newsletter, the Holy Spirit had led for Florence and me to be in Muskegon and Clare, Michigan, for services in June. I was in need of much prayer in my throat and in other areas of my body as we began services on June eleventh in Muskegon. By God's grace, Barbara and Oliver want to be in special services with us wherever God leads us, and they were with us in Muskegon. (Their congregation makes it possible for them to travel with us wherever the Holy Spirit is directing us. A few other congregations have done this for their pastors, and we feel ourselves so unworthy. It's a great gift to us and a very sacred trust.) From Michigan Jesus strengthened us to go on to Mentone Christian Fellowship on the twenty-first and twenty-second, and then to White Harvest Christ Fellowship the twenty-fourth to the twenty-sixth. God helped us miraculously in Mentone and was blessing us so wonderfully with Rev. and Mrs. Richey and their congregation at White Harvest. We want to be thankful for how God helped us.

During that time, on Thursday, Oliver, Barbara, my wife and I went to a nice restaurant out by the airport to celebrate my wife's birthday coming on the twenty-seventh. Since the next scheduled meeting was with Kokomo Christian Fellowship August 3-7, Oliver said to me, "Now I'll get to be with you again on August third." (I couldn't share with him the plans I had because I wanted him to be totally surprised when I arrived in West Virginia for his parent's anniversary celebration.) That Thursday he said to me, "You know, last year when we prayed about the celebration and it was revealed to you that it was to be on the twenty-eighth of June, I just thought it could be that God might send a northern in here and cool off the area." I replied, "Well, I hadn't really considered it. I am simply trusting."

The months of May and June had been very hot in West Virginia, and it appeared that the many, wonderful friends and loved ones coming for the anniversary celebration would

have to endure very warm temperatures. I remember talking to Joyce Payne weeks before June twenty-eighth and she was sharing with me how hot and humid it was in West Virginia. From others I also learned that it had been very, very warm in the month of May and June. But on Friday and Saturday, that northern began to come down into West Virginia, dear ones, and God did a marvel--a wonderful, wonderful thing! He cooled it off so perfectly that in Oliver and Barbara's backyard, where they were going to have quite a celebration Saturday afternoon, it was so comfortable. Instead of being hot and sticky, it was very nice. Most everyone noticed what a great gift it was and were most thankful that God had revealed that this was the day for the celebration. For so many weeks it had been up in the eighties accompanied by high humidity, then God sent this wonderful, cool air in. Dr. Rouintree told me on Sunday night, when I was at Maranatha, "This morning our thermometer registered fifty-two degrees."

On Sunday morning, the twenty-eighth of June, I wanted to surprise Mother and Dad Hogue as well as Oliver and the congregation. Few persons knew we were coming except Rodney, Jana and David, who made arrangements for us. (Rodney and Marlene were aware also, but were resting in Florida.) Jesus was helping us when I came in that morning by the way of David Anderson's garage to hide my car so that the people would be surprised. Dear ones were there to help me and we appreciated each one. The Lord helped us to surprise Oliver very much! Oliver said that his mother remarked that she couldn't remember ever loving my wife and me any more than she did on that morning. It was very encouraging and a great blessing.

I whispered to Oliver when I loved him, "I'm not here to be in charge of the service. I'm here only as a guest." But he wished me to be seated on the platform. Just as I sat down in the pulpit, I felt like I could scarcely hold my head up. I hadn't felt like that in a long, long time. My hands also seemed so heavy that I could hardly lift them. It was the burden of some dear situations, you know. All we could do was trust. When Oliver called on me to pray, I stood by faith and started for the podium, needing help so very much. I cannot explain to you how I felt myself so very needy and small and little and nothing. And God came upon the scene to help me. Brother Tankersley told Everett that he thought it was a very precious prayer. A few others mentioned it as well. I was utterly dependent upon God and owe it all to Jesus for helping me, for I didn't know how to pray.

After the service I had just told Edward, "I won't be able to go to Thomas and Shirley's home because I'm just so weak," when the Holy Spirit operated within me.

"Wait just a moment," I said. "As I told you I couldn't go, the Holy Spirit tells me that I am to go." I couldn't go by the weakness in my body, but by the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I took my wife and we proceeded to their home. Thomas had just said, "I wonder if Rev. Helm will be led to come to our place." We had such a precious time with them. They are so dear and just like our children. We cannot praise God enough for the fellowship we've had.

That night the Lord led me to Maranatha and for over one hour I preached on the basics of Christianity and the requirements that Jesus gave us in the Scriptures about really coming after Him to follow Him. Then the Holy Spirit came, dear ones, and began to work with me in a very, very precious way. He told me about someone suffering with an awful situation at the base of the brain. As we prayed, God came to a woman seated in the balcony and healed her. She shone like a light. Oh, it was so great. The joy and glory of the Lord was upon her. I saw her days later and it was still there. I saw her days after that in Louisville and it was still on her being. She was so blessed of Jesus. God did a wonderful thing, because she told me the background of this burden and situation she had had for some time. It was so important, even more than I could probably tell you.

Then He came, by the Holy Spirit within me, and showed me of a situation in under the ribs of the back to the right side. I knew nothing of this situation until that instant. When I prayed, it was for our interpreter, Joseph Umanah, from Nigeria. He came up under an anointing praising Jesus for healing. "I've had this trouble for seven years," he told us, "and have been hospitalized a few times for it." His gratitude to Jesus was so wonderful. We give thanksgiving to God and praise to Jesus for this guidance, for this revelation and direction. It is only through the Holy Ghost that I could ever know anything again. Joseph came up to the pulpit to be with me and I was going to lay my hands upon him to ask God to stir up the gifts within him. As I laid my hands upon him and called to God, the power of the Holy Ghost went through James Wright, the pastor of the church. Only Jesus could ever give such an experience again.

On Monday night Oliver, Guy William, and Terry drove me from our hotel in Charleston down to Fayetteville for the service there. I was resting some while we journeyed. When we arrived, as I sat up to observe where we were, I saw this church sign which read: "Fayetteville Christ Fellowship." Dear ones, when my eyes fell on that sign, the power of the Holy Spirit went right into my heart! I think it could be the first time in my life that the power of the Holy Spirit came into my heart when I looked upon a church bulletin board. God worked with me so marvelously about the sign that I was stirred up in my soul.

When we arrived at the church, I got out of the car, and instead of going up the

steps into the church, the Holy Spirit took me over to the southeast corner of the building. Looking up I saw a man and his wife getting out of a car a little distance from me. I started to turn back toward the church steps when the Holy Spirit revealed to me not to move, but to stay until this man and his wife came. I didn't know where they were from or whether I had ever seen them before. I learned later that they had kept the children in the nursery at Maranatha the night before. They had wanted to see me the previous night but couldn't, so they drove all the way to Fayetteville to be with us. God just took me out to the corner of the church and held me there until they came. When they were about twelve to fourteen feet from me, the Holy Spirit revealed that they both had cancer. "In the Name of Jesus of Nazareth," I said, "let the cancers die in your bodies." They were healed right there as they approached the church. They had taken care of the children the night before, so the Lord worked through me to help them. It was a wonderful experience.

We went in and began the service, and the Lord worked so wonderfully that it's not possible to tell you how it was. My brother, Edward, thought that perhaps it was one of the greatest church services he had ever been in in his sixty-one years. I agree. It was one of the great services. Only the Holy Ghost could ever lead us in such measures of sweetness and glory and power and revelation and direction and anointing. He alone is to be praised--God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. The Lord worked marvelously through one of the sisters visiting from Maranatha. She was shouting happy that Monday night. I think she witnessed two or three times. Three years ago I had told her that if she would obey God, the Lord would bring her family into Jesus. Well, she had such a great time that night. The next morning at ten-till-ten I called Pastor James and Virginia Wright and said, "I will eat lunch with you today." When we got there we found out that at two o'clock that morning, the son of this mother who had been so happy, who had been striving to obey, came greatly under conviction. Her son was twenty-three years of age and had not been to church for some time. The Holy Spirit came with power and drew him to repentance. A friend was saved as well. Pastor Wright told me in St. Louis the other day, to Jesus' glory, that this young man had not missed a service since his conversion. It was a tremendous experience how God began to bring this mother's family to Christ.

The next night the Lord helped again at Fayetteville as I preached once more on carnality. Then, accompanied by my staff and ministers who had been going with us for some weeks, we went on to Pearisburg, Virginia. Dear ones, the Lord helped us there, too. Oh, God just worked wonderfully. It was so precious. It was a great gift to us. It was an opportunity to have Jesus lead like that. Without the Lord we are just helpless, but Jesus worked so wonderfully and we were thankful. Brother

Joseph of Nigeria was with us again, and he told Michael Douglas that the message on carnality was what he must take back to Nigeria. He must tell them the the carnal mind is killing the church. It gets people into religious patterns where self rules. Carnality stops people from doing God's will. Carnality will not allow anyone to follow Jesus. Our time with Ronald and Peggy at Pearisburg was so dear.

Then we went on to be with Thomas and Sherry and the dear ones at Asheboro. It was so precious how Jesus led, how He directed and helped there likewise. One night I looked up and here came the Helblings--Daniel, Ora Nelle and their five children. They had driven a few hours in their little car to be in the meeting, then drove back home. Oh, what a blessing it was to have God work with them. We have been trusting for our fellowships to help provide them with about \$2,000-\$3,000 a month, if possible, to help him complete his missionary training that they might get into the foreign fields and begin laboring there for Jesus. We appreciate those fellowships that can give fifty dollars a week to assist in this wonderful opportunity and privilege, this great endeavor. Thank you for sending your weekly support to them at: Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Helbling, 135 Poole Road, Columbia, SC 29169.

From Asheboro we proceeded to Hickory to be with Steven and Linda Reinhardt. We were so appreciative of the Lord's help and blessing there. The Lord came so dear in the services again and again. The hospitality in each of these churches was very wonderful. It seems to me to be extraordinary. We are most grateful for how they cared for us; how they provided our meals and other precious expressions of love. We gave our offering in Pearisburg of about seventeen hundred dollars to Joseph of Nigeria, because we knew he would need it. The ministers who traveled with me from June eleventh until last Monday night, July twenty-seventh, had been with us into the seventh week. So you see, God gave us a very wonderful time. At one point in the journey Brother and Sister Schultze received forty cards and letters from their congregation telling them that they were so glad their pastors were traveling with God's servant, testifying that God was working in the home church and community as they traveled with and helped God's servants.

A similar work of God was taking place in the lives and congregations of the ministers who were able to travel most of the time with us: Rev. & Mrs. Oliver Hogue, Rev. & Mrs. Forrest Richey, Rev. & Mrs. Daniel Light, Rev. & Mrs. Robert Morey, Rev. & Mrs. Thomas Mullins. Certain situations would not allow all ministers and wives to be with us everywhere, but most every servant who came indicated that their lives had been transformed and, in the process of coming, their congregations were receiving help. Since I can't possibly remember all the ministers and individuals who have been in the services, I trust you will not be disappointed in me if I do not

mention your name, but we were privileged to have in some services Rev. & Mrs. Emory Reece, Rev. & Mrs. William Ryan, Rev. & Mrs. Steven Reinhardt, Rev. & Mrs. Gregory McBride, Rev. & Mrs. Gary Krlin, Rev. & Mrs. Gary Mann, Rev. Jerry Mann, Rev. Paul Cox, Rev. James Moore, Rev. James Ashmus, Rev. James Wright, Rev. & Mrs. Thomas England, Rev. & Mrs. Robert Morgan, Rev. & Mrs. Jacques Sallade and others. Each was a special blessing, along with our singers who traveled many places with us--Michael Douglas, Michael Bowers, and Jeanne Light. A number of persons traveled good distances to be in services, making us deeply in debt to God for their dedication and longing to hear this message about the carnal nature.

At Pigeon Forge Jesus helped in such a great way that I wish I were able to tell you how the Lord was leading and guiding and directing. Christ is truly to be praised and glorified for the work of the Holy Ghost. To God's glory, a little newsletter (or a larger one) could be given on each congregation where He led us. There is no way to adequately share the wonder of God's presence and help to souls and to bodies and to situations.

From Pigeon Forge we went to Clinton, Tennessee, and God was working there. I preached for over two hours on carnality and became very happy. (This also occurred at Mentone Christian Fellowship, where I preached for almost two hours and a young man, whose father is a principal at a school, said, "When Rev. Helm said tonight that he had preached until after eleven o'clock, I thought it was about nine-thirty." God had helped me to preach for almost two hours on carnality and I was so happy. People were encouraged. I saw one young person very tired, but the others were seemingly appreciative.) In Clinton I preached for two hours and twenty minutes on the carnal nature. We were somewhere in a marvelous place. The people who were with me were trying to give God all the glory and Jesus all the praise for it. I owe everything to God because, at my age, if you preach an hour you are very tired. But I was not weary at all. I drove twelve to fifteen miles back to the hotel, and the Lord had given me marvelous strength. I wasn't tired day after day, week after week. Only God could help me tomorrow night at Kokomo to be refreshed, anointed and blessed as I was in the meetings in different churches and states. It was so precious of God and a great gift of Jesus, the Holy Spirit.

A businessman at Clinton by the name of James Packard came under conviction while attending the services. He awoke in the night crying. One of the ushers there was an employee of his and had been such a precious light that it affected him. James telephoned his employee to have him see if he could reach me for a conference. They brought him to the motel where I was staying and we prayed together. He gave his heart to Jesus and was transformed. The Lord blessed him so much he called his partner, who was on vacation, asking him to take over his business until he could get back

there, because he felt he should attend the meetings with us at Louisville Christ Fellowship. God so worked in his soul there that he said, "I don't want to go back home or I'll lose momentum." So, he went on with us to Fair Haven, to St. Louis and then on to the Radisson Hotel in Muncie. He then had to return to his business, but he left reluctantly.

While in Louisville, we were at the parsonage when I saw a young lady who had come to take care of the pastor's four children. As she started to leave I said, "Oh, I believe she needs some money." We called her back and gave her some money that Jesus had given me. She turned to me and said, "Yes, I am out of money. I could have worked at the hospital today, but I turned it down to come and take care of the children." As we shared together the Lord came in that dining room so sweetly. She reviewed about the last Waiting on God where she had given her last dollar in the offering, then God had revealed that she and her mother were to come up to the pulpit. Of course, I didn't know them, but the Lord directed me to give them so much money from our offerings, and it paid for their expenses at the motel. Before I got out of the room, God told me that Morris and Phyllis King's younger son was called to be a pastor. We were so grateful. Morris said, "I'm so full, I don't think I could take any more blessings." It was a great experience.

God blessed us there in the services at Louisville, then we went on to Fair Haven to be with Daniel and Jenny. Jesus worked so preciously there likewise. It was such a dear time together. We went from there to Missou.i to be with Rev. James Moore, our son in the Gospel. God also worked there in a very precious way. One of the meetings I was in was worth going almost around the world. He not only worked in the church, but in the homes, in the motels, in the cars--and that's worth more than I could tell you.

At the Radisson Hotel in Muncie, Indiana, we had a joint meeting for the Zion Unto Christ Fellowship and the Parker City Christ Fellowship. Oh, Jesus blessed, helped, guided and directed again. The Lord is to be praised for His precious help and guidance and direction in the Holy Ghost. I wish that I could share with you all the wonderful things that He did, but I can't remember them all nor would space permit it. It was very precious to have His presence and His direction. People told me that they enjoyed it very much as God, the Holy Ghost, led and directed. Souls were encouraged and strengthened. I received a letter from one precious young woman two or three days ago, and she told me that in that meeting questions she had held in her mind for fourteen years about sanctification and the carnal nature were answered. It was a very, very valuable time.

If I could tell you about testimonies of the people who have stayed with me for almost seven weeks I believe it would help

you. They were so happy. A number of families hardly wanted to go home. The time of Christ's presence and guidance was so dear. If you want, write and ask the Reimar Schultzes or Richard and Mary Moore or our secretary, John and Janet McAdams, how the Lord helped them. Or write also Brother and Sister Richey, Brother and Sister Oliver Hogue, Steven and Linda Reinhardt, Daniel and Jenny Light, Thomas and Donna Mullins, Thomas and Sherry England, Robert and Esther Morey and ask how the Lord worked and led in their lives. Each of these couples who went from place to place with us told us that they were really strengthened, and they were a blessing to us as well. If you want to contact them, they could tell you how God helped.

We appreciate all of you who have been praying and fasting for us. We thank God for those who are endeavoring to deny self and be slain of this carnal nature, this old enmity which is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. We are encouraged that you've been holding onto the promise that God could slay the old carnal nature and fill us with the Spirit of Christ, the Holy Ghost, so that we would hear His voice and follow and be obedient, for carnality has killed the true church. Dr. E. Stanley Jones said in one of his late books that the church had lost the Kingdom of God. He meant by this that Christ was crowded out by persons who just plan and do good, religious things instead of letting Jesus have His way. God cannot lead as long as there is a carnal mind in any of us.

The carnal mind has been in every person born from the beginning, except Jesus. It's there until it's cleansed out. It's not cleansed out until we obey every leading of the Holy Spirit and forsake all. We must forsake everything on earth to do God's will. Then He will slay that old carnal nature. As we are cleansed and slain, He will fill us with the Spirit in order that we can hear His voice to follow Him. His Kingdom will come whenever a group of people will truly become nothing: not try to be something, to gain something, but just follow to be obedient and lose all for God's sake alone. The power of the Kingdom will come through that body and lift up Jesus. He will draw all men to Himself.

We are thankful for all those who sacrifice for us and have been faithful to help us in prayer and sharing. The last few weeks, many things have occurred in the United States which have discouraged some people about giving to the church. We have endeavored to simply trust the Lord, hold on and believe that God would make a way for us. We are just trusting God to guide each one in this, because it's so important. We praise the Lord for all that has been shared with us and for the things that have been done for us. We are trusting the Lord for a project here at the Home Built by Faith, which the men have been working on, as well as other great needs for our staff, workers, secretaries, and for finance to mission fields and to widows.

We thank Thee, Jesus, for how You've led and guided, how You've directed and blessed and undertaken for us in so many wonderful ways. We want to give Thee praise for each and every one who has sacrificed and held on and believed and has been striving to die out to this carnal nature and let Thee cleanse out this awful evil which we've been born with. It's the carnal mind and it's enmity against Thee. It's not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. Carnality is the very foe that's caused all our trouble. Every home which has been broken up has been broken up because one or both of the persons were carnal. Carnality was in the heart: hostility, jealousy, enmity, hate, resentment. Carnality has so many things in it. Thou hast shown me about two hundred and thirty traits and characteristics of the carnal mind.

Carnality has caused all the trouble in our churches. It has caused all our denominations. If carnality could be cleansed out, there would be only one church. There wouldn't be many different denominations, but just one: the church that God leads by the Holy Spirit through Christ. Jesus said, "That they all may be one as the Father and I are one. That they be made perfect in one that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me." Jesus, when You said, "That the world may know," then I know that You want the church made perfectly in one before the grave. You said, "That the world may know," so I know that this understanding, this recognition, is to be on this side of the grave, not in Heaven. It's through Thee that we can be cleansed and be a pure people, perfectly joined together in the same mind and the same judgment through the Holy Spirit as we die to the carnal spirit and obey each leading of Thee, Heavenly Father, Blessed Jesus. We pray for souls to be saved, for persons to really be cleansed and filled with Thy Spirit, to follow the voice of Jesus.

Dear Father, we thank Thee for what you are doing for souls, what You will do, and what Thee, oh, Lord, is bringing to pass: for the bringing together of the church, that Thee, Lord, may be first. Because Thee must be first, or it's not the church: we are just playing church and Thee is not

leading by the witness of the Holy Spirit. We must be led by Thee in our heart. We have to die out to self continually or we don't have Thy leading--we have the leading of another spirit. To have Thy leading, self must be crucified and cleansed continually, and we must obey every leading of the Holy Spirit or carnality comes right back in again and crowds Jesus out. Then the people would only be a little congregation doing what we think is best rather than what You want us to do.

So, Jesus, I'm just trusting Thee. My heart was aching when I was praying that right then. We know, Dear Father, only Thee could bring the victory. It's through Thee that any group of people can become one. None of us can do it. There is no person or group of persons who merit it. It's by Thy Spirit, as we leave all and forsake all, obey every leading that You give us. We thank Thee, Dear Father, for Your great faithfulness, for how You've taken care of us: for all those who have helped us and made a way and provided; for the hospitality of all these churches, for many other things I wish I could share. Only Thee can reveal it to the people, to others on the mailing list.

We are thankful for the Canavatis and for Joseph Mizrahi, for Heim, for Paul and all those who are wanting us to come back to Israel. We give Thee the praise and the glory for providing all these helps. We owe everything to Thee for these prayers and fastings and sharings. In Jesus' Holy Name we give Thee the praise and the glory. In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W Helm

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p.s. Pastor Reimar Schultze, at the Kokomo meetings, shared a few instructions for a Waiting upon God. It would be so helpful if we could all hear and heed these instructions. They are printed on the back side of this sheet for your encouragement.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR A WAITING UPON GOD

1. To get up and ask Rev. Helm if what is on your heart is in order will drive him to a prayer closet. He has not come to be driven to a prayer closet, but to let the Holy Spirit lead.
2. Do not pray or wish for individuals or groups to sing. If we do that, we might get quail rather than manna, as did the children of Israel in the wilderness (Numbers 11).
3. Do not require anything except for the Holy Spirit to lead.
4. Singers, do not hope to sing. Remember: what is more needed than singing is to learn to die out to the self life.
5. We have come to hear a voice crying in the wilderness and not to be entertained.
6. Testimonies: utmost brevity will deliver you from talking yourself out of divine order. If you speak out of order, that moment of time which you have stolen from the Holy Spirit will never be regained and the work which God had intended for that moment of time will never be accomplished.
7. Do not ask Rev. Helm to pray for someone or for yourself unless the Holy Spirit is leading it with power in your heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to lead him.
8. God is here! He knows what you need! He loves you! Let Him be in charge and sooner or later He will take care and meet your need.
9. There are many who would like to love Rev. Helm or shake his hand as he comes into or exits the sanctuary. Please do not press yourself upon him with your desires. Press only for God's will to be done. The Holy Spirit will tell him with whom to visit and whom to love at any particular time.
10. When your heart is pounding it means the Kingdom of God is operating. Simply praise the Lord in your heart for His presence.
11. The meetings are longer than you are accustomed to, but do not put your spirit against the longevity of the Spirit. Hear God out to the finish line and be thankful. In Acts, Chapter Twenty, you will notice that Paul preached until midnight and then started again and preached until break of day. God has that much work to do. Carnality begins to murmur when the flesh is tired and chairs start to feel hard. Spirituality wants to hear God's entire revelation.

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Dear ones in the Lord Jesus Christ, servants of God--those who are striving to obey and follow Jesus, doing God's will, greetings:

There are three types of persons recorded in the last three verses of the second chapter of First Corinthians, and in the first few verses of the third chapter of First Corinthians. "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ." And then he speaks in the first verse of the third chapter, "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?"

This carnal battle has been on ever since the fall of man. You will find in the very beginning of Genesis, chapter four, "And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord. And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth (that's anger), and his countenance fell. And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. And Cain talked with Abel, his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?"

God had informed Adam and Eve not to partake of the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. But Satan told Eve that it would be good for her to have knowledge. And when she saw "...that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." They succumbed to this temptation of knowing what God knew. They were disobedient. It wasn't God's will for us to know what He knows. It was God's will for us to know

Him and to follow Him, and then He would give all the knowledge that we need. He would give us much more knowledge than if we tried on our own: for on our own we are "...ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth..." which the scriptures declare to us (II Timothy 3:7). This spirit of sin, then, this stink, was transmitted into the heart of the first child born on earth. Cain had this awful, murderous spirit in him. It's called the carnal nature. Carnality came out of disobedience. Disobedience is the mother of carnality. When Jesus died on the cross, He died to save us from our sins. He also gave His life for a ransom to save us from the sin of the carnal mind.

When we are converted, we are forgiven of the sins that we have committed since we reached the age of accountability. But there is yet that stinger in the heart like that of Cain. The old carnal mind is enmity against God. It's not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. The eighth chapter of Romans declares it. So we find that this awful sin principal has been in the heart of every man and woman since Adam and Eve, except Jesus, the Christ, the Only Begotten of God. With this awful thing within him, Cain resented Abel, who had the witness that he was righteous. Cain rose up and killed his brother.

This same spirit of carnality in the heart has caused all of our problems since. It's caused all the problems between husband and wife and children and parents. It's caused all the divorces, all the separations. It's put all men and women in prisons and in jails. Every man and woman who has gone to prison has gone there because of a carnal spirit in somebody. When carnality is in the heart, the fruit of it is disobedience, because it was born of disobedience. We have so many different denominations because of the carnal mind, which has divided the whole world into segments. Each is in his own little position.

God intended for us to be one. He said, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." When Jesus was praying in the seventeenth chapter of John, He prayed that the church would not be divided into many denominations. He prayed that the church would become one just like God and Jesus are one. "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." Now Jesus first said:

"...that the world may believe...;" then He said: "...that the world may know..." This tells us, without question, that the oneness of God's people--which will cause the world to know and to believe--is to occur this side of the grave. It isn't an experience reserved for Heaven. Many theologians believe it is not possible to be made perfect in one. It is taught in many places that perfection is not possible here in this life, that people of God cannot be made perfect in one. But if it were not possible, Jesus would not have prayed for it.

However, only a few have the willingness to pursue oneness in Christ. Many who are carnal feel that these few are not really in divine order. Anyone who has a carnal spirit differs from truth and Jesus is truth. "Be ye therefore perfect even as your father which is in heaven is perfect..." is the truth which Jesus preached. I know we cannot be perfect in ourselves. None of us can do this, except as we deny ourself and self is crucified. That is the cross. If any man is going to follow Me, Jesus said, let him deny self and take up his cross and follow Me. That cross is the inner crucifixion of the carnal nature. The Holy Spirit comes in as we obey His leading and are crucified of this terrible, old, evil, Adamic, sinful spirit. This must be cleansed out of us. After we are cleansed and filled with the Holy Spirit, we must die daily to ourself and to all things that would try to prevent us from doing God's will. St. Paul said, "I die daily." Unless we do God's will, we're going to be doing our own will, which most people do and will not have it otherwise.

There is the natural man, the carnal man, and the spiritual man. There are only a few who have ever pursued and obeyed to become a spiritual person. Someone asks, "How can we become spiritual?"--only as we are saved from our sins and leave the natural state. Then we pass on to the carnal state, where that old carnal mind is enmity against God. It's hostile, it's rebellious, it's angry, it's unbelieving, it's doubting, it's impatient, it's jealous. We must be delivered from that. Paul said to the church of Corinth, "Ye are yet carnal." He couldn't talk to them as unto spiritual persons, but as unto carnal, and even babes in Christ. He saw that there were divisions among them. There are divisions wherever carnality resides in one heart: and that's why there are so many different churches and why there are many divisions in those churches. Carnality divides. Spirituality brings togetherness. Carnality brings alone-ness, separation, division and conflict. It's not possible to have togetherness and unity when there is a carnal mind.

Cain rose up and killed his brother, Abel, who had the witness that he was righteous. Cain is symbolic of the professed church that wants to worship God by understanding. Abel is symbolic of the church that wants to follow God by revelation. We know Jesus Christ is the Lord, the Son of God, by revelation (I Cor. 12:3). The professed church wants to worship and guide

the church by councils, by boards, by reason. They want to understand everything. God has not called us to understand everything, He has called us to die to self so He can bring us to Himself and become one in Him. But the carnal mind wants to understand everything. The professed church wants boards and councils to work out programs, but God has been looking for a church that will let the Holy Spirit lead and reveal God's will. In Luke, chapter nine, when Jesus asked certain ones to follow Him, one wanted to first bury his father and another wanted to bid his family and friends goodbye. When He gave the Parable of the Great Supper, symbolic of the Kingdom of God, "...they all with one consent began to make excuse." This was an invitation to come to the great ingathering, to the will of God, to the Kingdom of Heaven, and they all had their excuses. It said they all had. Carnality always has excuses. Carnality is full of excuses. Carnality is full of analyzation. It is always asking, "Why? When? Wherefore? How come?" Spirituality is filled with faith, like a little child. It doesn't ask questions--it simply follows. It's not possible to ask questions and follow, because questions involve figuring but following is simply dying. That's why He said that if anyone is going to come after Me, let him die to self and follow. The professed church is trying to follow Jesus by understanding, by figuring, instead of dying to follow.

Those in the true church are one as God and Jesus are one. The holy church of Jesus has no divisions or conflicts in it. The carnal church, the church of man, the professed church, is full of conflicts, questions, bewilderment, loneliness and powerlessness. It's without love. Wherever the Holy Spirit is really leading, persons have love for their enemies, their persecutors, their revilers. Spiritual persons love their enemies automatically. Carnal persons press to try to love those who don't love them, but are never successful. Where Jesus isn't leading the church, there is conflict and division. Where there is conflict, there is no love, because love unites.

So carnality is our great problem. It's the foe. Most persons who are carnal do not want to think of this, because it's hard on them. It means the end of carnality. We must follow Jesus to do God's will, because if we don't follow Jesus we are following self, and that's the professed church. The professed church is run by self. It is guided by our understanding of what we like and what we don't like. The true church of Jesus Christ is led by the Spirit of God, by the help of the Lord. Carnality will not follow Jesus. Carnality will make room for the preferences of self, the wants of self, the desires of self. Where carnality has not been cleansed out of the heart, there are many weaknesses that lead to division, to hurt and to deep wounds. If someone really starts to go with God the enemy and carnality are going to find every scheme possible to get that individual out of order and get them in the flesh rather than in the Spirit.

Carnality is born of disobedience. Disobedience has no part in righteousness. When we disobey God we have grieved Him. We are not in hearing distance of God's will. Carnality is destructive. It will not follow. Carnality will not submit to self denial. It will not submit to the cross. The cross is the very death of it. That's why Jesus said that if anyone is going to come after Him, he is going to have to die to follow. As Jesus died on the cross to save us, we die to our sins, to our self, to the evils we are born with, in order to follow Him. We have to die daily in order to do God's will. If we don't, we'll do our own will and Jesus will be crowded out. So He's crowded out of most lives by self-will, by carnality, by the plans of men, by disobedience.

We must be on our guard constantly or we will err. Men and women need to be careful how they behave themselves in the church, because carnality is so strong that a carnal spirit will get into a man or woman and cause division, bringing very friends to separation. As Paul tells us in Romans seven: what they would do, they don't do; but what they don't want to do, they do. That's why Christian men must be careful not to be anywhere with another man's wife very long without his companion--whether it's at home, on a train, a bus, a plane, in a store, a church or anywhere. Carnality is so strong it will fight to get in, causing division, misunderstanding and wounds. That's why a pastor, a man of God, or any man, cannot visit a home, even for a few minutes, when the husband is not there. It's not wise. He's laying himself liable for great temptation. Even though he's not yielding himself, he's creating temptation or she is creating it. It's a very unwise thing to ever visit a home without having your companion with you, or unless both companions are home when you visit. This has caused trouble in churches and among families in the past.

Carnality is rebellious and hostile. Where there is carnality, the father or mother will be abusive to each other. Children can't understand why a parent claims to be Christian yet becomes angry, hostile, upset. It's because of the carnal mind. We must be cleansed of this, all of us in the church, or we will not have a church. We'll just have a group of people claiming to be religious, but not really be the true church. Persons of the true church are gentle, filled with love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, against such there is no law. The true church can only abide in the heart of a soul who is obeying the Holy Spirit. When we obey any part of the carnal nature, when we fail to deny self, we are not the church of Jesus--we are just a group of people trying to be religious.

Carnality pouts, sulks, and is stubborn. It will not accept the fact that inner death is necessary. Carnality figures and analyzes. Carnality always knows what to do. It knows according to carnal view. Carnality gives quick counsel. Carnality

always creates problems, for it is a problem. Where a heart is not cleansed of this old, evil nature, there is a problem. If there isn't a problem, it makes a problem. Carnality creates storms and upheavals. Wherever there is carnality there is no harmony. In place of harmony there is heartache and conflict. You see, carnality opposes sanctification. To be sanctified is to be cleansed of the carnal nature, to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Carnality throws spells and causes spells. Carnality screams or bites, finds fault or criticizes, complains or murmurs, oppresses and coerces. Carnality looks for weaknesses of others, but never will recognize it's own weakness. It will magnify the weakness of others and minimize it's own. Wherever carnality is, it will create weakness; it will make allowance for weaknesses; it will put blessing on weaknesses to some measure.

Carnality creates havoc in the home. The hurts in families resulting from carnality are both deeply devastating and long-lasting. Carnality will keep a husband and wife from understanding each other, from talking and sharing. People who are carnal will share with strangers but won't share much with their loved ones. Whenever there is victory in the soul, companions share together. Where there isn't any victory, the husband and wife can't talk together: there is conflict; there is division; there is misunderstanding. Carnality causes wives and husbands to be crushed and children to be hurt. In every marriage, both husband and wife must die to the carnal nature or it causes conflict. Both must be willing to die to the carnal nature or hurt, harsh words, confusion, frustration and disappointment will fester. If each partner is not willing to die to these carnal traits, they will be in great difficulty. The greater the victory a couple could receive, the greater the battle that preceeds it. It's a challenge, a great responsibility, a high privilege, an open door.

Carnality is out of control: it cannot be controlled but always wants to be in control. Carnality is all the time judging. It makes judgements. It's a hard fact to face, but that's what carnality does. Whenever we find ourselves judging, it's because carnality is raging. Jesus said, "Judge not lest ye be judged." So there is a danger--a grave danger, a terrible danger--in the slightest bit of carnality. Only through prayer and obedience and death to self can we be delivered from it. Only as we obey every leading of the Holy Spirit can we be led to complete victory over the carnal nature. Can we possibly imagine trying to have church without obedience? Obeying is doing God's will, following Jesus. But that carnal nature will not allow it. Carnality will oppose all obedience, for it is cunning and deceitful. It has no spiritual insight. Just think of it. It abounds in carnal insights, but has no spiritual insights. Carnality is so camouflaged that it's hard to recognize it is there. It's covered. Many people who are carnal work hard to create a lot of wonderful things in order to keep carnality

from being discovered. Carnality always comes out in the stress and strain of events, amidst hard places, during battles and struggles.

Carnality always encourages self-instigation. Carnality says, "We're able to do this." Spirituality says, "It's only by God's grace and the Lord helping me that I can do anything." In carnality there is a crust on the heart, a hardness of heart, an ironness of heart, a rockiness of heart. Carnality is assertive. It always asserts itself. But Jesus said that if a man is going to come after Him, let him deny himself. Self and carnality are right there together. Carnality is what crucified Jesus. It still crucifies Him and still opposes the will of God.

Carnality will always jump the traces and will not pull steadily. Carnality always gets discouraged easily. Think of it. All discouragement is born in carnality. Carnality is the very mother of discouragement. Carnality insists that it's impossible to consistently obey the Holy Spirit and be made perfect in one. Carnality is easily offended and gets upset. Where anyone is carnal you almost have to handle them with kid gloves. You need to be careful what you say, because they will feel like they are overlooked or passed by or haven't received their portion. Carnality feels sorry for itself and is saying, "Poor little me." Carnality has briars, stickers and thorns. The very essence of carnality is like briars. It sticks and poisons and hurts and is full of thorns.

Carnality has no compassion. It presses for what it thinks is best and coerces people with words or personality. Carnality is ever manufacturing a false love and tenderness. Carnality works diligently to manufacture a love, but that love is not true and genuine. The agape love comes from God, flowing from His heart to the heart that denies self, the heart that is crucified of the carnal nature, the heart that follows Jesus in obedience in every way. The agape love of God flows through the obeying, trusting heart automatically. Anyone who is carnal tries to work to get the love flowing. Anyone who is carnal works to try to get tenderness flowing, but that tenderness has little daggers in it.

Carnality manipulates to satisfy itself. Carnality loves the world and tries to get as close to the world as possible and still receive the blessings of a holy life. When we watch movies of the world, we lose our abiding in Christ. If a person would have victory in his soul, when he started viewing a worldly presentation, any victory would vanish. It only takes seconds of watching an evil movie to be out of victory in the Kingdom of God.

Carnality loves fights, as well. Carnality loves arguments. Anyone who likes arguments and fights is yet carnal. It is just a natural thing in carnality to bring upheavals. But argumentation and fighting are very hurtful to spiritual persons who

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are cleansed of the carnal nature. They flee from it. Carnality is never satisfied. It doesn't make any difference how wonderful something may be, it's never good enough. Carnality is full of claws and digs. It's harsh and flighty and jumpy and unpredictable. Carnality will not allow the Holy Spirit to work. We see that the old carnal nature is desperately wicked. God said to Jeremiah, "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, who can know it?" As long as this old carnal spirit is not cleansed and crucified, it is a trouble-maker. Where carnality is there is no peace, no rest: there is only a make-believe, an affectation, a put-on, a sham, a cover-up. This is in the carnal nature and in the carnal mind. That's why Paul said to the church of Corinth, "I can't talk to you as spiritual people. You are carnal. There are envyings and divisions and strife among you." That is the very essence of carnality. Carnality is in cahoots with the devil and sin.

We must constantly die to the old, evil, sin nature. That comes by following Jesus and doing God's will. This leads to inner crucifixion, to the slaying of the old man, to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. It's a constant looking to Jesus and praying. Although it's possible to pray and yet be carnal, it's not possible to be spiritual without prayer. Carnality will tolerate prayer and fasting and tithing, for the Pharisees were very religious and they prayed, they fasted, they tithed. But carnality will not persevere in prayer until the carnal nature is crucified. Carnality will not allow continual obedience to God because continual obedience is a cross. In the moment of obeying, carnality crosses up with the cross. As we obey God consistently, carnality is cleansed and slain out of the heart. Then troubles begin to be eliminated. When the people of God have come this far--are cleansed of the carnal nature and filled with the Holy Spirit--they become one as God and Jesus are one. But this can only be through Jesus Christ: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

Well, I've shared with you for some little while on the carnal nature and have only mentioned about sixty different traits and dispositions of the carnal mind. We must review these over and over, because unless we pray and obey, these traits of carnality will come right back into the heart, mind, and body, and crowd Jesus out. It is expedient that we wait upon God and follow Jesus and keep a spirit of praise and of prayer. Through prayer we obey. It requires prayer and trust to obey and follow. If we don't obey, trust does not exist. To try to trust without obedience is not possible. The very life of trusting is in having received the revelation of God's will and having done it. If we fail to do God's will when He reveals it, then trust no longer exists. The moment we fail to obey, we are, that moment, without trust. Trust depends upon following Christ in the Word of God, in the Truth of God, in the Spirit of Christ: and that is to love the

Lord our God with all of our heart, with all of our soul, with all of our mind, with all of our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourself.

Remember, dear ones, that our trip into Israel is coming soon, and the money should be in to Passports International. By the time this letter gets out it will probably be past due. Let us pray that all will go well, that persons will not fall or become ill, that flights will be good to excellent. We praise the Lord for hearing prayer that the wheels and motors of the buses will work properly, that we will be kept from all accidents and harm, that we will be abounding in the Holy Spirit, that the Kingdom of God will come on earth as it is in Heaven, that we will be like Jesus wants us to be. Of course, we will be like Jesus wants us to be as we follow Him.

I want to express appreciation and gratitude for the labor of our staff members in our work, and for John and Janet's special project in our Prayer Room. It has been quite an endeavor. We are very grateful for this beautiful room. It is most unusual: so unique and of excellent quality. We are very thankful, too, for the labor of our secretaries: Kathleen, Jane, and Vera, as well as our treasurer, Rev. Paul Hill. Our thanksgiving and appreciation is extended also to those who have helped in getting the letters out. Thank you, each one, who has endeavored to press and progress in this work for Jesus' sake.

Thank you for sacrificing and praying for us. We praise God for those of you who have been fasting for us, those who have been giving and who have the vision of sharing. We know that we're unworthy and most needy. We are trusting for God's guidance, deliverance and direction: that we be filled with His love and wisdom, His knowledge and understanding. Praise be unto our God Who has given us all things in Christ Jesus. May you keep encouraged in prayer and thanksgiving to obey what the Holy Spirit says in order that this old carnal nature be crucified; that we might persevere to die to ourselves from morning to night and let the Holy Spirit have full preeminence by obeying Jesus always. It's by God's grace this can be, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

In Jesus' Holy Name,

Loran W Helm

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P.S. We are so grateful for each one of you who has faithfully supported this ministry with your finance. But I wish to encourage those who have not been giving regularly to pray to see what God would have you share with this ministry. Thank you.

OLIVE WOOD BIBLES FROM BETHLEHEM

Dear people of God: A wonderful gift of love has arrived from Bethlehem, our Lord's birthplace. Nicola and Ermina Canavati, well known business people of Bethlehem, have sent us a supply of lovely Bibles to distribute as gifts of appreciation to those who have been faithful to this ministry.

You may recall that these dear people recognized the Spirit of God upon Rev. Helm in the airport in Rome as the Canavatis and Rev. and Mrs. Helm and their group were waiting for their flight. The Canavatis have testified that their lives have been changed since that wonderful day.

Enclosed please find a pre-addressed return card with which you may let us know of your desire for a Bible. We would initially ask that requests for a Bible be limited to those who have been faithfully and prayerfully involved in support of this ministry, with only one request per family. Your response will help us determine whether our supply is adequate to meet every request.

If requests are greater than supply, we will either have to honor the first sixteen hundred requests or determine some other means of making distribution as equitably as we can. We do not wish to disappoint anyone. We know that you will prayerfully understand. Please return the card within fifteen days.

Revival For Our Day, Inc.

October 5, 1987

Dear ones in the Lord Jesus, our Savior, the Christ of the Most High God, the King of Glory, the Lily of the Valley, the Bright and the Morning Star, the Everlasting Father, the Counselor, the Mighty God, Shiloh Come, the Prince of Peace, born of the Virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilot, was crucified, dead and buried. He arose again and ascended to the right hand of the Father. He left the Mount of Olives and went to be with our Heavenly Father nineteen hundred years ago where He prayed for all those who would receive prayer and be accepting prayer. He is the Intercessor forever after the order of Melchizedek. The angel spoke as He rose, and said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

Forty-five years ago yesterday, while I was walking down a street in Knoxville Tennessee, the Lord suddenly revealed to me, "Jesus is coming soon." When I spoke this out, Homer Pumphrey said, "The Holy Spirit bears witness to me that this is true." Jesus is coming. He said, "Will I find faith on the earth when I come again?" His coming, He said, would be as sudden as lightning out of the East to the West, like a thief in the night. He intimated that only a few would be ready. Will you be ready? We will be ready by being saved--that is, cleansed from our sins by denying ourself, by being cleansed and having the old man crucified out of us, by being filled with the Holy Spirit and obeying the leading of the Holy Ghost, the leading of the holy presence of God's revelation, the sacred word of the Lord.

It's by His grace and mercy we can be ready. We want to be sure that our motives are pure and our attitudes are holy. That is only when the old carnal nature is cleansed out of us. When the carnal nature is in us, we have motives for certain advantages for self: attainment, recognition, to see great things done. It is buried deep in the mind and harbors resentments. We wouldn't be ready with any of these motives within us, so we need to be cleansed vessels, sanctified, meet for Jesus' use, following Him and loving all the peoples of the world as He loves us. Then by His grace, through the precious Blood, we would be ready for His coming.

In family prayer tonight I was praying and pleading with God that if there was something I was forgetting to do that I ought to do, that at the end of the race or when the Great Judgment Morning comes I wouldn't look back and say, "Oh, I forgot to help this one, I forgot to do this or that." I was crying out, "Oh, Jesus, help me to do what I ought to do now while it is time, for the day cometh when a man cannot work." So it's expedient and urgent that we pray. You see, if we don't pray and commune with God, we're coming far short,

aren't we? It's God's will for us to be obedient, then when we pray our prayers will go through. Now I know that unless we obey the Holy Spirit and love Jesus with all our heart, unless we love Him and love our neighbor as ourself, our prayers are ineffectual and hindered. Or if we have arguments and conflicts with our companion and children, our neighbors or others, then I know our prayers are hindered. But I know it's God's will that we be a praying people--to pray and pray and pray and pray and talk to God. When our hearts are obedient to God, then our prayers are heard immediately. It's the most important thing after conversion--to do God's will, to deny the self within us and take the cross. That's where self is crucified and slain. Then the Holy Spirit comes in as we wait and praise the Lord and anticipate by faith. Then we follow to do God's will in the earth as it is in Heaven.

Jesus is coming and the time is short. No man knows when He's coming. There isn't any person or group of persons who know when Jesus is coming, but we do know that when the fig tree putteth forth her leaf we know summer is nigh. Jesus said this in the scriptures and this took place in May of 1948 when Israel became a nation after hundreds of years of wandering. So this generation shall not pass until all these things be fulfilled. We need to be ready when He comes. It may be today, tonight, tomorrow, in the morning, this morning, this week, next week. We don't know. There is no certain time because no one knows when Jesus is coming but the Father Himself; not the Son, nor the angels, but the Father only. The scriptures have so declared it and it is true.

But you see, if we're not following God, doing God's will, we wouldn't be ready when He comes. We must take care of all our debts, all the different things that we owe. We need to be sure to look after all the different things (obligations and vows) and not have idols: our home, our job, our family. These cannot be first, but Jesus must be first. We must be as enthused to do God's will as young people are to cheer when the game's on, or as young men are to beat their bodies to try and put a ball over a line. We should have that kind of perseverance, shouldn't we? We should have that kind of desire and love. I know it takes Jesus, the Holy Spirit for us to do this, but we need to because there isn't anything else that's going to matter in your life and mine other than doing God's will--really doing what God would have us to do. This is in His Word. The Holy Spirit can reveal what we are to do: our job, our school, our companion, or where we should live. It's important, because when we make important decisions without God's will, then everything is out of kilter the rest of our life. We're not where we need to be to help those He's called us to help: a beggar, or someone working on the street

or in a building, in a church, in a little-known back place, or in a prominent place. To know where God wants us and to be there is important. This is all that will count when we take our last breath in this world. It will be whether we've been doing God's will, and that is the most precious place to dwell--doing God's will truly. It's not just talking about it in all it's wonder, but actually following Jesus to do God's will. When we're asked to go a mile, we go two. We share what we have with the poor and needy, and we help those who are laboring in Christ. But we must remember that when people are doing God's will, the powers of the air try to stop and hinder it. When it isn't the Lord's leading, the enemy helps there. But when Jesus is leading He will make a way. It's so important that we do as God leads--no more and no less. If He sends us somewhere we're to go.

This past week, as my wife and I were going down a road I said, "I've got to go into this office and be with this loved one here." When I went in, I arrived there at the right time. This dear one said, "Oh, you've come the very time we needed you." It was important. It was so important! So where the Lord has led me in my fifty-four-and-a-half years to various offices, homes, buildings, churches, junctions, hospitals, jails, cities, countries, or a field has been important as He would guide me. It's very important to do God's will. We know God's will by the witness of the Holy Spirit--not by pressing, but by following. When we press, we get an answer in the flesh, but when we follow and pray and wait and let the Holy Spirit lead in His time, then He will witness and will reveal in the heart, in the soul what we're to do. It's important to do that.

Jesus is coming and we want to be ready. We know that the carnal nature I spoke to you about in the last letter is that which is in the way. It is the foe and prevents God's will from being done. But when the carnal nature is cleansed out and the Holy Spirit can come in, it's very, very necessary that we keep our heart pure through prayer and obedience. Only then can the Holy Spirit reveal God's will. This is worth this letter if we're able to hear it and hold it in our heart and thoughts.

When Jesus revealed to me years ago that I would see Dr. Carver, I was reading a little book called A Man Who Talks With Flowers written by Glenn Clark. I was reading this book in July of 1941 when the Lord revealed to me that I would see Dr. Carver and that he would know me. He revealed to me that we were to see him in September of 1942. When God gave us the revelation to go, and made the provision for us to go, the enemy opposed it all the way from our parsonage in Shideler to Tuskegee, Alabama. But we could not listen to the opposition. We pressed on, and by the grace of God, on the thirtieth day of September we were privileged to come into Tuskegee Institute, to the place where Dr. Carver lived and worked. We were very humbled to be there.

The man in charge was a Dr. Curtis. When I said to the secretary, "God has sent me here to bring a message to Dr. Carver," she said, "Well, Dr. Curtis is in charge of Dr. Carver." I thanked her as she left her desk and went in to get Dr. Curtis, a graduate of Columbia University with a Doctor of Philosophy degree. When he came in, I told him that God had brought me to share a message with Dr. Carver. He replied, "Well, many people come to see him, but they're not able to." He began to speak to me about different things, and I was so sorry when I saw how he had been treated and how he had certain pressures on him as a black brother. God wants us to love everyone the same and not put pressure on people, but rather to help them. So when I shared this with Dr. Curtis, I saw that it wasn't easy to get through the walls and rooms of situations and conditions. He informed me that Dr. Carver was not well. I said, "I would like to pray if I may," and got down on my knees and began to pray. I said, "Heavenly Father, You have sent me here with a message for Dr. Carver, so I've come these hundreds of miles with the message." When I got through praying Dr. Curtis said, "Well, you see the campus this afternoon after your lunch and look the buildings over. (Some of the buildings had been built by students.)

When we left the building that day I asked Homer, "Which way shall we go?" The instant I asked him that the Holy Spirit spoke to me and said, "Turn to the left." I immediately turned to the left and as I turned the Holy Spirit again revealed that I was to immediately come to the curb on the right and ask the gentleman standing there a question. I remember that he had a little leather case under his arm as he came over to the car. I said, "Sir, may I ask you where there is a restaurant that doesn't sell liquor or beer?" As he began to tell me, I looked into the eyes and face of a spiritual man, a man who loved Jesus, who loved God. So I told him that God had sent me there to give Dr. Carver a message. He said, "That's wonderful. I've been a friend of Dr. Carver's for over thirty years. My name is Harry Sims and I am the Tuskegee, Alabama Institute field representative." I thanked him for his time, and we went on our way. I marveled, dear ones, that out of the seven or eight thousand people in Tuskegee, the hundreds of students, and the few score of faculty members, God would stop me at the very person who had been a life-long friend of Dr. Carver and had been with him just that morning. The Holy Spirit was so precious as I shared with Harry Sims.

We went on our way to lunch, then when we returned to go about the campus I became so burdened I had to excuse myself and come back to the car to cry and pray. It seemed like we were cast down, but not in despair, forsaken, but not so alone, as God was with us. After awhile Homer came back from the campus trip and I said to him, "Would you go over to see Dr. Curtis and see if we have permission to see Dr. Carver?" He came back immediately as Dr. Curtis had not

returned from his class. We waited, and when I saw Dr. Curtis coming, I sent Homer over to inquire. In a little while Homer returned and said, "Dr. Curtis has said that he appreciates your coming and he appreciates that you would think of them. He trusts you enjoyed the campus and your trip down, but you will not be able to see Dr. Carver." I said to Homer, "I hear what you say, but it goes in one ear and out the other." He replied, "When the door is closed, it's closed." I said, "Well, I know what you say, but I believe that God has told me that I am to see Dr. Carver." He replied, "Well, I read a book some time ago about a situation that came up and a Christian said, "Well, I'll pray for five minutes and trust God to give what we need in that five minutes." I got down on my knees and began to pray, saying, "Heavenly Father, here is Carver, Curtis and Sims...CCS. Jesus, you sent me to see Dr. Carver and Dr. Curtis has told Homer we can't see him. CCS...Carver, Curtis, Sims...See Carver Soon. Thank you, Jesus, for your mercy and your opening, for your helping us, and for taking care."

When I got up from prayer Homer said, "You have one minute. You have prayed four minutes." At the end of that minute, he went toward the car and we started for home. We hadn't gone but a few feet when I looked to the right and exclaimed, "Oh, Brother Homer, there is Harry Sims! Pull the car to the curb and park." It was only about a hundred feet from where we had been. I said, "Oh, stop the car and run in the side door of the post office and talk to him. He has just gone in there." So Homer ran in the side door of the post office as I got out and put my coat on. I looked and Homer was coming back because when he had gone in Harry Sims had come out the front door. I said to Homer, "Well, just wait here with me." A moment later Harry Sims, who had gone in the opposite direction from us on the sidewalk, abruptly stopped and looked down. He turned around, came back to the main walk in front of the post office and went back into the building. Homer and I went up to the building and I said, "Homer, stand here please and I'll go in." When I went in I saw Harry Sims standing there at the table and he was holding his head and looking as though he were in a dream or some meditation. I went back outside and waited. It seemed like a long while, but it wasn't too long.

When Harry Sims looked up and saw me, he said, "Oh, did you get to see Dr. Carver?" I shared with him, and he replied, "By the way, I met you very peculiarly today and I don't want to fail my part in a worldwide awakening. What is your message for Dr. Carver?" I said, "Oh, dear brother, the Lord has sent me to share with Dr. Carver that He is in search of a people who will trust Him with all their heart, totally and wholly depend upon Him; a people who will do always His will, a people that He can trust to come into their lives with the Kingdom of God." After every phrase I gave him he would say, "Oh, Dr. Carver would appreciate it very much. Do you have money

to stay overnight?" I replied, "Yes, God has provided for us to stay the night." He then said, "You come to this building where Dr. Carver is in the morning about nine o'clock, for I will send a note in to him. I will let him know you are here and that you have a message for him."

So we were there the next morning. Of course, that night was a night of prayer and crying out to God that we might have faith to believe God could open closed doors and put a door right through what seemed to be a wall of difficulty. We got there that next morning and I walked in to this beautiful place. A black student asked me, "May I help you?" I said, "Please, may I see Dr. Curtis this morning?" He replied, "Wait and I will go to Dorothy Hall (which was to the north) to get him." We went to the east side of the laboratory to see the exhibit while we were waiting, and while we were there we heard a voice outside in the woods saying, "See Dr. Carver." I said, "Oh, Homer, did you hear that?" And he replied, "Yes, I did." In just a moment or so Dr. Curtis came in the north door and said to me, "Good morning, you will see Dr. Carver this morning." I followed him into the next room, on into the room after that, and into the room beyond that where the secretary was. When we started in to Dr. Carver's office, he was there. He put his hands up and said, "Wait just a moment please." We could see him from the back where he was sitting, so we stepped back and waited. Then he went in to the old laboratory where he worked and I could hear him in there working with the stove (as older people would use the poker and stir the coals). When he came back into the doorway where we were, he had his hands up in the air and said (breathing very hard), "What is your message please? What is your message please? I'm not so well today." His eyes and mind seemed as though they stayed together, looking at each other.

Well, I began to share with him God's message, and after every phrase he said, "Yes, yes," in a high voice. It just seemed that with every phrase he understood me perfectly. Oh, the Lord was so precious. When I finished telling him that God was in search of a people who would totally, wholly depend upon Him, a people who would always do His will, a people He could depend on to come into their lives with the Kingdom of God, I gave him my message and what I had not known I was going to say. It was very serious, and then he gave me a very encouraging word. The Lord then revealed to me in my heart that it was time for me to leave. So with my hand lifted in the air and his hand lifted in the air, we were facing one another when the Holy Spirit spoke to me and said, "You may go now." I turned and left. The Lord revealed to me that he would be going home in a little while, and he lived about twelve to thirteen weeks. So God had made a way for us in the realm of the miraculous. It was a very wonderful time.

On October the first I shared this story at our Christian academy and told them it

was forty-five years ago that day when the Lord and the Holy Spirit helped me so marvelously to come to this servant of God and share the message. We want to thank Jesus for His guidance and blessing and direction for how He has helped us.

When I reviewed in family prayer, I told my wife that twelve years ago today John and Janet came to Parker City with their family. They had two young girls and a little boy about two-and-a-half to three years of age. Lydia was not yet born. We want to be very thankful for God bringing them to help us, and we are thankful for their ministry. We are thankful also for Son Jon, Son James, David Lee, Roger, and also for Charles and how they have helped us here these past weeks and months. We want to thank the Lord for each one who has helped us. Many have worked at Dayspring Christian Academy. Many scores and hundreds of hours of labor were spent there, and a few thousands of dollars were given to help at that home. It's through Jesus providing and making a way. Oh, how the students pray together at the school. Some have prayer in the morning and the Lord helps them. It's such a blessing to see how the Lord has helped these students.

We want to give God glory and praise and honor for the work of the Holy Spirit and all that He has done, what He is doing, what He will do as we get ready to leave for Israel in just about five days time. We praise the Lord for protecting and blessing and guiding and directing. We praise the Lord that the Holy Spirit could lead and work and guide and come, that the powers of darkness would be defeated and God's light and power and the Kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven. Praise the Lord.

We're grateful for the response of the last letter. A few of you have written us. Brother Oliver read the letter a week ago last Sunday to his congregation. He read the entire letter, and Sally and Jeannie had a little desire that he read it again they enjoyed it so much. The congregation appreciated it to the extent that eighty letters were taken up and Monte Chittum and John Dudley drove a little under three hundred miles to bring those letters to us Sunday afternoon. We were so humbled, and so grateful for God's blessing and work and revealing as to the carnal mind and what a foe it is. We need to be constantly on our guard so that the Kingdom of God will not be hindered and that we will be faithful to do as the Holy Spirit would help us to do. For it is in His holy presence that the carnal nature is slain out of us. The carnal nature will not recognize spiritual revelation. Now this is a tremendous thing to note. The carnal nature will allow prayer and fasting and tithing, but will not accept spiritual revelation. It will not accept it or recognize it. The carnal nature does it's utmost to prevent that revelation from coming. When it comes it will rage to try to stop the person from doing what God has revealed. I know that in my lifetime when God would reveal to me what I was to do, the enemy many times

would try to stop it, try to oppose it. So the carnal nature wants or receives the revelation of the flesh, of it's own kind, but objects to the revelation of God in Christ, the Holy Ghost.

Number sixty-two of the points concerning the carnal nature is: The carnal nature prevents us from hearing. The old Adamic nature, that power of darkness that came into us because our forefathers disobeyed, is because of disobedience. That's the way carnality was born--by disobedience. So carnality works constantly in the inner life of a man or woman to continue the life of disobedience. I'm convinced that very few people obey the Holy Spirit. Unless we're faithful to obey the Holy Spirit in just seconds or minutes after conversion, we miss the leading of the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit impresses us to praise the Lord for saving us, to give God the glory and Christ Jesus the thanks for saving us, that carnality rages right up, the spirit of Cain raises right up in the heart and says it's not necessary to do that, just be quiet. It will raise right up and say it's not in order for you to do this. Then carnality says a lot of different things to keep a person, a new convert from praising the Lord just seconds after conversion. Because that old carnal nature, that self is not denied, it smothers out the leading of the Holy Spirit. Carnality is the cause of disobedience, of our not doing what God wants us to do. Carnality is what causes us not to pray, not to obey. Carnality keeps us in a state of forgetting God's will, forsaking God's will, leaving Jesus. Carnality is the old evil that was born in us because our forefathers disobeyed God. That must be cleansed out. That's the second step after conversion. Jesus said that if any man is going to come after me (that's after conversion), if he's going to come after me and be converted, let that man and that woman, that boy or that girl deny self. Because the self that isn't denied will not allow the leading of the Holy Spirit. That old self in us must be denied.

Then the next step is: let him take the cross and deny himself. The cross is that instrument of death upon which self, the old carnal nature in us, is crucified. Then the next phrase says, "And follow me." So the Holy Spirit leads and reveals that we're to praise the Lord, we're to glorify Him, we're to honor Him. But carnality, the carnal mind, the enmity, the old self, opposes it. It wants to stop it. It's stopped nearly everyone. There are only a few that have obeyed God and followed Jesus. We can preach, we can teach, we can testify, we can pray, we can get people saved, get people to repent; but to deny self and have the old carnal nature crucified, the enemy doesn't want it. We can do the work in the church, because as long as carnality is there God's not really followed, Jesus is not really followed. We just follow a religious setup, a religious pattern. So carnality prevents us from hearing what God's will is. Then it will not allow it after we know. That's why it must be

denied. That old self must be denied immediately. It doesn't mean just eating bread and water and putting on black robes. It means the interior life, not the exterior life. It means that within us, right within our heart and mind we must pursue the mind of Christ by the crucifying of the old carnal nature. When the old carnal nature is crucified, then the mind of Christ can come in. The carnal mind and Christ don't go together. There is a battle there, a warfare. Because Christ leads in obedience and carnality leads in disobedience, there is a cross. Unless we take the cross, they cross up.

So carnality, that old carnal mind we're born with is a constant foe and enemy. This is why persons have not followed Jesus and obeyed. It's because of the old nature, that evil, that disobedient spirit. That's the main reason we haven't followed. If we don't obey Him immediately after conversion, then we don't follow. We're just in a pattern, a religious pattern. When He reveals what we're to do, it's as we trust Him and pray. Then He will reveal what we're to do in a little while. It could be seconds to minutes to days. Each time He reveals to us that means we're trusting, we're waiting upon God. When He reveals His will that's the next step we take after Jesus. When He reveals what we're to do, then we take the step--that's obedience. But carnality doesn't allow it. We have to deny self and crucify the carnal nature in order to do that. Carnality and sin, the carnal mind opposes it. That's why few persons are saved. We must resist the devil and keep spiritual balance so that we'll be filled with the Holy Spirit. He fills us with His Spirit when we're cleansed of the carnal nature, when we're sanctified. Then from the instant we're cleansed from this carnal nature and that old nature is crucified out, the Holy Spirit comes in. But carnality wants to come back. That's

where we have to pray and resist the devil and obey the Lord. Because when we don't obey, why then carnality comes right back. That's one reason, no doubt, why St. Paul said, "I die daily." I have to die from morning to night to self and to desires of the world and to the ideas of men, because the enemy wants to come in there and stop us. We must hold on and believe. He said, "Follow me." In one place in the scriptures where they were invited to the Great Supper, they all with one consent begin to make excuse. So that is in the carnal nature to try to excuse ourselves from doing God's will.

I pray that you will be encouraged. I trust that you will pray about our needs, our financial need, our health need, that the fellowship of Christ may become one as God and Jesus are one. We pray that the Lord will lay it upon your heart, if possible, to see the situations. Because, you see, the enemy tries to blind us and stop us from what God wants and wills. So I trust you will pray much and that you will obey as the Holy Spirit leads and guides. He is able to provide and make way even though we are the least of His servants and nothing. Yet He can do all things for His glory. We want to praise Him for all He's done, what He's doing, what He will do in every area, every respect. Thank you for your prayers and your dedication, your hearing, your believing and having faith, for I pray to have faith as He gives me love for all the peoples of the world to have faith to do His will. We're grateful for all our staff, all those who help, our treasurer, our secretaries, those who assist in getting the letters out, those who print them. We thank each one of you in the Name of Jesus,



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Dear ones in the Lord Jesus our Savior, Who has redeemed us through His precious Blood. By His grace are we kept by the power of God as we follow Jesus, doing God's will.

Unto God be thanks, honor and much gratitude for the direction of Jesus, the Holy Spirit, on this pilgrimage into Israel. We were so blessed and helped that God would reveal that we were to depart on October eleventh. Some two hundred thirty pilgrims in all gathered into New York City from about seventeen states. God marvelously, miraculously, helped so that each one was able to get through from the various airports and states to our starting point. A number of flights were necessary for us to make our way. We were very thankful for the protection and blessing of Jesus, the Holy Spirit of God.

Our flight from New York to the city of Rome, Italy, was the shortest I've ever experienced--six hours and thirty minutes. Usually it takes seven to eight hours, so we surely had a nice tail wind pushing us along. We were so grateful for the way the Holy Spirit took care of our one-hundred-and-eighty-some people going by the way of Cairo, Egypt. These expressed gratitude to see the sights of the pyramids and the Sphinx. To think that Moses looked at the pyramids and Joseph looked at the Sphinx. I thought how tremendous it was to be in the largest city on the continent of Africa. It took almost two hours to drive through the city from the pyramids. When I was first there to view them in 1970 the city was not so built up, but it's building up more rapidly in the last few years.

Our people appreciated very much going across the Suez Canal, and when they arrived at the border how God worked to help them. Joseph Mizrahi, of course, was able to speak and communicate and that was quite a help. I heard someone say that they had a friend held up at the border from one to two hours, yet our large group was not held up very long. They were able to make that transition quickly from the Egyptian buses to the Israeli buses, transferring luggage and passing through passport control. They were very grateful for the presence of God that they sensed as they entered into Israel.

On our arrival in Tel Aviv we were met by Paul Miller, Joseph's son, and Amnon, our guide and driver. Amnon was very, very conscientious, sincere and helpful. We were very appreciative as we traveled in his car to our hotel, the Diplomat in Jerusalem. Paul and I talked and I began to share a few things. When I finished, as we were driving along, Amnon said, "This very day Paul shared with me what you have just now told me." I marveled how God would help me to share what Paul had already told him, which confirmed in Amnon's mind a very precious thought indeed.

I was very anxious to get to Brother and Sister Canavatis in Bethlehem. That's the first thing I wanted to do when I got there, other than praying and obeying God. Of course, when we arrived, Nicola was out there loving us and, oh, what a welcome he gave us. I asked him if he'd received my letter I dictated to Kathleen about two to three weeks before. He said, "No, I've not received it." I was surprised, for I thought he would get it in one to two weeks, but it had not yet arrived. He called his wife to tell her that we were there. I talked to her and she was so excited. Nicola said, "I didn't dare tell her you were coming because she would have been so excited she would have asked me every little bit when you would be here. She would be really, really excited so I didn't let her know you were coming." When I talked to her she said, "I will be right down." She was there just shortly to his office, and oh, what a time my wife, Amnon, Oliver, Richard Moore and I had there with Brother and Sister Canavati. The Lord worked so beautifully and blessed us so marvelously.

After we had spent one to two hours with them and started back to Jerusalem, Amnon said to me, "I want you to know that today you've helped me to discover a whole new world." Here this precious sixty-year-old guide of Israel--who had suffered for Israel, who had been imprisoned for Israel--was so encouraged that we might be together this day and that God would work by the Holy Spirit to open to him a whole new world. It was perhaps worth our trip into Israel just for Amnon and his wife.

When we had our first service the next day, we had such a precious experience. I was led to ask Jeannie to sing a certain number on her list. She sang it so beautifully that all the Jewish people stood up. Amnon related to me later that for years he had heard a popular Israeli singer present that song, and that they were number one on his list for singing that song. But he said, "I want to tell you that when Jeannie Light sang it, she became number one. You know, when I would hear 'Jerusalem of Gold' through the years I always had one person as number one singer of this beautiful number. But when I heard Daniel and Jenny Light sing this song, they became number one."

He shared with me as he sat there in the meeting and looked up at us, "You know, I just met this servant a few hours ago and as I sit here and watch him it seems as though I've known him for a generation." At a later date, when he brought his wife to be with us at the Canavatis, it was so precious how the Lord worked with her. She was very gracious, appreciative, sophisticated, so humble and very dear. Amnon told me later, "I didn't share with my wife how

I felt about you and the people in the meeting, but after she was with you and your people, when we got home she shared the very same things that I thought. I had never shared it with her." We thought this was a very sacred experience to be thanking God for.

The Lord was faithful in the meetings. The way He guided and directed was so unique, so dear and refreshing. It's not possible to tell you of His presence because when God comes the joy we share as we tarry there none other has ever known. The joy that is in each meeting, the joy that flows through each revelation, has never existed before and will never be again. It's like water that comes out of a fountain. The water that flows out through the fountain is gone and other waters flow after it. So the joy we share as we tarry there none other has ever known. It was the work of the Holy Spirit in healing, blessing, lifting, revealing and preaching. A number shared with me that the sharing and the preaching were helpful and encouraging and challenging. We want to thank the Lord for the way He guided and blessed and directed indeed. Each service was so different. Each time He leads it is never quite the same again. The managers of the Diplomat Hotel sent word to us that Revival was quite a special group of people to them. God administered through our people to let them know of our gratitude and appreciation for their sharing and hospitality.

On Tuesday we were to leave the Diplomat Hotel in Jerusalem to go to Tiberias. When I went to lean over to put on my socks, the vertebrae down near the tailbone went out. Of course, the pain and suffering as I went back into the bed was very intense. It was extremely difficult for me to dress. Richard was there to help me. Then to drive the distance from Jerusalem to Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee with a vertebrae popped out was no small assignment. You know, if you make just a little turn it almost takes your breath for a second. The buses had left, so Dr. Spaulding had already gone. When we arrived at our hotel on the Sea of Galilee I tried to relax and lie down to get some relief. Dr. Spaulding then came to be with me and work with me. Richard had been assisting me and Dr. Spaulding worked to put that vertebrae back into position. He was very careful, because to do that without an x-ray requires carefulness.

The next morning I couldn't get out of bed by myself. It was hurting so badly I had to have help. I couldn't dress myself or walk. They brought me a kind of stick because I didn't have a cane. I used that to try and walk because my legs didn't want to go. I would just cry out for help. Dr. Spaulding and Richard stayed with me and I would just rebuke Satan, and it seemed as I rebuked the devil, why, I could walk better. The doctor would say, "Oh, I feel this going all through me." The fellowship we had in the Spirit, even though we were suffering, was very, very precious. In fact, Monday afternoon when I was at the

doctor's office, he said to me, "If the group could have seen a video of your endeavor to get up of a morning, how you were helped, and how much pain and suffering you were in, they would know how much greater a miracle it was." It was quite an experience, because each morning was a pressing, a time of pain and suffering.

Dr. Spaulding would work with the spine and vertebrae even though he didn't have any of his equipment with him. He was so tender and gentle with me. (I was thankful when I heard that Jane Langdon had thrown her back out of place on a nature trail and Dr. Spaulding had been able to put that vertebrae back where it belonged. I was so thankful for the relief she had been able to get from him.) Then we had to travel on to Tel Aviv, holding on by faith and believing, because the soreness in the lower back, as well as in under the shoulder blades where I've had it this week, was something.

The last evening in Tel Aviv Son Jack came over to our suite and asked, "Do you feel like you could walk over to the meeting room?" Before that I had no plans of trying to go because I was in such suffering and other situations. It was so hard to get dressed. I said, "Well, Son, I'm going to try." He said, "I don't want to press you, but I know if you were able to go I believe it would help everybody." So I started getting ready, the Lord helping me, and was crying out to think how far it was to walk over there and back. But you know, the Lord helped me wonderfully. It was a spontaneous, unscheduled meeting. As the Holy Spirit would lead and guide I would call on different ones to lead a congregational song and the power and presence of Jesus came so sweetly and marvelously that we hardly knew how to explain the extraordinary way Jesus was blessing and leading. It was in an area and realm that was way up somewhere. I don't know how to explain it to you, but Jesus was blessing and guiding and directing in a wonderful experience. Roger and John and I and different ones would say, "Oh, if we could only share how the Holy Spirit was there." I said to myself, "If we are privileged to ever have God's presence in all services again until Jesus calls me or comes, it would be one of His great gifts, one of His great benefits." His presence was so sweet, so dear, so rich, so light, so enjoyable, so delightful. The general manager of the Maccabean Hotel was in the service and he was unable to leave. When we left he said to Son Jack, "I've never heard such instructions in my life anywhere: how people were instructed to take care of my facilities; how to behave themselves in a hotel; how to help one another; how to leave a room; how to close doors; how to take care of things." He was stirred up because Jesus had helped me to share a little of what He had taught me.

Well, to think about going home with my back in such poor condition was a big order. I would keep saying, "I am five to six thousand miles from home and with this suffering and distress I'm needing Jesus' help

very much." He took care of everything and surely helped me. At the airport we had quite an experience even before we got to the bus which drives you to the plane. As we entered the terminal officials were waving to us from one end of the airport. Since we were first-class passengers, we discovered that we weren't in the proper area. They sent us clear to the other end of the airport. When we arrived there they said, "Besides your first-class tickets you have to have a voucher." Tina had never heard tell of such a thing before. Finally all the details were completed and we got on the bus to take us to the plane. The vehicle was so full I was holding on to straps on either side, my left hand on one side and my right hand on the other. My wife just tried to hold on to me. Son Kenneth, Brother Herb Hill, and Mrs. Gaetke from Scott Depot were trying to assist us. When the driver took off suddenly, making a sharp left turn, my wife, Son Kenneth, Herb and Sister Gaetke began to fall. If I had not held on to the straps, we all would have gone down. My wife's arm was bent clear back, hurting her pretty badly. I finally found a place for her to sit down. I asked a lady if my wife could sit down, because Florence was crying with pain. The Lord came to the rescue and helped us.

We boarded the plane to return to the states and were on that plane for twelve hours. After a few hours I was praying that the Lord would allow me strength to stand up and go back and shake hands with our people. About one hundred pilgrims were with me on that plane and I hadn't been able to be with them. The other hundred were on other flights. I was able to go back and shake hands with most everyone. I shared and talked with a few. I met two Jewish Rabbis. It was quite an experience how the Lord blessed, led, directed and gave us strength.

As I meditated on our flights to Israel I marveled how God had us fly over Scotland, England, Europe and the Mediterranean just a few hours before the worst storm in 284 years hit the coast of England and London. Then, you see, after that storm was over, He brought us right back across the Mediterranean, over Europe, England, and Scotland, then on to the United States. I thought, how marvelous it is that God would so lead that we would only experience light turbulence going over and back. We missed storms and dark places. Occasionally when you fly the plane will jerk up and down and just bounce you around. Son Kenneth Wagner told me twelve to fifteen years ago, "The Lord has led you in the flights for each journey so that Revival people hardly know what ordinary flying weather is like, because they've had smooth flights." Many times flights can be rough and the turbulence not light or medium, but heavy, strong, or severe. Here, the Lord led us to go over for my fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth crossing of the Atlantic with again light turbulence, or maybe less than that. When we were flying from New York into Indianapolis it was so soft and light and gentle I thought, "Lord, it seems like I'm floating through

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silk. It's such a wonderful feeling." We were so in debt to God, the Holy Spirit of Jesus, to give us strength to get home with the back in such a situation.

Many of our people stated that they enjoyed this pilgrimage very much. Some thought it was one of the best. It is through Jesus that it could be. We want to praise the Lord for the work of God, the Holy Spirit, that God would be so merciful to help us and cleanse us that we might, through the Holy Spirit, do God's will.

Carnality causes murmuring and conflicts and divisions. Carnality wants to understand. Carnality wants to know as much about everything as it can. After it knows it finds out that all it knows is only a beginning. So carnality gets discouraged easily and wherever carnality is it's likely to discourage anyone it meets, because it lives in the negative rather than the positive. It lives in question rather than in the answer. Carnality insists on working out and taking care of some things or of everything. Yet many times it undoes things as it takes care of what it's about. Carnality insists on being dominant. Spiritual people must yield to carnal people. Carnal people have always caused spiritual people anxieties since the Fall of Adam, even to this very day.

Carnality has prevented every church from being one as the Father and Son are one. This carnal mind, this sinful nature born in every person since Adam except Jesus, has been the very center of the source of trouble, conflict, division, strife, jealousy, enmity. It is enmity against God, it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. Carnality is easily disturbed. Carnality is always saying, "Oh, I'm having a hard time. Poor little me." Carnality has no tenderness, but has briars, stickers and thorns. It is found to have no genuine compassion, only a manipulated compassion which comes in rather an iron-like way. Carnality is continually trying to manufacture a love, but it is false and without tenderness. It continues to manipulate, to formulate and to bring to pass something that appears to be love. This power of darkness, this sinful heart of man, likes fighting and arguing.

Carnality is never satisfied, even with the best, for it is always saying that the best should be better. Spirituality is always happy for that which is least, that which seems to be nothing. It is happy and rejoicing where carnality finds fault, criticizes, whimpers, and whines. There is no jubilant praise in carnality: it has to be worked up to ever come forth, for it is full of claws and digs and hurts. It is continually harsh unless it is restrained to a great degree. Carnality is flighty and jumpy and jerky. It stops, then goes. It is unpredictable. You have to handle anyone who is carnal with gloves on because you don't know how they're going to react. Carnality can't be pleased. There is something within it that will try to find fault.

We find that carnality resists and refuses the Holy Spirit's leading. Carnality wants to lead. Carnality wants to plan. Carnality wants to instigate. Carnality will not die to follow, because following Jesus requires inner death and self-denial. Carnality will not accept this death and will not deny itself. Carnality doesn't recognize spiritual revelation and the leading of the Holy Spirit or direction of God. When God told Jonah to go to Ninevah, carnality said, "Why go to Ninevah? I want to go to Tarshish." Carnality within Jonah was not pleased to go to Ninevah, which was God's will, where he was going to be mightily used and see one of the great revivals of the Old Testament writings. No, the carnal mind in this precious man said, "You go to Tarshish. You have friends there. You have beautiful, marvelous opportunities. You have what you want there." Carnality never wants to submit to God's will at all. It always has something else it wants or plans.

Carnality asks, "Why can't Abraham take some of his family with him?" Lot said, "I love Abraham so much that I cannot stay here." The carnality in him loved Abraham so much that he would not stay home and obey God. The deadly effects of that disobedience have never ceased, for the fruits of it's death, heartaches, disappointment and despair are now in many nations throughout the world. Carnality always instigates what it likes and always brings forth rivers of death with dark streamlets in it. It has all kinds of bitterness and poisons roaming through the waters of it. Carnality opposes every revelation of the Holy Spirit. Carnal ideas opposed God's will in going to Ninevah. Carnality opposed God's will in Abraham not taking his family and loved ones with him. Carnality is why God couldn't find a person to stand in the gap and make up the hedge for the land that He should not destroy it. He said, "And I sought for a man among them, that they should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." It was because of carnality.

The old evil nature in us prevents us from praying, from obeying, from following, from submitting, from hearing His voice, from becoming like a child, from being utterly dependent upon Him. Carnality doesn't want us to be utterly dependent upon God. Carnality wants us to depend on ourself and get the answers, get the questions going. Carnality wants to analyze and find out the wherefore and the roots of understanding. There is nothing in the Bible, the teachings of Jesus, where we are told to find out why and how come and to understand. There is nothing about it. He told Peter, "What is that to thee? Follow thou me." Carnality has prevented God's will from being done since the fall of man. Only a very few since the fall of human kind have ever been able to persevere to the place of submission and self-denial, assuming the cross where the old carnal nature is crucified so that we'll truly follow the guidance of God, the Holy Spirit.

Carnality not only opposes every revelation of God, but carnality receives the revelation of the flesh instead, which is seemingly good and feasible and helpful. Carnality works on reason and rationalizes on the basis of what looks and appears and feels and seems to be very helpful. Carnality, the very presence of it, stops our hearing from God; prevents us from hearing the Holy Spirit. You see, if we cannot hear the voice of God, through Christ, speaking, we cannot be sheep of His pasture. Jesus said, "My sheep know my voice. My sheep hear my voice. My sheep follow me." Carnality will not follow Jesus. Carnality will make such a clatter that you can't hear the voice of Jesus. We're not in the sphere to here it.

Since carnality is such an evil power of darkness, why don't we work harder to eliminate it? We know that alcohol kills so many people and that drugs destroy so many lives. Society works hard to eliminate these evils. Why don't we work at eliminating carnality? Why doesn't everybody realize this? It is because of the carnal nature. The carnal nature will not let them see it, for it is blinding. Carnality submits itself to temptation because it sometimes harbors secret sin underneath in hidden areas. Carnality wants desparately to get back and to have all the controls and choose it's own way.

Well, we appreciated how the Holy Spirit helped us in Israel and protected us and watched over all two hundred and some persons that they were not injured in falling, that they didn't have to be hospitalized. I don't know how many people were saved from falling by holding onto each other, which we've suggested over and over to do. It would be quite a number of that two hundred thirty. We were thankful for all those who prayed for this pilgrimage, who loved and cared for Jesus' guidance and blessing.

The night before last we were having family prayer quite late. I was reading the scripture, "And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ." The instant I said, "Simeon," the power of the Holy Spirit operated in my heart and I was privileged to have communion with Simeon in Heaven. The Bible says that the Holy Ghost was upon him. The scriptures said that he would not see death until he saw the Christ.

Somewhere around twelve-thirty in the morning we were in prayer. Florence was seated at the chair by my desk and I was in the armchair. I was in an area of prayer that neither my wife nor I could recall, when all of a sudden came a loud "bang!" against the weather boarding outside. My wife asked, "What was that?" So I went out in the backyard and there was a dove. He had been asleep for six hours, but when I

began praying he awoke and started flying toward me at about twenty-five to thirty miles per hour. He was trying to get where the Holy Spirit was working so wonderfully with us, but the side of the house was in it's way.

A very bright light right at that place illuminates the house brilliantly, so the outside wall could easily be seen by the dove. But it hit the weather boarding coming right toward me. Now usually a bird crumples and folds up when it hits something, but this dove had fallen to the ground facing the northwest with it's wings stretched out in full flight. It wasn't a bird with a broken wing, but a bird with a broken neck. The dove, you see, is significant of the Holy Ghost. It was so stirred up as we were in prayer that it awakened and flew right toward me. Neither my wife nor I could remember what I was praying right then. The dove had been asleep for six hours and it was so stirred that it awakened and flew toward me, but the house was between us and it hit the wood. We both felt we were experiencing an unusual event.

Years ago just a few feet from where that bird had fallen, there was a tall bush by my window. Very early in the morning, somewhere between three and four o'clock, before daylight, I was crying out, "I am so sorry we mortals have grieved Thee since the fall of man," when suddenly this bird awakened and sang from the time I began that phrase until I stopped, then it went back to sleep. Another time, on a Christmas morning about one or two o'clock, just a few feet away in a tree, a song sparrow began to sing to me. It was snowing and this song sparrow sang twice, three times, four times, five times, six times, seven times. I thought it might stop after seven times, but it didn't. It sang eight times, nine times, and continued on for twelve times, then flew away. Twelve years ago I heard a dove cooing to us in family prayer at one in the morning. God has granted us most interesting and precious experiences with the birds.

We are thankful for your prayers. We need them very much. Robert Allen and Jewell are coming to help us and we need your prayers and your support. When he was converted fifteen years ago this February 12th, he had a desire to come to be with us. The six weeks he was with us before his marriage were the happiest times of his life up until then. All he had was a couch to lie on in the front room, but he said, "Daddy, that was the happiest time of my life." When I called Jewell recently to tell her that they would be coming, she said, "I've wanted to come since 1968," and she began to cry. So we are trusting the Lord for help and guidance, for wisdom to understand what the Lord's will is and how to proceed. We pray that they will be encouraged and pray and wait upon the Lord to know how to proceed in thought, in presentation, in service, and in their ministry of helping. We trust that each of you will be encouraged and pray and hold on for what

God wills here, for His Kingdom to come on earth as it is in Heaven--righteousness, joy, and peace in the Holy Ghost.

We are trusting to be in divine order, that God would have His way, that the people who are called will be faithful; that those on our mailing list will be attentive and assume their responsibilities; that those who are in need may be encouraged. Our need is great and we know the Lord is able to lay it on people's hearts what His will is in sharing. I was returning from feeding the horse, just crying out to the Lord in prayer as I went down the road: "Lord, you can lay it on someone's heart to send \$10,000, \$20,000, \$30,000, \$40,000, \$50,000, or \$100,000..." and the witness of the Holy Spirit was on \$100,000. I thought it unusual and very precious indeed that the witness was on the higher figure. Now I believe this refers to someone who has never helped us before. I was very, very appreciative to the Holy Spirit for this. Thanks to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost for how He desires to reveal, to bless those who obey.

We are thankful for those of you who have been fasting for us, for those of you who have sacrificed for us. We pray that those of you who do not have finance that you will be encouraged and strengthened. May the Lord give to you, provide for you and make a way for you and comfort you. We are so glad the letter is coming to you. We pray, as well, for those of you who do have that which would help us, that which would benefit us, that you might, through Christ, have the revelation of the need. There are those who do have that which they could share with us--that which they do not need in this life--and it would be such a help if they could share while they are yet living. God is able. Anything in which God is truly leading, the devil opposes and tries to hold finance back from it. That which God is not in, why, the forces of evil will help that out and cause it to prosper. When God is really leading, the enemy will oppose and try to stop the finance or the support to it. The devil has fought so severely in this country in the last few months, so we need special help and care from you in Jesus' Name. Thank you for praying. Thank you for your willingness to resist the devil and to be cleansed of the carnal nature, to take up the cross and to follow Jesus, to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord. We are most grateful.

In the Name of Jesus, the Son of God, Amen.

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p.s. On Friday Parker City had their Halloween celebration. There were a total of 175 persons who came to our door, and I gave each one a quarter. I shared with each one, "If this quarter could speak it would say, 'I love you, Jesus loves you.'"

To a few I shared, "And we need Him in our hearts very much." A young man of about fifteen years of age said, "I was here last year," and as he looked around he said, "It's just the same as last time. You gave me a book and after I got through reading it I started to church right away. I sure wish I could get rid of this cold." I put my hand on his head and began to pray, "Heavenly Father, in Jesus' Name heal this precious young man." He then said, "I was a little dizzy for a minute," and he pulled his shirt out from his body as if to get some air. I didn't know who he was or where he came from. Praise the Lord. One young woman about thirteen to sixteen years of age said, "We make it a point to come here." Only five or six came to the home of some of our Christian Academy students, Jerry and Allen Hale, and our grandson, David, said that only about nine came to

their door before they left. To Jesus' glory the Lord helped us. One young lady said, "Where is this man a pastor?" There were seven to ten in the foyer at a time and we had to have persons wait outside for their turn. I believe they will know of the love in their hearts.

SPECIAL NOTE:

It is on my heart that each fellowship remember to support Daniel and Ora Nelle Helbling each month. Thank you very much for your continued support as they need to finish their education quickly.

NOTE ON BIBLES:

Not many have responded about the Bibles. Out of the mailing list approximately 220 responses have come in.

STEREO CASSETTES OF THE ISRAEL PILGRIMAGE

A set of 19 stereo C-90 cassettes is being prepared of this October 11-23, 1987, pilgrimage into Israel with Rev. and Mrs. Helm. Some fifty persons who made the journey have already ordered this remarkable record of services at the Hotel Diplomat in Jerusalem, of special services at the sacred sites and in special churches, as well as the most wonderful sharing of Helen, the guide of the Scott Depot bus, and the final meeting in Tel Aviv. We wanted to make these tapes available to everyone as soon as possible. Congregations may wish to order a set for their library in order to make this rare pilgrimage available to all those who remained at home but made the journey by prayer and sharing.

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Dear precious followers of Jesus, pilgrims in the Holy Kingdom of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, through the Holy Spirit, the Comforter to guide us and let us know what God's will is.

In the second chapter of Philippians, verse one, Paul writes: "If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the spirit, if any bowels and mercies, fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded (that's the mind of Christ) having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus..."

"Let this mind be in you (in me) that was also in Christ Jesus." When I was very young, twenty-three or twenty-four years of age, I endeavored to preach on this subject. I knew then that to have the mind of Christ was very central and essential, for nearly all things in the church pivot upon it. To be the church we must have the mind of Christ. Later in that scripture Paul said, "For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's." For all seek their own. If we do not have the mind of Christ, we seek our own. We seek something for ourself. This is carnality. This is the carnal mind. We either have the carnal mind or the mind of Christ. There are only two options, two opportunities: the mind of the flesh and carnality, or the mind of Christ, by the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, indwelling. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

In 1920 when Keith Patty received his beautiful pony from his uncle, a dentist, I wanted so much to see that pony. They lived just across the street and I could see the little barn over the hill a ways. I had never seen a pony before, and it seemed as though I had never heard tell of one. We seldom traveled very far in the twenties, except from Windsor to Muncie, or to New Castle, where my father preached, or perhaps to near Petroleum where Uncle Peter C. Helm lived--all in a radius of thirty to fifty miles. I thought this pony was one of the greatest things I'd ever seen or known about.

I was a little poor boy in a poor home, and when I saw this beautiful little Shetland pony, I wanted to go over to see it close up and pet it. I would ask my mother, "Mother, would you let me go over to Keith's," which meant, "Would you allow me, would you privilege me?" I would ask, "Would you let?", and I think she "let" me go maybe one or two times in 1920, 1921, and 1922. But most all times she would not let me go over there, because she didn't want me to be a nuisance or an imposition.

Of course, she wanted me to enjoy this wonderful pleasure, this pleasant reality of a beautiful little animal, but her love for me and for the neighbor would not let me go over for fear I would be an imposition, or I would be creating a problem, or I would be in the way, or I would be a bother. You see, the weight of her love for the neighbor would hold me at home because her vision saw that so many children are an imposition to the neighbors and to other families. Therefore, she would not let me go, even though I frequently wanted her to let me.

"Let this mind be in you..." What is there within us that is not allowing or "letting" the mind of Christ be in us? What is in us that will not "let"? It is the carnal nature. This is the opposite of that love my mother had for the neighbor in order that I wouldn't bother, or be in the way, or create situations. The carnal nature operates in reverse to love. That old carnality in us, that inbred sin that came because of disobedience, does not "let" a person have the mind of Christ. That's why self must be denied and self must be crucified in order to "let" the mind of Jesus be in you--that's in each one of you and me, in all of you, in all of us. This message is to the church, not to the world. It's the message of God to the Christian, to the person who has confessed his sins, who has been sorry for his sins. How much sorrow for sin, how much desire to flee from sin, is required in the heart to "let" the mind of Christ be in you, in each and every one of you, in the church? In all the episcopacy, all the papacy, all church leaders, all church laymen, what is the extent of the great need to "let this mind be in you..."? What is the measure of it? It's immeasurable. It cannot be fathomed. It cannot be comprehended.

Fifteen years ago this April second, I was preaching hard following a wedding in my brother's church. I was preaching in the aisles of the church, crying aloud, trying to get our hearts willing to let the mind of Christ be in us. I wasn't speaking on that particular subject, but it was the essence of the message. I was pleading with all of us in the church to really let Jesus have His way, to actually let the Holy Spirit lead, to truly be sanctified and become one. I was preaching nearly as hard as I could.

A long while after that I was with Keith Frye in the hospital. Only he and I were in the room. He said to me, "You know, while you were preaching so hard from the pulpit to the aisle in your brother's church, I was supposed to leap to my feet and cry loud to the people in the church, 'You're not hearing this man! You're not hearing this servant!', but I didn't have the courage to do it." He was such a dear, dear brother. But a few weeks before his passing into eternity, he told me in that

hospital room, "I had this urge to get to my feet and cry loud, 'You're not hearing this servant!'"

What all is in us to keep us from hearing? "Let this mind be in you (in everyone) which was also in Christ Jesus." You see, when the mind of Jesus is in us, there is compassion and love and sympathy and comfort. We do not put pressure on people at all or question things. Peter said to Jesus in the twenty-first chapter of John: "What shall this man do?" Jesus replied: "What is that to thee? Follow thou me." Peter started to analyze. The temptation to analyze is far from the mind of Christ. The mind of Christ does not want us to analyze or to find out why. The spirit of analyzation is so detrimental, so destructive, so devastating. It's like a poisonous serpent that gets in there to keep us from doing God's will. The spirit of analyzation will not let the mind of Christ be in us. It will let the carnal mind be in us, but will not let the mind of Christ be in us. The spirit of analyzation is wanting to know "how come?". But, as Jesus said to Peter, "What is that to thee? Follow thou me."--He says it also to us today.

This spirit of analyzation wants to get into every person, and unless we pray faithfully and obey Jesus consistently and submit our hearts humbly to the cleansing of the Holy Spirit, we will not know how serious analyzation is. Only God can reveal it. The more brilliant and intelligent we are, the more we must fight against a spirit of analyzation. The Lord revealed this to me thirty-six years ago: not ten years ago, or twenty years ago, or thirty years, but thirty-six years ago He revealed it to me.

Early this morning as I was praying and crying to God, I began to review that when I was twenty-seven I was praying from one to three hours a day. Through my twenty-seventh year on into the twenty-eighth year I prayed one or two or three hours a day. Then in the twenty-ninth year I prayed one or two or three hours a day. Through the weeks of the thirtieth year I prayed one or two or three hours a day. Then in the thirty-first year, the thirty-second year, the thirty-third, the thirty-fourth--I prayed one or two or three hours a day. After I had prayed and waited on God those few thousand hours, He revealed to me the seriousness of the spirit of analyzation. In those hours of prayer I could see the danger that comes to any servant who is trying to figure out "why?" and "wherefore?". God began to teach me the terrible sin, the awfulness of letting that spirit of analyzation get into my thinking which tries to find out "why this brother? why this situation? how come this happened? why has this come up?". As soon as the spirit of analyzation gets in us, it creates suspicion and resentment. Resentment breeds question and dissension.

You see, when we allow any spirit of analyzation, prayerlessness, or disobedience into our heart, instead of sowing love, joy, compassion and togetherness, we sow

dissension. When any of us has the slightest bit of carnality, when we get with this brother or that sister, we sow in their minds a spirit of analyzing, a spirit of wondering "how come?" and "wherefore?". We sow resentment, and a spirit of resentment causes collapse. It causes bodies of believers to collapse. It brings a church to collapse. It causes the collapse of nations. In the great Roman empire, when the taxes became very heavy, when the morals declined and people were committing adultery, indulging in drunkenness and perversion, the society collapsed.

In the church, the slightest spirit of analyzation creates suspicion by resentment, sowing the awful spirit of dissension. The songwriter said: "My soul, be on thy guard, ten thousand foes arise to draw thee from the skies." Analyzation is just one of the ten thousand foes. Of course, unbelief is one, hostility is one, anger is one, impatience is one, jealousy is one, selfishness is one. "Ten thousand foes arise," he said; "My soul, be on thy guard." We have to be on our guard lest we disobey, lest we embrace a wrong spirit. The wrong spirit comes by the lack of prayer because we didn't obey. When we don't obey or pray, we don't realize how detrimental, how devastating, how poisonous a serpent this spirit is.

"Let this mind be in you (and me) which was also in Christ Jesus." It is urgent, it is expedient, it is absolute that we let the mind of Christ be in us. Christ wants to let His mind be in us, but the carnal mind and all these carnal tendencies--these foes that arise--will not let the mind of Christ be in us. Even after we've confessed our sins and live outwardly commendable lives--we don't commit adultery, we don't rape, we don't curse, we don't drink, we don't smoke, we don't criticize--but if we just analyze, that's all Satan wants us to do; just analyze, try to find out. God showed me thirty-six years ago that the spirit of analyzation is devastating. It destroys. It brings resentment and dissension. It discourages everybody. It causes the body to collapse.

True spirituality cannot live in a heart with carnality. Carnality brings ten thousand foes against the mind of Christ. Ten thousand foes work within the carnal mind. This songwriter said that we have to be on our guard constantly because the enemy will try to create suspicion between very close brothers and sisters in the church. Suspicion comes out of dissension by resentment, by analyzation. An analytical mind is not a spiritual mind. Jesus did not call you and me to analyze. He called us to die to follow. If we analyze, we won't die. Analyzation is the reverse, the extreme opposite, of inner death. It's a constant battle for me and for you lest we fall into that temptation. The flesh is weak, and the more we know, the more likely we are to tramp into this quagmire.

Satan knows how to get us sidetracked into this idea, this theory, this ideology.

He can use anything to get us off the track and out of the will of God. That is why Jesus said, "Only a few will find this life." This is why the professed church hasn't been one. Jesus said, "I sanctify myself that they also might be sanctified, that they all may be one." But if we analyze, we lose our sanctification. If we are prayerless, we lose our sanctification. If we are disobedient, we lose our sanctification. It is a constant pressing into the Kingdom of God.

There are ten thousand foes all around on every side to draw us from prayer, from obedience, from doing God's will. Ten thousand foes arise to bring us into these spirits of deception, resentment, analyzation, question; into bewilderment, hurtfulness, impatience, jealousy, spite, anger, hostility and bitterness. Bitterness enters us right after we analyze. When we harbor suspicions and resentments, when we allow deceptions, then bitterness comes right into the heart. It is a terrible situation. Once one tiny bit of carnality gets into the heart--the slightest inkling, the slightest tinge of carnality--these evils begin to operate in the soul and bitterness comes in. A spirit of bitterness springing in will cause the whole body to be sick, very sick. God revealed to me forty years ago that the professed body of Christ is very sick because of these carnal spirits. God wants to bring Zion to soul travail that she might bring forth her children, but the spiritual body is diseased. It cannot bring forth. Ten thousand foes arise to come in and take over an honest heart, a converted heart.

When we are sanctified, when the mind of Christ is in us, when He dwells in us and we obey Him, we don't become picky. This picky spirit comes out of the carnal mind by the way of analyzation, trying to find out things--asking "how come?". Resentment comes if things are not what the carnal mind thinks it ought to be. We're not to have anything come into our life but the mind of Christ. I think it has seldom been that individuals would really let the mind of Christ have preeminence in them continually. We might let His mind come some, or occasionally, or part of the time, but very few are willing for Jesus to take full control all the time. As soon as any of these little spirits, any one of these ten thousand foes, get audience with us, why, we don't have the mind of Christ, we have the mind of the flesh, the mind of the devil--the carnal mind.

It is a great concern upon me, because I've been so burdened for the church to be obedient. If the mind of Christ is not within us, we're not going to be obedient. Prayer, obedience, leaving all, forsaking all will let the mind of Christ be in us. But when we get sidetracked from any of these essentials (it doesn't make any difference how great it looks, how feasible or reasonable it appears), it is dangerous. When we have anything other than obedience, prayer and praise in our hearts, we are on dangerous ground. So much of our praying

tends to be requests, and God does hear our petitions. However, praise must dwell quite a lot in our hearts--much more praise than supplication and request.

But if we do not let the mind of Christ be in our hearts, how are our prayers going to get through the mind of the flesh, the mind of carnality, the mind of Satan? We either have the mind of Satan or the mind of Jesus. It is a constant battle. Jesus said that only a few will find this life. But all may find it if they are willing to resist the devil, carnality, analyzation, suspicion, resentment, prayerlessness, disobedience, all darkness and all love of the world. If we have the slightest bit of the love of the world in us it is a tremendous thing. I realize that the need is great, but God is able if we will just trust Him and be willing to follow and let Him lead and direct.

We know that God's will is that we have the mind of Christ. Oh, to have the mind of Jesus, the mind of Christ, is to really deny ourself so that the self is crucified. Until the self is crucified we have the carnal mind instead of the mind of Christ. He said, "Let this mind be in you..." We are allowed many wonderful privileges in this life. For example, the State of Indiana "lets" me have my license to drive a car. It would be a terrible thing to be denied our license to drive. Did you ever consider how tremendous it would be if the authorities would not let you have your driver's license? But there are certain things that would violate that privilege and we would not be allowed our driver's license. The authorities would not let us have it because of certain violations which bring the opposite of "let". There is such an expediency for us to allow the mind of Christ in our hearts. Jesus is coming soon and will He find faith on the earth? Will He find persons who will have the mind of Christ in them? This requires constant prayer. We have to pray constantly or the spirit of the world, the spirit of other things, can enter in to draw us from the skies. It is so wonderful to let Jesus lead and guide. But there are devastating effects when just one individual, one person, sows seeds of analyzation and dissension. These seeds will come right out of an unkept heart, and the person won't know it. They won't be able to be aware of it or perceive the danger. That's why we've got to pray and get all carnality out of us and keep it out of us.

Carnality can enter any person any second with any breath. If Satan can deceive the heart of any person with any carnal spirit, He laughs. We have to flee from these evils so the mind of Christ may be in us. It requires much prayer and continual obedience. If we don't obey, we subject ourselves not to the mind of Christ, but to the mind of carnality. By obeying every leading of the Holy Spirit and being cleansed of the carnal nature, we follow Him and do not try to find out "how come this?" and "how come that?". We rejoice and praise the Lord and let Him work things

out. We surely can't work situations out. Whenever we try we always fail, but when He does it it always brings us to life.

The church needs to be one. It must be one as God and Jesus are one. Oneness of His people has been God's prayer, and it's seldom ever occurred. But it's God's will. So we pray that Jesus will open this up to your heart and mind and encourage each one of you. I know this is the desire of the heart of many who read these letters. I trust it's in every one of you, because this is the Word of God. "Let this mind be in you (in me) which was also in Christ Jesus..." His mind: holiness, purity, righteousness, compassion, sweetness and gentleness; not trying to find out "how come?", not disobedience, not suspicion, not resentment. You see, if we have the spirit of suspicion, resentment will come into our heart and cause us to question: why do they have this? what about this?" It gets right into the heart and we sow the seeds of discord, not really knowing it's devastating power.

We have to constantly press up toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, forgetting those things which are behind, laying aside every weight and sin which so easily beset us. These little sins that easily beset us keep us from the race by getting us into earthly upheavals. He wants to find a people who will go with the spiritual race. Only those who have the mind of Christ can win, can accomplish, will obey, will do God's will on earth as it is in Heaven. We pray: "Thy will be done on earth (in us) as it is in Heaven..." in the Lord's prayer. We pray that, but any speck of carnality won't let it come to pass. It has seldom been, but God wills that we do His will, not our will. God's will is following Jesus and not looking around at anything, just following Him and loving everyone. He didn't call us to find out, He called us to love. The Holy Spirit can reveal all truths, and He will reveal Himself to persons who are truly Christians, to those followers of God who let the mind of Christ be in them.

We are just trusting for finance. It's going to be by God's grace we have enough money in just a few days to pay the salaries this month. We know the Lord is able. He's able to make a way through God's people sacrificing. People who have great wealth often hold it for themselves. Only a few have ever been willing to share. People of great wealth give a few thousand dollars and think they've given a lot, but it's just pennies when compared with the sacrifice of the poor. It's through Christ Jesus that we can see God work in our lives, that we'll be sharing and caring and helpful and praying to see the church become one as God and Jesus are one.

When three or four persons have the mind of Christ, they are one. There is harmony. Where there is carnality, there is dissension, suspicion and conflict. Where the mind of Christ is there is harmony, joy, love, holiness, purity. There isn't any

conflict or trying to get this or know "why this?" or "how come?". We must let Jesus have His way with us. It's so serious. Isn't it something that He revealed this to me thirty-six years ago? We've been crying loud, and sparing not, lifting up our voice like a trumpet to tell the people about their transgressions and the House of Jacob their sins. It's a constant battle. There are ten thousand foes arising every second, every minute, to draw you and me from the skies and to keep God's will from being done on earth as it is in Heaven. He wants the church to become one as God and Jesus are one. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." He is able to help us know what to do as we're seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. When His mind isn't within, we are seeking what we think is good, what we think would be helpful. But what we think isn't going to count: it's what the Holy Spirit leads.

I trust that you will pray and obey, that God could lay it upon your heart (and the heart of all peoples) to do the things that should be done and look after those matters which He is leading, for His glory. We are believing for souls to be saved, for believers to be cleansed of this carnal nature, so that the mind of Christ may be allowed to come and dwell in us. When His mind dwells in us, it is so precious, so rich, so sweet, so glorious (it touches my heart on glorious!). Just think, dear ones, it touches my heart on glorious! You see, when the mind of Christ is indwelling, it is glorious, it is wonderful. There are no deceptions, no conflicts, no seeing the weaknesses of others. The carnal nature will always look for the weaknesses and the frailty of others. But spirituality doesn't look for those things. It looks for Jesus. It follows Jesus and loves everyone the same. Carnality can't do that. Carnality's ten thousand foes will not permit it. Praise the Lord for His gifts, for His help and for His provision. He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think according to the power that worketh in us--in each one who has the mind of Christ, who follows Jesus and loves everybody in the world. But this can't be if there is a speck of carnality in us--suspicion or analyzation or doubt or disobedience. If there is a speck of it in us, His love can't remain within us for all people. Praise the Lord.

Thank you for praying. We need prayer. Unless we obey, our prayers aren't effectual. We must obey every leading and pray and pray and hold on and believe. As you pray one or two or three hours every day for one year (mostly praise and adoration and inner communion), you will get almost one thousand hours of prayer behind you. Prayer is inner communion and praise and adoration, as well as asking for our needs, which are many. But when we obey and praise Him, the Lord is so quick to take care. We need to praise Him and obey Him and love Him. His love, the agape love, will flow through the heart which has the mind of Christ and is obedient to Christ.

In a short time Jesus will come. We don't know when that is, but He said, "When I come, will I find faith on the earth?" I trust that you all will be encouraged: built up in the faith, in prayer and the Word of God, in carefulness and caution to look after the poor and the needy, the orphans and the widows, the fatherless, those who have lost their companions and are striving to do God's will, those in tragic situations. Let us have the mind of Christ. His mind will come in if we'll deny ourselves and be cleansed of the carnal nature and follow. His mind comes right in. (You see, that touches my heart! Thank You, Jesus!) Be encouraged to seek first the Kingdom of God that His mind can be in you and me.

On the last Wednesday of October, the same day that God granted a great meeting with Dr. Spaulding, I prayed to see if the Lord would allow me to go to Florida on the following Monday. I received no guidance about Monday or Tuesday, but when I prayed about Wednesday, the fourth of November, the Holy Spirit witnessed. When I called Tina to get our tickets I told her, "God tells me I cannot return on the ninth or tenth, but am to come home on the eleventh." I prayed that God would give good traveling weather on the eleventh and also the twelfth. I wanted our director's meeting on the nineteenth so we could stay longer in Florida, but we were to have it on the twelfth of December. I thought how wonderful it was that God could tell us the twelfth and not the fifth or the nineteenth. Through the years we have inquired of God when He would wish the directors of Revival For Our Day to meet, and He has been faithful to witness to my heart about the specific Saturday in December when we should meet. I don't know whether our directors have thought about this, but every Saturday for years the Lord has selected the Saturday where there has been no snow or ice. Because of His merciful guidance, Thomas, Daniel, William, Oliver, and Son Kenneth have not had to travel through snow and ice. How marvelous it is for God to witness on the date for many years, and it would be by His grace and mercy that these men can again come without ice and snow.

The Lord has helped us so wonderfully through the years in our directors meetings. Seldom has anything of a controversial nature been brought up. If the carnal nature would gain entrance it would ruin everything. Only when Jesus leads is it a little bit of Heaven, and we get so blessed when the Lord leads. I remember Brother Hill saying some years ago in our meeting which started at 7 a.m., went until noon, adjourned for lunch, and came back until about three o'clock in the afternoon: "I wonder if there has ever been a director's meeting so wonderful?" I said, "It's only by God's grace it could be again."

When I prayed that last Wednesday of October about coming to Florida, I had talked to Thomas Mullins about our need for a car to drive during those few weeks there. He called the home of Richard and Mabel Smith and asked them if we could use their

car. They were willing to use a lesser vehicle so that we could have a car, and we were very grateful. The day before we were to fly south, I had noticed the weather was severe in Florida, but Jesus told me to leave on the fourth, and that's what we did. Reimar and Marcia Schultze came with us and helped us so much, carrying our luggage and helping us transfer in Atlanta. When Thomas met us in West Palm Beach we learned that the wind the night before had reached fifty miles-per-hour and the rain had come down so strongly it had caused the new carport on the side of Richard and Mabel's new home to collapse. Because God told me to come on the fourth, Thomas had Richard and Mabel's 1985 Cadillac at his home getting it ready for us. If it had been in the carport, it could have been smashed down, it could have been totalled. But because the Lord witnessed for me to come on Wednesday, and they were willing to allow us to use their car, it was spared damage. At Edward's place, where the steps lead down to the ocean, the rain and wind had washed away three to five feet of sand, taking it ninety feet out into the ocean.

Upon our arrival Thomas also shared with us that the air conditioner at our condominium had just quit working the night before, so, he had gotten us a room at a hotel near them, and we were grateful. Helen Kline and Judy Bruffy were at the condominium working, and Judy stayed for hours while they were fixing our air conditioner. We had a wonderful time thanking Jesus for helping. Because we could not go on to our condominium, that night we went to be with Branko Rancic and his wife and baby. It was so important to be there. It was worth our flying to Florida just to be with Branko and his wife. The next day Reimar and Marcia brought us to our condominium thirty miles away, helping us the next two days to get several things that were needed. We were so thankful.

We want to thank Jesus for making a way and protecting on December eleventh and twelfth, for it's by the grace and mercy of God that we could be protected, that we could have good to excellent flights. One plane was coming from New York to Venezuela when suddenly the plane jolted up and down sharply, injuring thirty people and hospitalizing three or four persons in Miami because the people failed to have their seat belts on. One of the passenger said, "I thought we were going to die." He was very frightened. Another plane flipped over on takeoff in Denver, killing twenty-six people. In Wisconsin a small plane failed and killed six or more. Diseases and afflictions can come upon the body, the mind can become mentally ill, or tragic events can occur. It's by God's mercy that we make it all the time in every area of walking, sleeping, driving, flying, sailing, going, or moving. It's by God's grace and we owe it all to Jesus.

When I was speaking with my secretary, Kathleen, she told me how Jesus was touching her heart while she was typing this newsletter, and I thought that was pretty wonder-

ful. The other day she asked our other secretary, Vera (and we are so thankful to Jesus for our two wonderful secretaries) if she felt anything when she stepped into the office. Vera replied, "Yes, I felt like I was coming into a sanctuary instead of an office." Kathleen said that she felt that the prayer that had taken place that morning as my men were bombarding Heaven during their prayer time had permeated the walls of the entire building with a sense of Heavenly aromas. Vera said she felt it too. I thought that was a wonderful word. Vera and Kathleen have also told me through the years about their longing for people to be able to hear the tape when I dictate a newsletter. They say, to God's glory, that the voice speaks of love, of tenderness, of gentleness, and of a longing to be able to convince people of God to be cleansed of the carnal nature.

We trust all our people have experienced a blessed time of thanksgiving. Each day I try to thank the Lord for the many things that He brings to pass. Thanksgiving is a very sacred, precious time. All those who follow Jesus are endeavoring to praise the Lord and be thankful for His many benefits and gifts. They are praying to become like Jesus, to be in His likeness and purity and helpfulness. Christmas is the sacred season when we celebrate God's precious gift to us: the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide us. But we deny God's great gift to us when we do not let His mind be in us. We need to be continually dying to self or we judge someone or complain or murmur or analyze. This grieves the Holy Spirit.

The Lord wants to teach us to deny self and be obedient to the Holy Spirit, to be cleansed of the carnal nature that wants us to find fault, to complain, to murmur, to be resentful and sow seeds of dissension. We must deny the carnal nature all the time, every second. The enemy will try to get back in our hearts and, if he does, we will sow seeds of division. We will make storms that grieve God and hurt people. The mind of Christ can't be let in because carnality will not let the mind of Jesus come in. Self has to be denied. The heart says, "I choose." We have to eradicate this carnal nature out of us. That's the only way we let this mind be in us. It's a constant warfare. We can have the victory for awhile, but if we murmur, complain or

get angry, this all allows the carnal mind to come back in. This happens in seconds, bringing a spirit which causes a cancer to spread through the body of the church. Jesus is no longer within it and He is crowded out.

The gift of God in Christ Jesus is to give victory as we keep our eyes on Jesus and not on circumstances, on things of earth, on things of men. If we get our attention on these things, we forsake the following of Jesus and follow religious ideas. It's a constant dying from morning to night to self and to the carnal nature, or we spoil and hinder this great gift. Instead of seeking those things which are of God, we seek our own advantage. Carnality is very deceptive. It can devise beautiful, religious ideas and goals. Yet inside it is very deadly. It is laced with tiny, self-seeking evils. But as we faithfully follow Jesus in the Word, in prayer, in witnessing, in testifying, in hearing, we become as little children. In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W Helm

Loran W. Helm

p.s. I am including a brief letter for your encouragement.

"May God bless you this day, may He lift you, strengthen you, heal you, and inspire you in the anointing and revelation of the Holy Spirit. Pastor Hogue read your most recent letter to the congregation. God has spoken through you to challenge us, to call us from the shallow experience of this world and uncommitted Christianity to the depths and riches and blessings of an absolute following of Jesus. This following of Jesus means death of the carnal nature, dying to the self life, yet, we are only denying that, dying out to that, which is our enemy. Anyway, we are following to life."

Rodney Taylor

p.s.s. As of November 19, 1987, we are \$6-\$7,000 short to be able to meet our payroll on November 25, 1987. So we are just trusting for God's mercy and help. Thank you, each one, for helping.

Revival For Our Day, Inc.

November 25, 1987

Dear ones in the Lord Jesus: greetings.

Jesus said in the fifteenth chapter of St. John, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away." This is a very significant word that Jesus declares. "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. (this is God) Every branch in me (this is every born again person) that beareth not fruit he taketh away." He is referring to God the Father; not the son, but the Father. "Every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." Now, every person in Christ who obeys, denies self and is cleansed of the carnal nature, bears the fruit of the spirit which is, "...love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." Jesus tells us that if we do not bear fruit, the Father takes us out of the vine. This is a declared word of the Son of God.

Years ago I was preaching on this scripture, and after the service when we came out and got in the car to go home, my mother said, "Son, I've been saved since 1899 and I've never thought of this, I've never heard of this. It has never occurred in my thoughts that the Father will take a bearing branch away if that branch fails to bear love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance." The fruit of the spirit is really soul winning. If we have these nine fruits, why, we do bear fruit. That fruit always accommodates in soul winning, in bringing souls to Jesus or inviting them to Jesus. The fruit of the spirit is what is so right, so needed. It always follows in the mind, the heart and the soul of those who would deny themselves and be cleansed of the carnal nature, who would take the cross and be crucified of this old, evil nature; then hear the voice of Jesus and follow. This verse is so significant, for He said that if we do bear fruit, He will purge us. This means He will crucify us, He will take from us all those things we do not need. There isn't anything left of a branch that has been pruned or purged, but only just a very little bit. This is the way it is walking with Jesus. He wants to cleanse out of us all this self, this evil nature, this inbred sin nature. This is what has caused all the trouble in the churches and in the world. This is what has caused all conflicts and criticism.

Jesus said in the seventh chapter of Matthew, verse one, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." We think of the mind of Christ, which I shared about in the last newsletter. As you remember, I shared how urgent and significant it is that each one who follows Jesus has the mind of Christ. We either have the carnal mind, or the mind of Christ. We don't have both. The double-minded man is unstable. We're going with Christ, or we're going with the carnal

nature. We're following what Satan tells us and what self tells us rather than what Jesus leads.

You see, whenever I murmur against someone, or find fault with some (and it doesn't make any difference if I am a spiritual leader or a layman), if I find fault or criticize anyone for any sin, for any failure, for any situation (and it doesn't make any difference what it is), if I judge that person, then I'm bringing judgement back upon myself. Jesus said, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." In other words, His commandment is, His word is, His request is that we are not to do this. If we find fault, if we criticize, or if we say anything about anybody, we grieve the Holy Spirit and we're not embracing the mind of Christ. We're embracing the carnal mind. He said that if we don't bring forth fruit (which is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance), He will take us out of the vine. If any person is really possessing the mind of Christ, they will not judge or criticize anyone. If they do, they forfeit and violate the law of love.

God revealed to me forty-five years ago this past few months that we cannot criticize or find fault or pass a judgement. Carnality will tell you it is alright, but it isn't. It grieves the Holy Spirit. This is what has caused trouble in our churches, in our homes, in our governments, and in our schools: to pass a judgement, to criticize, to find fault, to murmur. He tells us very plainly that we're not to do this. "Judge not, that ye be not judged." This is the word of Jesus. To be found guilty of finding this spirit within us (a carnal nature which finds fault, murmurs, criticizes, passes a judgement) grieves the Holy Spirit, and we must be taken out of the vine according to the scripture. Now, the carnal mind, the fleshly mind will criticize, but the mind of Christ, the spiritual mind, loves and does not criticize. The people who have the mind of Christ are not in the judging business. They're in the loving business. We're either in the judging business or the loving business. We can't be in both. St. Paul said in the fourteenth chapter of Romans, verse thirteen, "Let us not therefore judge one another any more." He saw that because of the situation in the church at that time, that there was a likelihood, a weakness in man to find fault or to pass judgement. This, of course, is grievous and we must not do it. Whenever a person does this, it brings dissension, resentment, trouble, conflict, heartache, and distress. It tears down and destroys. It does not build up. This is the tendency of the disobedient heart.

It's not possible to have the mind of Christ without the Holy Spirit leading, and we must obey each leading of the Holy Spirit. The mind of Christ comes in to

that person who follows Jesus. At conversion we're forgiven for the sins we committed since we reached the age of accountability, but as we follow in obedience, we let the Holy Spirit come to cleanse us, the Blood of Jesus come to sanctify us. The sanctified heart, all those who are sanctified, are one as God and Jesus are one. This brings harmony, not discord. There cannot be divisions in the church of Jesus Christ. It won't work. It never has worked. It's not permitted. It isn't allowed. We actually forfeit our way in this beautiful path to righteousness whenever we succumb to the carnal nature in the tendencies of murmuring and disputing and finding fault and judging and criticizing anyone. It doesn't make any difference whether someone has sinned or done wrong. Yes, they shouldn't have, but it's not up to us to do the judging. It's up to us to love them so that they see their error. We cannot correct people. Now there is a scripture which says we're to reprove that which is sin before all that all may fear, but it must be done in a spiritual way. It cannot be done in a carnal way. We cannot pass a judgement or criticize anyone. If we do, whether it's a person, a congregation, or a group of people, then we must repent of it. We need to write those individuals we criticized, found fault with, and said things about. We must write and make restitution. We must ask them to forgive us. You say, "How can I do that?" It's the only way we can be forgiven. If we make accusation against anyone and don't ask them to forgive us, then we cannot be forgiven of God. We must ask forgiveness in order to be clear.

Someone says, "Well, that's hard to do." I agree, it is. It's difficult to do, but if I were to find fault to my wife about any of my staff, about any minister, about any neighbor, about any friend, or if any of our children were to do wrong and I would tell her about it, then I would need to make restitution. I would need to ask them for forgiveness before my prayers could go through. Our prayers would be hindered if we didn't do this. Our prayers are hindered whenever we judge one another. We're not to judge anyone.

This, of course, must be preached in the church. It must be preached in prayer meetings. It must be preached along the journey that we need to be cleansed of this carnal nature. As long as a man or woman is carnal, then they are going to criticize, find fault, be impatient, jealous, upset, resentful, analytical, and hateful. These things lead to catastrophe, to a break down. Therefore, we are to lay aside every weight and sin which so easily beset us to run with patience the race Jesus set before us to look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is now set down at the right hand of God interceding on our behalf. He endured the cross. You and I must take that cross, die on that cross from morning to night (that old self in us, that old evil in us, must die from morning to night), or we will succumb to criticism, to resent-

ment, or to analyzation, which leads to dissension. We can't analyze anyone. Jesus never called us to analyze anyone or to find out anything about people. He called us to follow Him. Only a few have ever really followed. Jesus died with a broken heart because He cried out to them to follow Him, and most would not.

I was reading in family prayer the other night to my wife about Jesus passing by where Levi was sitting. He said, "Follow me." When I read that, the Holy Spirit operated in my heart on, "Follow me." I was privileged to have fellowship with Jesus with the words, "Follow me." Jesus said, "Levi, follow me." He didn't say to follow what you like or what seems feasible or reasonable. He said to follow what He leads, what God guides. We need to follow Jesus. There are religious ideas we could follow. There are carnal traits we could follow. There are beautiful, religious feasibilities we could follow, but we must not follow those. We must follow Jesus alone. This comes by obeying what God says and by praying. Now, we could pray a lot, but if we disobey, our prayers are hindered. To find fault with anyone is disobedience. It is sin. To criticize anyone is disobedience and sin. Sin does not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. When we do not do God's will, we're disobedient, we are sinning. This is why we are carnal. Disobedience causes carnality. We must lay aside all these evils. We must be cleansed and do as St. Paul said, "I die daily." From the moment, the second, you awaken in the morning, in your heart you begin to die to self, to the weaknesses of others, to the evils all around you, to walk with and follow Jesus only.

Many good people think they're called to see "why this?" and "how come?". No, we're not. We're called to follow Jesus. We're not called to correct people, to lambast people. It's easy for the carnal mind to find fault. The spiritual mind does not look for faults or failures. If we're following Jesus, we're not looking at people. If we look away from Jesus, we're on dangerous ground. When we look at any situation other than Christ and the Kingdom of God, then we're on sinking sand. We must not look to circumstances, situations, and conditions. We must look to Jesus alone.

He said, "Follow me." When we're following Jesus, we're looking at Him. We are looking at spiritual things, the word of God, the will of God, righteousness, peace and joy, the Holy Ghost, and the Kingdom of God. We are looking for prayer and praise. Praise and criticism do not go together. They are two different spirits. There are just two spirits in the world. We're either of Jesus, or we're not. "My soul, be on thy guard, ten thousand foes arise to draw us from the skies." So there is a continual pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God. He said that we're to forget those things which are behind and all around us. We're not to look at those things. Many people are on detours. They've gotten off the narrow

path. Just the instant we have a tendency to judge anyone, we're off the narrow path. Just as soon as we find fault with anyone, we're off the narrow path. It violates the law of love and holiness, the law of purity. Therefore, we must look to Jesus alone and praise Him and obey Him. In the life of obedience, there is rejoicing and praise and adoration and love and tenderness. This is the opposite of a judgemental spirit. Jesus said, "Judge not, that ye be not judged."

You see, it's very serious. It's more serious than people think it is. It doesn't make any difference how serious you think it is, it's more serious than that! It's so easy, in the carnal nature (unless we die from morning to night) to pass judgement. "For with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." We cannot look at the faults, the weaknesses, the sins of others. We're to look to Jesus. Now, God may lead His apostle, His true prophet, to renounce sin; but it must be by the Holy Spirit. It must be tender and gentle, and not in a judgemental way. If it is done by the Holy Spirit, it will be in an enlightening way. Carnality is harsh. It has a stinger in it. This can be done only when God leads an apostle or true prophet of God, and unless we're really led of the Holy Spirit, we have to be careful not to do this. We cannot say anything about the evils of others, or the weaknesses of others. I know that people say, "Well, people do it.", but it's not the way of Christ. It's not the mind of Jesus. "Let this mind be in you..." We must let it. We must press for it.

The mind of Christ will not come into an individual until that individual is willing to obey God and follow Jesus. To try to get the mind of Christ in a disobedient heart would be like trying to have rivers without water. It's impossible to have a river without water. We cannot follow Jesus in disobedience, in criticism, in judging people. Of course these evils are wrong, but we're not called to do the judging. We are called to do the following. Carnality thinks we're called to judge. Well, we're not. We're called to follow.

Yield yourselves unto God as servants unto righteousness and true holiness. This has to be preached from the housetops. It would be helpful if all ministers of Christ Fellowship would read this letter to their congregations. One or two or three pastors have been doing this already. I've not requested it, but it would be good to have this letter read so that all ministers and laity would know the seriousness of this message. Carnality won't want this read. A person who is critical won't want this read. But persons who want to do God's will and follow Jesus will say, "This will be a help so that we won't be likely to fall into that trap." You see, there is a pitfall. This spirit of criticism and of a judgemental spirit, of finding fault and murmuring, is a pitfall. It is a pitfall that the enemy sets for a well-meaning person,

and they just tumble right into it. We have to be notified, encouraged, and informed so that we do not succumb to these temptations of prayerlessness, of disobedience, of judging our neighbor, our brother, our sister, our friend, or our enemy. He has never given us any privilege to judge our enemies. He didn't say, "Judge your enemies." He said, "Love your enemies."

Do you really love your enemy? Well, I couldn't say that I loved my enemies before I was baptised in the Holy Spirit. I was having a correcting spirit perhaps. But Jesus said, "Love your enemies." Now, I didn't say that, but Jesus did. After the Holy Spirit slayed this carnal nature, and the Holy Ghost came upon me for those few hours, I found every wave of the Holy Spirit to be love, holy love, sacred love, precious love. (It touches my heart on precious love.) By God's grace, I've had to die from that moment on or I would criticize someone to my wife or to my children. I would see weaknesses of people, of friends, of relatives, of ministers, of neighbors, of enemies. We cannot do this. As long as our heart is upon Jesus, we won't see these things. If we take our eyes or our attention from obedience, from following Jesus, and focus on earthly, trivial things, then we fall into those pitfalls and get sidetracked. When we get sidetracked, we don't realize it. We're not aware of the darkness. We're not aware of the blackness. We're not aware of the controversy that brings distress to others. We're blind to it! Carnality blinds us to the fruit that it creates and bears. If any branch bears not, the Father takes that branch out of the vine. Every branch which follows Jesus and does God's will, He purges it, He crucifies it, He cleanses it, He sanctifies it to bring forth more fruit.

We're thankful for your prayers, your love, your obedience. "To obey is better than sacrifice hearkening than the fat of rams." And He said, "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." (Ezekiel 22:30) He said that He couldn't find one. "...but I found none." You see, if we have anything but obedience in our heart, and holiness and love for our enemies, our persecutors and revilers, then there will be no fruit of the spirit in us. It all comes through Christ as we pray, as we trust Him, as we love Him, as we hold to His hand and read the scriptures, pray and witness.

We must witness faithfully. We must give God all the praise and all the glory and witness in the Holy Spirit, not in the flesh. If we witness without the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it will be drab. It may even be offensive. It may be hurtful. But if we witness in the leading of the Holy Spirit, then the witness can be tender and gentle and sweet and helpful and convincing and inviting. It's such a great help for our people to follow Jesus and obey. When we obey, then our prayers are not hindered. When we do God's will, our

prayers are not hindered. Our prayers will be answered in due season, if we faint not. Don't fall in the fainting lines by yielding to the things of the flesh, but endure by being obedient to Jesus, following Him, doing God's will.

Thank you for your prayers and fasting and sharing. Thank you, those of you who have sacrificed for us. Sometimes we pray, "Oh, Lord for those who have sacrificed and given, would you allow it to be returned one or two or three fold?" Sometimes He reveals to me what He will do. We're trusting for help, for prayer, for assistance, for obedient followers. Obedient followers are full of love and never criticize or find fault with people. We invite you to pray with us, to help others with us. As you help us, we will be grateful. We know that the need is great. We trust that your Christmas, as you celebrate the great gift of God to us in Christ, will be one of holiness, one of blessedness. We know that it will be as you follow Jesus and obey God. There will be a beautiful sharing, a gift, a giving over to the will of God.

We praise the Lord for all those who assist us, and for each one of our staff. It's been so marvelous how God has worked with Robert Allen and Jewell since they came. The first Sunday was so marvelous, and the next Sunday. When Robert preached, Jewell said that she was stirred and appreciated his sermon so very much. She told me before that, "You know, when he preached for Daniel when they were with you in Israel, I was so surprised and didn't realize he had this gift." Well, God has been blessing them. John and Janet have been having great fellowship with them, and also the other members of our staff. Kathleen tells me that the Holy Spirit comes while they are praying upstairs. Robert Allen's letter this week said that when all six of them are praying, something takes place. Of course, that helps me so much when they are praying together. That was our request and it's such a blessing. The power of the Holy Spirit comes in the office. Kathleen is so touched and moved. When Vera came in the other day, Kathleen asked her how she felt as she came in the door. Vera replied, "You know, it seems as though I stepped into a sanctuary here." That was the essence of what was shared, and I thought it was so precious how the Lord has blessed, how He has given help from above, and how He has anointed.

You see, as long as each of us pray and are obedient, God's blessing will continue. We want to thank the Lord for every help

and gift and blessing and sharing and sacrifice by those who fast and wait upon the Lord. Now, if we're clear with God our fasting will availeth much. We are very unworthy, but deeply grateful for your prayers, for your financial assistance. We pray for souls to be converted, for souls to repent. "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish," Jesus said. So we must give the altar call to come to Jesus. Then we must also open the altar to those who have been critical, those who are carnal, to be sanctified and cleansed by the Truth of Jesus, by the Blood of Jesus.

We rejoice today. We're so thankful and we praise Him. The meeting was so wonderful Sunday a week ago that Sister Mabel Smith said, "I don't know when I've been in a more wonderful meeting." The Lord told me He had meetings like that three hundred years ago. It is through the Holy Spirit it could be again. Last Sunday was more difficult, as the powers of hell were raging; but God was helping! We're so thankful for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and for all the help you give us in Jesus' Name.

In Jesus' Holy Name,

Loran W Helm

Loran W. Helm

p.s. Our funds are still not enough to meet the payroll for November. We are \$6,087.00 short. I've shared with our treasurer to hold my check back and to wait, for I should be last. Thank you for helping and sharing.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS:

Once again the Christmas holidays are with us. I am so thankful to God for the great and wondrous privilege of experiencing the joy of Christ year around.

It is a joy for me to suggest that your Christmas cards, letters, and love gifts for Rev. and Mrs. Loran (Florence) Helm be mailed to their Parker City address. It is with such delight, love, and great thankfulness that the Helms receive your encouraging greetings and the Lord blesses so sweetly.

Thank you for your prayers, love and care for Rev. and Mrs. Helm over the years. May you enjoy a Blessed Christmas.

Vera Wagner

SPECIAL NOTE

I had been meditating and had a personal desire to have a Waiting on God December 27th - 30th but I have never been able to get a witness to do so. I thought you would want to know this as it has been two years now since we have been able to wait upon God together. We are just trusting and waiting on God to know what to do.

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Dearly beloved in Jesus the Christ:

During the night preceding the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of Revival For Our Day, Inc., I was awakened at 11:30 and began to meditate and commune with God about His holy will and the blessed presence of Jesus. As I waited on God in thanksgiving and praise, at 12:58 on the morning of Saturday, December 12, 1987, the Holy Spirit operated sweetly in my heart on "the fellowship of the saints." Through Jesus I was blessed to have fellowship with the saints of God, all to God's praise and glory.

As I continued in meditation, the cry of my soul was for the blessed help of the Holy Spirit. I was thanking the Lord in my heart for His help to my wife and me some time earlier as we were in scripture and prayer together. The Holy Spirit told me the scripture for us to read that evening was not in Matthew or in Mark, but in the book of Luke. He directed me to the Lord's Prayer, and when I read, "Thy kingdom come...", I received the operation of the Holy Spirit in my heart! When I reviewed this moment with thanksgiving, again the Holy Spirit witnessed on "Thy kingdom come." I had a tremendous time rejoicing and praising God about the coming of His Kingdom, which is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. It was so sweet and encouraging to me that in the midst of a dark world, God would work with my soul on "Thy kingdom come." Praise the Lord.

Then, during this meditation and prayer, it came to my heart about my experience with my wife in family prayer a few days before this. I was reading in Matthew where Levi was sitting at the receipt of custom when Jesus came by and said, "Follow me." I said to my wife, "This is operating in my heart where Jesus said to Levi, 'Follow me.'" As I meditated on "Follow me," I was so thankful for the freshness, sweetness and work of the Holy Spirit upon my soul about following Jesus. I could see that we need to follow Jesus just as soon as we are converted, for self immediately comes and gets us to fall down into the Valley of Self Desire and Self Will. Self takes us to the place of Self Planning. As I meditated I could see that when we are truly converted, the very first place we follow Jesus is to the City of True Witness, to the place of True Testimony. When we are converted, we are brought to the Village of Witnessing for Christ. We are to say, "He has given me peace and joy!" Oh, what a city it is to dwell in. It is a sweet blessing to have these surroundings through witnessing and testimony.

Then we are led on to the City of Prayerfulness where we pray and read God's Word. This is following Jesus. We are led on then to the City of Inner Communion as we pray and read God's Word. As we follow on, He leads us towards obedience, trusting in the Lord with all our heart and leaning not

to our own understanding. And when we trust with all our heart, doing as Jesus leads, oh, what rest, love, light, romance, thrills and adventure are in this beautiful place of God's will! In the City of God's Will, we are taught to be careful and thoughtful, to be helpful to all peoples everywhere. This is quite a city.

Then He leads us to the City of Entire Sanctification. We arrive there only as we forsake all, leave all, to follow as Jesus guides, for Jesus said: "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their words: that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." I know by this scripture that God has the City of Entire Sanctification for us in this life, before the grave. Oh, what a sacred place. This is the place where He leads all who follow Him. He leads us gently and it may take a long while.

I was reviewing this with those gathered for the Director's meeting: with my wife, our three secretaries and twenty-some men. Jesus was sweetly present as I shared about following and doing God's will. I was also sharing about how God was working in our foyer before leaving our home to go to the meeting. As I stood there in the front hall, I was crying out for a heart perfect toward God. When I said, "A heart perfect toward God," it operated in my heart. I felt so nothing, so needy and so grateful for the Holy Spirit to work in my heart that we might be perfect toward God. It would be through the Blood and help of the Holy Spirit that a heart could be perfect towards Him. We are nothing and the least of all His servants. We are at the bottom. But the eyes of the Lord go to and fro throughout the whole earth seeking to show Himself strong on behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him. I was truly blessed in the communion of our Savior: that He would allow me the high privilege of this sacred place of meditation on heart perfection before God.

I was sharing this with our board members and guests in that conference room and the Lord came in His sweet, gentle, holy, sacred presence. It was beyond words to tell. There aren't words to convey how Jesus came in the room and blessed us together with our staff and board members. Rev. Emory Reece was there. He began Revival For Our Day twenty-five years ago. He said to me in July of 1962, "The Lord has revealed to me that you are not getting the finance

needed." Mother Barr had told me the same thing in 1946. She said to me, "Rev. Helm, my one burden for you is that the devil is withholding finance from your ministry. The devil will try to keep people from sending in." She told me this over forty years ago, and she is a woman faithful in prayer, one who communes with God.

So Emory, in July of 1962, said, "God has revealed that the enemy is holding back finances." (As I just shared this the Lord tells me in my heart, "I lead, guide, direct, and tell you what to do.") Emory shared that he wanted to start a non-profit organization where letters could go to the people in order that they might see the vision of what God is wanting to do. He said, "I would like to get this organization started to help you with your finances." Revival For Our Day was not begun to put forth a control or to regulate. It was begun to get believers together who would be willing to resist the carnal nature and let the Lord lead: that God could have His way with us, that finances might be opened up to us.

Here I was sharing this with all the directors in the conference room the day before yesterday. The blessed presence of God was so sweet that if everyone who reads this letter could have been in the room with us, each would know and be convinced we were striving only to do God's will and not our own. I asked for the persons present to give me a paragraph of how Jesus worked in those four hours. It may be that we would have room in this letter to include what these dear ones sensed and felt at our board meeting as we shared there together concerning this ministry. We are very, very in debt to Jesus for the Holy Spirit, for His blessed presence at the board meeting. Oh, what a wonder that Jesus would have such mercy to condescend to persons of low estate, for our hearts want to do God's will, to help everyone, to injure no one. The Lord looks to the intent of the heart, not to what appears to be.

After the board meeting, we went to Dr. Spaulding's home, where his wife, Jackie, her mother and sister had prepared a lovely meal for us. April and Kristin also helped in the serving. It was a wonderful and exciting time of fellowship. We felt it to be a very sacred place, indeed, for the Lord came and His presence was so great. We were in such holy fellowship together that the Lord would operate in Dr. Spaulding's heart mightily, as well as with Guy William and Charles Payne, who were sitting there with us. We were all rejoicing and inwardly shouting. In a few minutes I said, "Is there any leading of the Holy Spirit?" A precious one began to witness about God's help and joy. Then Robert Boggs began to share and said, "If I don't quit, I'm going to start shouting!" Then we laughed and laughed and laughed with the joy of Jesus' presence. The Kingdom of God was at hand!

I then asked if there was another leading of the Holy Spirit, and Emory Reece, one of

our sons in the Gospel, arose hesitantly and slowly and began to say: "In the meeting of the Board of Directors, during the time when we were singing, 'To God be the glory, great things He hath done, so loved He the world that He gave us His son,' I felt that I was able to see Jesus in a vision standing over us with His hands folded in front, looking down upon us. It was the first time I have ever seen Jesus with a crown on His head and a cape of royal purple around his shoulders and down His back. The cape was trimmed in gold with a gold tie across His throat as a king might wear. (Emory said later, "To God's glory and honor, Rev. Helm prayed for me in 1955, when we were in revival, to receive the gift of visions.")

When He told this, the witness of the Holy Spirit went into Dr. Spaulding with power. Other members in that room said they also felt the power of the Holy Spirit working with them. We were so humbled and in debt to God for giving this vision of the Risen Savior, Jesus Christ, looking down upon us. We were all astonished that he had been given this vision during the board meeting. God came with His lovely presence, and we were unworthy and needy and thankful.

Yesterday morning, the thirteenth of December, I prepared to go to church and called Dr. Spaulding and Charles Henry to go with me. Our fellowship began on the way there. The presence and power of the Kingdom came into the car and Dr. Spaulding said, "We have already had worship." When we arrived at the church, we heard Lee Ann begin to play, "O come to my heart Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for Thee." I asked Brother John to sing this, and Jesus witnessed to us as he sang. Later Thomas Mullins was sharing, and he told John that God so helped him to sing that song that it stirred him up and lifted him. The Holy Ghost was helping. Afterwards, I prayed for quite a while and then spoke on "Following Jesus."

After I had spoken about following Jesus, the Lord led for the choir to sing number three on their list: "I Am the Root of David, the Bright and Morning Star, I Am the Lion of Judah, I Am, I Am. I Am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last, I Am, I Am. I Am the Resurrection and He that lives. I Am alive forever, Amen, Amen. I Am the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. I Am holy, holy Lord. God Almighty, which was and is and is to come. I Am, I Am, I Am that I Am, I Am, I Am."--L. Wayne Hillard.

It seemed to me that the song encircled everything that had happened previously in the service. The Lord led for number three, and I didn't know what it was, but it encircled everything that had taken place since the meeting began. Then the Lord revealed for Roger, Lynn, and Lee Ann to sing number two on their list, which was, "Behold the Lamb." When they sang that, the power of Jesus was all around. The Risen Savior, the Kingdom of God, was close at hand--righteousness, peace and joy! We felt the presence of the Holy Spirit, we

who are so needy, so nothing, so honored that He would condescend to help us.

Then God told me that Son Jon and Michael Pierce were to sing, and they sang, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." Dr. Spaulding told me it seemed to him like they were one voice. Son Jon told my wife and me later that only the Holy Spirit could have created such oneness in Dr. Spaulding's heart, for he was so weak that he could barely see the words of the music and it was by God's grace he could hear the tones. Jesus came so sweetly at the end of the service when I said, "Now, those of you who need to be saved or need to be sanctified, you may come to the altar. Please obey the Holy Spirit." I was trusting Jesus to have His way, and down the aisle came Jason Six from the sound board crying at the altar to Jesus. Christopher Gregory came and prayed with Jason also. Jason was encouraged when I prayed to have the Lord help him. In his testimony he said, "My heart was pounding so hard as you spoke, I had to come down and cry to Jesus to be sanctified, to get these awful things out of me so I could be what Jesus wants."

The meeting Sunday morning was so dear. On the way home Dr. Spaulding would declare that the presence of Jesus was so much in his heart. Charles and I would try to be thankful as we were traveling home. So, dear friends, beloved of the Lord, Jesus was so merciful to help us. He came with sweetness and glory at the Director's meeting and again in the Sunday morning service. For those who follow, how great is God's faithfulness, and how great is His will. Jesus never fails.

(The following are notes from a few of those who attended the Board of Director's meeting last Saturday. Parentheses around last names indicate that only the first name was given in the signature, as often is the case in correspondence between close associates. The last names are included to assist the reader in identification.)

Dear Brother,

I believe that the Revival For Our Day board meeting gave me a new sense of God's ability to stamp His image and personality upon an affair of the world, i.e., meeting the state's legal requirements. It has been my privilege now to experience the Lord's blessing in Revival For Our Day board meetings each year since 1973. It has truly been a blessing and privilege to participate in each meeting, but I must say that the work of God in you and through you was somehow uniquely special and wonderful this year.

And yet, as I think about this work of God, I come to the conclusion that the work within you is probably unchanged and perhaps my impressions may possibly have to do with God's work in my own heart from the meetings this summer and fall. Through the years God's presence has been in the meetings more than I have probably known. In any

event, His presence was such that I sensed a certain awe in all of us. We needed help from Heaven and God answered prayer and sent the help in abundance. It was truly an encouragement to see the joy of the Lord, and a tender spirit focused upon the things of the Kingdom in an earthly setting.

I am more persuaded than ever before that the sweet spirit of Jesus living within your heart can work in similar care and compassion in every attitude and relationship of my life. I need His love and presence so much. I might also thank the Lord for the way Thomas Harman chaired the meeting with such a precious spirit and expertise, and how each board member and guest was so kind and considerate. The best is yet ahead.

In Jesus,
John (McAdams)

Dear Rev. Helm,

The meeting today was a refreshing time, a holy time, with no dissension or opposing spirits. God's leading through you, and the precious leading of the Holy Spirit to witness to the business details, interspersed with floods of love and joy, was the highlight of 1987.

Praise be to God,
Thomas Harman

Our Director's meeting of December 12, 1987, was seemingly the best one I have ever attended in all my years on the Board. The Holy Spirit was near and His presence sweet. Business was sweetened with God's anointing and presence.

About eight or ten years ago, Brother Helm asked me if there was ever a board meeting like this in all the earth. I replied that I didn't think there was ever one like this. But this one on December 12, 1987, I believe exceeded that one.

Paul F. Hill

Brother Helm,

Since I was first privileged to be a part of the Board of Directors of Revival For Our Day, Inc., I have thought, after each of our annual meetings, "How could the presence of the Lord be any greater and higher and His guidance more in evidence the next time we meet?" Yet, as in the past, this 1987 meeting has exceeded any I have previously attended, for the presence and leading of our gracious Lord. "The Lord has done this and it is marvelous in our eyes."

Daniel Light

Dear Brother Helm,

How well I remember the Revival For Our Day Board of Director's Meeting years before

that so thrilled Brother Hill that he was heard to say, "I wonder if there has ever been a directors meeting so wonderful?" During this last meeting, Brother Hill indicated that this meeting was more wonderful than the one years ago. I want to concur with him and give my own thanks and gratitude for the Lord giving us the privilege of such a blessed time.

In my memory, three things deserve special mention: the anointed sharing of Thomas Harman, the gift of Mrs. Helm's presence, and the light and love of the Lord through your own countenance. In fact, each board member and guest seemed to have a positive and helpful attitude. I praise the Lord also for the vision of Emory Reece, who twenty-five years ago, began Revival For Our Day, Inc..

Faithfully
Oliver (Hogue)

To sum up what took place at our Board Meeting, or to even try to tell it would be more than I am capable of doing. I loved every minute of it, and am always amazed at how God reveals His will to Brother Helm. I'm thankful we don't have to spend hours discussing whether we should do this or that. God already has the plan, and because of many years of waiting upon Him, Rev. Helm (and sometimes some of the directors or staff) is able to discern what God's will is for the moment. I want to praise the Lord for this.

It's been a great privilege to take care of the finances for this fellowship for twenty-five years. I'd like to say "thank you" to each one who has helped in any way to lift up the hands of God's servant. I love you all and have fellowship with you as I receive your envelopes. I thank God for each of you.

Jane Langdon

As I entered the office building the evening before the board meeting, I felt the hushed and holy presence of Jesus. It was different than anything I've ever felt before, and I wanted to softly go about my business not to interrupt the holy work of the Kingdom. I felt as if God was already preparing these rooms for the appointed hour of His servant meeting with God's men and women in a little while. I was thrilled as I anticipated what lay ahead. And I was not disappointed, for He truly came and visited with us. I felt as if I wanted to have my lamp lit, not to fall short and miss what God would have for us. I know that this wonderful experience and high privilege of sitting in the midst of an anointed work from Heaven, has made me more aware of how anxiously Jesus must wait for us, standing there loving us. This meeting of December 12, 1987, has certainly challenged me to want a deeper walk with God. I am not able to go on my own, but He is able to take me.

Kathleen (Hecke)

Dear Rev. Helm,

I am praising the Lord for the privilege of meeting together with you men and women of God for the RFOD Board meeting on December 12, 1987. My heart was so stirred and so blessed almost all the time. Jesus was witnessing in my heart over and over as He and the Holy Spirit were directing and leading the meeting. I thought to myself, "Oh, Vera, don't take this for granted, for I believe this meeting fits in with Jesus' prayer in John 17: '...that they all may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I in you. May they also be one in us so that the world may believe that you sent me...' I feel a little of what they must have felt in the Upper Room with Jesus. My heart is encouraged and I am thankful to be a part of this ministry of Jesus, of the teaching about carnality which gives me hope to see Jesus. I am thankful for you and for Florence. I thank Jesus and I thank you for the privilege of attending the board meeting.

Vera (Wagner)

Dear Brother Loran,

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. I just wanted to respond to how God worked in the annual board meeting. How can you describe the indescribable? It was like Andrew, when trying to tell his brother about Jesus: "You will just have to be there yourself." Then as we went on to the meal at the Spauldings, the meeting just got higher. We want to praise the Lord for all the dear ones who prayed for the board meeting and for traveling mercy. God was faithful and answered prayer. Again, we are thankful for your love to all and for being willing to be continually led by the Holy Spirit.

I love you,
Terrance (Helm)

Observation of Board Meeting:

It was wonderful to have been at a board meeting with twenty-two men who love the truth more than their own reputation. The primary emphasis of the meeting was: FOLLOW JESUS. Financial affairs were secondary. If that would be the priority in every board meeting, the Kingdom of God could come to earth.

Reimar (Schultze)

Dear Brother Helm and Florence,

My heart is rejoicing in gratitude and praise to God for His help, His presence and power in the annual board meeting Saturday. It seemed to me that it was the most unusual and special anointing I have ever seen you under. You were more free, and I believe you shouted more than ever before at one time in the years I have been with you.

Then Sunday morning's service was one of the greatest we have been privileged to be in also. Anyone who would have any doubts

about your God-given ability to receive guidance from the Holy Spirit, and revelation as to God's will for the moment, would have to know that this meeting was definitely led of the Holy Spirit. What was in your prayer was in the words of the songs the Lord witnessed to you to be sung. We marveled how the words in the songs "I Am" and "Behold the Lamb" tied everything together like links in a chain. We realize the Lord is trying to tell us who you are, and tell us of your calling here on the earth, by what He leads. The power was so great on the platform Sunday morning, that there was trembling in my knees.

These years I have been privileged to be in this ministry with you, have been the greatest of my life. I do not say that lightly, but with heartfelt gratitude and praise to God that He made it possible. There has been meaning and purpose in our lives, and being here in Parker has brought peace, joy and fulfillment to us both. Thank you for being like Jesus.

Love and prayers,
Roger Yoder

Oh, to tell the wondrous story, the delights of the Kingdom of God. A rare and blessed time, I believe probably one of the greatest board meetings ever anywhere. The Christ Himself stood here among us, sent His Spirit to direct His servants. It was a life-changing experience. None of us who were there will ever be the same. It was wonderfully anointed from beginning to end, except there is no end.

James (Flora)

The presence of the Lord during the meeting yesterday was so serious and apparent, it would not have surprised me if the power of the Kingdom had not fallen. We met in the Upper Room where we, the staff, meet mornings for prayer. Many times we feel the same Spirit as we pray. How God led Dr. Helm was a marvel to watch. The sweetness of Jesus was healing and His Spirit lifted us all. It was one of the highlights of my life.

Robert Allen (Helm)

One of the most holy and important events of time took place on December 12, 1987, in the village of Parker City, Indiana. Most of the world and probably most of the residents of the village, were not at all aware of it--just as it may have been in the village of Bethlehem long ago. The presence of Jesus the Christ, King of Kings, is what made the event holy. As He promised long ago, recorded in John 14, Jesus manifested Himself in our midst in one of the most wonderful, sweet, quiet, precious ways I have ever known in my last nearly 38 years. What a high privilege was mine to be a guest at this Holy Spirit-led event. Surely

no other business meeting on earth could have been equal to it, unless that one was also led by God. Now that we know of this holy event, may we not fail our duty to pray and obey God's leading, that the revelations which He has given about His desire to do a work thru Revival For Our Day, Inc., may be fulfilled.

To God be the Glory,
Emory Reece

Dear Dad,

Coming in to the RFOD Board of Directors Meeting, it seemed as though a pretty tall mountain was before us. The Holy Spirit led you directly to the entrance of the road leading up! It was very narrow, steep and contained dozens of extremely sharp switchbacks. But as He (God, the Holy Spirit) faithfully led, and as you faithfully followed, we gained ground and altitude. It seemed like a wave of help, blessing and encouragement would occur just prior to each switchback! The regular meeting being adjourned, it looked to me like we still had a long way to go to reach the top. Still later at Dr. Spaulding's lovely home, I concluded, as I meditated about the whereabouts of the mountain's top, that we would just have to resist the devil and follow Jesus on to the top later. After the dessert was over and we were just about to leave, I thought in my heart, "Jesus, help me resist disappointment," then another sudden switchback! The Holy Ghost led on! Two more blind turns and, of a sudden, the pinnacle, the top. The mountain had been scaled! By the leadership of the Holy Spirit, Jesus, the Son of God, had been followed by one of His servants safely to the top. Rev. Oliver C. Hogue then presided over a soberingly serious benediction of instruction, warning, challenge and demonstration of true love.

Without question this was the greatest, most blessed, highest, holiest directors meeting I have ever been privileged to attend. The rest of my earthly life will probably be too short for me to assess it completely. Thank you for the untold price you have paid that I might witness such a great sight in this life on earth today! PRAISE THE LORD GOD JEHOVAH!

I love you,
Son Kenneth (Dunigan)

God spoke to Isaiah and said, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet and shew my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins." As God spoke that to Isaiah, He speaks also to those who are the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors, the teachers. The called of God, the little ones of God, those who obey His voice, are to lift up their voice against sin and iniquity and pharisaism; against the judgemental spirit, harshness, anger, as well as adultery, fornication, theft, hurting people, and the evils of the world.

We are called to love all people, for all are included in His will. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden," the Savior cried, "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. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Jesus is still calling through His servants today for everyone to do God's will, to submit entirely to Him. To know Jesus is not only to know His Word and to pray, but to have Jesus' love in our heart so that we will be like Him. He was so lonely while He was here, because He could hardly find anyone who was willing to be everything He wanted them to be. Even certain of the ones He especially called talked together about personal desires: one wanted to be on one side of Him and one wanted to be on the other side of Him. These desires came out of the carnal spirit. We must have all earthly longings cleansed out of us through the work of the Holy Spirit, the Blood of Jesus, the Truth of Jesus.

On another occasion, as the apostles and disciples were together, they wanted to try to figure out who would be the greatest among them. Imagine a spirit that wants to be the greatest, that seeks for one to be on the right hand and one on the left hand. The same carnal spirit was in those who "...all with one consent began to make excuse." These carnal things within us prevent us from being used of God. When there is a spirit in us that wants to take over, that seeks a certain place or wants a certain calling; that says, "We are going to do this," or "We're going to do that," when the leader is not there, it is really something to behold and we must pray constantly so our hearts are clear and pure. (It touches my heart on "pure.") If the heart isn't pure, God cannot use us. Only the pure in heart can be used of God. Only those who love everyone in all the world can be really used of God. We must have love. If we do not have love, it is emptiness, for God is love.

The scribes could write the scriptures. They copied the Old Testament scriptures, the old writings from God, on to scrolls. They would know much about parts of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, I & II Samuel, I & II Kings, I & II Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, The Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, and the minor prophets, too. These Scribes knew the scriptures. No doubt they had great admiration for the scriptures and could quote great portions of them by memory. Yet, Jesus said in Matthew 5:20: "That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and the Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." When God gave that scripture to me some forty years ago or more, I said, "This is so serious." Except our righteousness, your righteousness, exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and the Pharisees, we shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. How serious is that?

I heard about a dear brother who was saved back in 1952. Before his conversion he had died and was clinically dead for eight seconds. In those few seconds he went to hell, and it was an experience how Jesus helped him to get out of there. He said that he didn't realize how awful it was in hell. People say many things about hell, but it is so dark; it is so black. He was such a precious person and he tried to tell people about his testimony. We need to resist Satan because, except our righteousness exceed the righteousness of the scribes who knew many of the scriptures; and except our righteousness is more than the Pharisees, who fasted twice a week, who prayed and prayed, who gave the tithe (a tenth) of all they had to God--Jesus said that except our righteousness exceed that, we are in no case, in no wise, going to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. That is so serious.

It is quite something, isn't it, when you see the condition of the heart of man? We find in Matthew Jesus saying something very remarkable about the Pharisees who came to him: "...well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, this people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me." They were religious: they prayed, they fasted, they talked about righteousness. "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth and honoreth me with their lips..."--they talk about God, they talk about the Kingdom--"...but their heart is far from me." How far is that? The Pharisees prayed, they tithed, they fasted, they were so dear, but He said their heart was far from God. They were religious people, but Jesus was disappointed with them because their hearts were so far from Him. They talked about God, they talked of the Kingdom, they talked of fasting, they talked of prayer, they talked of communion, but, He said that their heart was far from Him.

It's a continual struggle for you and for me--for all of us--to keep our hearts pure. The only way we can keep pure is to obey Jesus continually as we pray and read God's Word and resist the devil and resist the spirit of the Pharisees. The Pharisees were very religious, but they were ever questioning Jesus. They just kept coming to Jesus with questions. They kept analyzing. They wanted to know why He did this and why He did that and how come here? It really was very serious how Jesus worked with them, for He was teaching that we are to be pure in heart, not just be religious and know all about different things. The more we know about things--the more brilliant we are, the more intellectual we are, the more informed we are--the more vulnerable we are to this spirit of questioning and analyzing entering our hearts. (And when I say that, it touches my heart.) You see, if we are childlike and lowly, recognizing that we don't know much, then sometimes we can overcome this spirit of questioning more easily. But even then we have to resist it, or the spirit of questioning and analysis will take us over. It's a constant dying to self, because the

Pharisees questioned Jesus, the very Son of God in Whom all the fullness of God dwelt bodily.

Later in the fifteenth chapter of Matthew, verse twelve, it says that the Pharisees--these religious people, these praying people, these tithers, these people who fasted--were offended at Jesus when He spoke God's true revelation. It's a constant pressing to keep our hearts right so we won't be offended or allow some earthly hurt into our heart. If we look at the weakness of any person, or the fall of any person, why, we are like the Pharisees: we are in spiritual darkness. We have to battle against this all the time. It's a continual battle in order to keep this spirit of the Pharisee--questioning and analyzing--out of us.

The difficulty is, dear ones, that we don't realize we have this analytical spirit. The persons who have succumbed to it are blinded to it. They are numb to it. Whenever any man or woman succumbs to the spirit of analyzation or questioning--finding out why, how come, wherefore, why did they do this, why did they go over there, why did this happen in their life?--that evil spirit enters and becomes deep seated within seconds. Because the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, most people who have an analytical spirit don't know they have it. They don't want to think about it. But, you see, it grieves the Holy Spirit for us to question, and you and I have to constantly resist it or it will enter into us. I have prayed with people through these forty to fifty years to try to get them to resist these evils that so easily beset us.

If any questioning or analyzation enters our hearts, it causes resentment or jealousy. It causes us to want this and want that. But we must want only God's will, not any assignments. If we want any assignment, we are not able to have any assignment until the desire for it is cleansed out so that He can give us what He truly wants us to do. What you and I want to do is not God's will most all the time: in fact, it seldom has ever been since the fall of man. It's because we're so prone to want something that appears good and beneficial. Our motives are not entirely pure. The Pharisees were so easily offended because they were not completely pure in their hearts. It's a continual dying or we become offended. It is a great assignment, isn't it, to strive to keep our hearts pure and holy without analyzation?

We see that the Pharisees and the scribes were continually asking Jesus questions. Isn't that remarkable? You say, "Where is that?" Well, that is in the seventh chapter of Mark, verse five, if you want to look at it. "Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?" They wanted an explanation about certain behavior of His followers. They wanted an answer because they had this spirit of analyzation, of

questioning. Now in the eighth chapter of Mark, verse eleven, the Pharisees from a different vicinity came and began to question Him: "And the Pharisees came forth and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him." These religious people, these dear ones who fasted and prayed and tithed, came to Jesus and began to ask Him questions. You see, the spirit of questioning is so detrimental, so devastating. It is very, very dangerous. The Lord wants us to follow, not question. In the life of trust and obedience, no questions are asked; but in the life of obedience and trust, all questions are answered. (And that gets into my heart! It gets into my heart! Isn't that something?)

Whenever anyone who has this questioning spirit speaks to another person--whether it's from the pew or from the pulpit--if this questioning is in us, that same spirit will get into those listening unless they resist it. Anyone who hears us questioning this or questioning that will be possessed by the same evil spirit unless they resist it immediately. If you or I were to question any matter--why did this person do that? how come they were unethical here? why do they have these faults there?--these questions take us right out of the will of God. They grieve the Holy Spirit.

In the tenth chapter of Mark, verse two, we read: "The Pharisees came to him, and asked him, is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him." Of course it isn't lawful for a person to put away his companion. But they asked Him this question to tempt Him. Here was Jesus--perfect, the Divine Son of God--and these religious people, who knew the Bible, who prayed and fasted and tithed, were tempting Jesus. I don't know how many times in the New Testament they tempted and tried Him. You see, this kind of spirit will get in you and me and we won't know it's there. The more we know of things, the more vulnerable we are for it to enter us. We won't know we have it, and we'll be blind to it. It's a constant dying to self, because this old self is so strong it wants to take over, it wants to have preeminence. It must not, because that is the spirit that crucified Jesus.

In Luke 5:21 it says: "And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason..." The spirit of analyzation and questioning is again reflected here. In verse thirty of that chapter the "...scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples..." They were finding fault, they were analyzing, they were questioning them. This spirit can get in me and in you. And it will destroy anyone it gets into and anyone who listens to it. If I were to have that spirit and talk to someone about the faults, the weaknesses or inconsistencies of someone, that spirit would enter into the people I'm talking to, whether it be one person or hundreds. That's why we have to resist it. In the years gone by, I have pled with persons who had this spirit to resist it, to rebuke it, because it would destroy them and bring spiritual devastation all around

them. That's what happened in Jesus' day: the Pharisees, these wonderful, religious people, murmured and questioned and found fault. It is so serious, more than I can tell you.

In Luke 6:7 we read: "And the scribes and Pharisees watched him...that they might find an accusation against him." They were trying to catch Him, even when He was healing those who were ill. Any spirit such as this, any questioning spirit, any spirit of suspicion, is always trying to find the weakness of others. That kind of spirit feeds upon the weaknesses of others. That spirit reveals itself when it tells anybody the weakness of anyone, whenever it looks at the faults of others and speaks of the inconsistencies of others to anyone. If I were ever to even talk to my wife about the inconsistencies of anybody I would have succumbed to that spirit. I have to resist that. I am not to talk to anyone about the weaknesses of others, the faults of others, the inconsistencies of others. I'm only to talk to Jesus about that, not to any person. If the enemy can get me sidetracked, it would grieve the Holy Spirit and I would not be led of the Holy Spirit. The Pharisees and these Bible men watched Jesus to see if He would heal on the Sabbath day in order to discredit Him. They had this spirit of questioning. In the life of trust no questions are asked: but all questions are answered in the life of following Jesus, obeying Jesus, doing Jesus' will.

Jesus said to the Pharisees in Luke 11:42: "But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgement and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." They were emphasizing certain things without the love of God. God never called you and me to pass judgement on anyone. Jesus said, "Judge not that ye be not judged." But before we know it, the questioning spirit, the spirit of analyzation, will be judging someone. God revealed to me over forty years ago that the tendency to question is a judgemental spirit, which grieves the Lord. The Holy Spirit cannot, and will not, lead a person who questions and judges. Another spirit will lead them.

Luke 11:53 says: "And as he said these things unto them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to urge him vehemently, and to provoke him to speak of many things:..." Isn't that tragic! They were trying to provoke the Perfect Savior, the One Who loved everyone. (To love everybody and not find fault with anyone has been the desire of my heart since the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I have not sought to look at people's weaknesses, their inconsistencies, or their wrongs. I've desired to love them to the place where they would be willing to resist the devil and be holy.) But we learn that the Pharisees urged vehemently, to provoke Jesus.

In Luke 15:2 it says: "And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them."

Now here were precious dear ones who fasted and prayed and tithed, but they murmured against Jesus. Before we know it the spirit of analyzation and questioning gets ahold of us and crowds Jesus out. We then do not have the mind of Christ, we have the carnal mind. This carnal mind causes us to murmur, to find fault, to criticize, to see the weaknesses of others. But the Holy Spirit revealed to me in 1942 that I could not even mention the faults or weaknesses of anyone to anybody, because He wants me to look only to Him. If I tell anyone of someone's faults or their inconsistencies or their wrongs, I have grieved the Holy Spirit, and He cannot lead any person who grieves Him.

"And the Pharisees...murmured against Jesus." Oh, that is such a tragedy, isn't it? They murmured because Jesus would receive sinners--adulterers, robbers, ones who injure people, those who are not doing God's will. It is a real life tragedy when the enemy is able to convince our heart and mind that we can find fault with people, we can criticize people, we can judge people, and still belong to Jesus. This is a grave danger. If this evil spirit is in any of us, it will reveal itself by mentioning the faults and weaknesses of others in order to cover up our own hearts, our own spiritual condition. We have to justify our lie, because whenever we have that spirit we are constantly justifying ourselves. Occasionally we will justify ourselves with the thought, "We're pretty good. We're not too bad." But if we really are right with God, instead of saying how good we are, we will be saying, "We're needy, we're nothing, we're weak." It's by the grace of God we can make it. It's by the help of the Blood of Jesus we can be cleansed of this carnal nature, this iniquity, this judgemental spirit, this love of the world, this spiritual pride--thinking we're able to do something.

If any man thinks he can do something, then God will teach that man he can't do anything. The Lord just works that way. In a wonderful church conference meeting one day, the chairman called on a man to pray who had only about a fourth-grade education. This man felt like he knew so very little, being in the presence of trained Bible people, but he started praying. And because he knew that he couldn't pray, the Holy Ghost came upon him, and, oh...such a prayer, such a prayer! What Jesus prayed through him was so great that at lunch time person after person would come around to say, "Oh, that was a great prayer, Eldon." Others would tell him, "I tell you, it is really something how God helped you to pray this morning." The congratulations continued during the day, and so that night, since the prayer had been so great that morning, the chairman thought he would call on him to pray again that evening.

As he came to pray, the thought came into his mind, "Well, if they think I prayed well this morning, I'll really show them how to pray now." I want to tell you, he found himself in the bushes. You see, when

he thought he could pray, when he thought he could do something, when he thought he could take over--oh, it fell to pieces. He was so humiliated. It was the self in him that took over. And it is the self in you and me that causes us to think we can do something or really bring things to pass. It was an awful lesson for him. When he knew he wasn't able to do it, then God used him. But whenever a person thinks he's able to take over and do something, then God will teach that man and that woman that they can do nothing. We are a failure in ourselves. We are weak. It doesn't make any difference how much we know, or how little we know; how great we are, or how insignificant we appear to be. He will teach us utter dependence upon Himself.

How precious it is that the Holy Spirit can lead us in teaching our children, in chastising and disciplining our children. We don't have to make restitution for chastening our children. But when the husband or the wife has been critical or judgmental, either publicly or in private, or when one has been harsh or angry with his family, that's when we should make restitution. We must discipline our children properly, in purity and holiness, in order that they may be prepared to do God's will. And we do God's will only by His mercy and His grace, for we can't do it. I can't do it. I'm nothing. I'm needy. I'm the weakest of all. But God has given me love in my heart for everyone in the world, for all the peoples of the world. It doesn't make any difference who they are, where they come from, what they say, or what they do, God has given me love for all my neighbors, my friends, all my enemies and persecutors and revilers. Through the Holy Ghost, through the Blood of Jesus, through the truth, the sanctifying power, the indwelling of His presence, He has given me love for everyone. Only through the Holy Spirit can I have such love, because I am nothing, I am needy, I am little.

He is the one who can help me to live a pure and holy life with my children. You see, if I talk about anybody to my children, if I criticize anyone to my children, if I judge anyone, then I'll need to make restitution for that. Of course, you will need to make restitution also, because we cannot judge one another anymore. God has asked us in His Word to be filled with compassion. Compassion comes out of the mind of Christ. Now the carnal mind will judge and criticize and love self and love something of the world. But the mind of Christ loves all peoples alike and wants to be faithful and true. If we don't have the mind of Christ, we're going to be questioning why certain individuals did this, why did they go over there? Why did they put that in and how come this one was put there? Why didn't this person live a holy life or why did this person have some little weakness? What about this big trouble or this terrible sin? But we're not called to look at people's evils. We're called to love them and call them to repentance, to bring their need to Jesus with thanksgiving and praise and adoration. For me to get my eyes off

of Jesus for the slightest cause would be tragic. To get my heart out of order would be tragic. The Lord wants us to be pure and holy in every area of the soul, mind and body. He wants us to be longsuffering and understanding.

I'm not trying to find fault or murmur or line anyone up, but to love people. That is the call of Jesus. He said, "A new commandment I give unto you: that ye love one another as I have loved you." That's not possible as long as there is a bit of the carnal nature in us, if there is the slightest tinge in us of analyzation or questioning. That was what was in the Pharisees. It will try to get in you and me unless we resist it. Jesus wants us to constantly obey Him. In this life of unbroken trust and obedience, doing God's will, we must resist all evil thoughts as they try to enter us. We have to resist them immediately, because if any negative thought is there very long (within a minute or two or three), it becomes deep seated in the heart and we justify it. We justify ourselves by seeing the faults and inconsistencies of others. If we entertain a negative thought about any person or any situation for long, the critical spirit possesses us, and it will get into every person to whom we speak, as well, unless they resist it. That includes all of us. No one is excluded. The more we think we know, the more vulnerable we are for this to be in us. It's a continual dying to become like a child. Unless we become utterly dependent upon Jesus, we will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

The spirit of analyzation wants to argue and debate. Persons who have the spirit of analyzation like controversy. They don't mind it. (And that hurts my heart. It puts a hurt in my heart.) Whenever we have the spirit of the carnal nature, the spirit of analyzation, the spirit of questioning, we love argument, we love debates. And Jesus didn't call us to debate or question. The path of argumentation and debate is a long, long way from Jesus--as far away from Him as can be--because God is not like that, Christ is not like that. That is what gets us into trouble: trying to find out why and wherefore and when and how come? We can't take one step after Jesus with that kind of spirit in us. I have to resist that just like you do. Can you see that I have to resist all these evils just like you do?

The Lord wants His church pure and holy in order to become one, but if there is the slightest little tinge of any of these carnal evils in us, it prevents the church from becoming one as God and Jesus are one. For the church to become one as God and Jesus are one has been His will for hundreds of years. It's seldom been since the day of Pentecost. It's because of this evil spirit, this carnal spirit, this love of self, this self assertiveness, this self wanting to know why, this self wanting to find out how come, this questioning spirit. It's so devastating. This spirit is far worse than being phoney. A phoney is a

person who claims to be a Christian but knows that he is not. That is a very serious situation. But far more serious is when persons allow the slightest analyzation or questioning into their heart, and then fall into temptation. When they do not resist the devil, they do not follow Christ, but follow the enemy. A phoney knows that he is lost, which is very sad. But persons who fall into this other trap still think they are Christian, but they have cut themselves off from God and are no longer following Jesus.

I have to resist the devil. Everyone has to resist him or he comes in and we don't realize it, unless the Holy Spirit is able to reveal it to our heart. This spirit of analyzation and questioning takes us away and it becomes deep seated. If we do not resist the devil, we permit and allow ourselves to question and criticize and judge. When we fall into temptation we follow self and the enemy. This is so serious. I have to resist the devil constantly, like each of you. Unless we have love one for another, the Holy Spirit becomes so grieved. And it's so serious to fall into the hands of the living God.

If we question anyone, if we become suspicious of our enemies, our persecutors, our revilers and get after them, we grieve God. We must never do this, but simply let Jesus have His way. If we ever doubt or judge or find fault with anyone, then we get off the narrow path and onto the broad path. If we think we are still a Christian, it's much worse than being a phoney. We must be pure and holy, not analyzing, not judging, not complaining, not finding fault. I have preached this for forty-some years to my people, my family, to all churches (and as I say "to all churches" the Lord says, "I am with thee."). It's by God's grace I would not fall into this trap. (I see a light with my eyes closed when I say this). We must press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, looking not to our own understanding, not looking behind, not looking around us, but looking to Jesus alone, or that spirit will try to take over any heart anywhere. If we get our eyes off Jesus, we fall. He wants us to be pure and holy and to love our neighbor as ourself. Any person who criticizes anyone is immediately off the narrow way and on to the broad way. A phoney knows he's off, but the analytical person is off and doesn't know it. That is very tragic.

We do not need to press anyone. We have been endeavoring, by God's grace, to share this with our sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, mothers and staff, with those who do understand and with those who do not understand, to love all peoples alike. Praise the Lord. Hallelujah! It is by His Blood, as we submit and work not to analyze. If we find fault in the slightest and think we are still a Christian, we are deceived. If we murmur or complain, we are deceived. We can't see once we do this. We fall into the trap of the enemy and we are unaware. We are not following Jesus. So, unto Jesus

we cry (and when I say that my heart hurts). I strive never to hurt anyone or to put pressure on anybody, but simply to love people. The Holy Spirit wants us to be pure and holy. It's by God's grace I could do this.

We pray that each one of you will be encouraged in your heart to resist Satan. Have faith in God as you resist the devil and submit unto God. We have to resist Satan and never find fault, analyze or question. It's by His grace, the holy Blood of Jesus to save and sanctify. We need the sanctifying power in the church so that the sanctified will resist Satan and not fall into any traps. The person who is striving to be pure and holy, to have the mind of Christ, knows better and realizes the pitfall for what it is. The carnal mind is not aware of the danger. That is why we need shepherds to help keep us faithful. We must want to listen to the shepherd and not question. It's through Jesus' Blood I can go on. I'm so unworthy and feel so utterly needy. It's through Jesus we can make it every step of the way. Oh, to think that for almost fifty-five years He would be so merciful to us and give us such joy! (And again He says, "I am with thee!")

Only by the baptism of the Holy Spirit can I have love for everyone as Jesus loves us. I am nothing in myself, but He is everything in me. I need the Holy Spirit. I have so little of His love, yet He abounds with such anointing. (My secretary says that she can tell it and that she can feel it.) We have nothing to boast about and have nothing to bring, but simply to the cross I cling. I don't know how to come in or go out of His presence. I want to praise Him for teaching us and helping us and showing us how to follow in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. It's through the Blood of Jesus that my heart can be pure (and that touches me) and clean and love everyone--love all peoples alike.

This awful spirit in the world is destroying people. It is destroying churches, because this questioning, analytical spirit tries to cover up itself by looking at the faults of others, by mentioning them or dwelling upon them or thinking about them. All you have to do is think of the faults of others and you soon succumb to this awful darkness. I have to resist just like you. That is why Jesus said, "Straight is the gate and narrow is the way." We can't follow except we die of all these things. That is why very few people followed Jesus and why very few people are following today. (That gets in my heart. I have the witness in my heart as I tell you that "very few people are following Jesus today.") There are many who say they are, but only as we die to self and do God's will wholly can we follow.

Jesus was heart broken when He was here. He asked, "When I come again will I find faith on the earth?" He said that there would be only a few finding this...only a few. Who are they? They are those who forsake all, leave all, who will obey every

leading of the Holy Spirit. (And that touches my heart. That operates in my heart!) Only those who obey the Holy Spirit and obey God's Word and do what Jesus wants them to do are on the narrow path. Edwin and I shared the other night that the first sermon I preached was: "Few there be that find it." That has been my burden for nearly fifty-five years: only a few are doing with all their heart what God wants them to do, what Jesus wants them to do.

"And I sought for a man among them," God said, "that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." Ezekiel 22:30. Some scholars believe that there were about a million and a half to three million Israelites who came across into the land of Jordan. I don't know how many million people were there when Ezekiel wrote this: whether one, two, three million or more, but God said that He couldn't find one man who would follow Him and do His will so that they could stand in the gap of intercessory prayer. (And that really gets in my heart when I say that, beloved! Isn't it precious that God would allow us this inner witness, this inner operation?) Yet, it hurts my heart because He couldn't find one among His own people. It's by God's grace He could find one today who would do God's will, that would make up the hedge and stand in the gap for the land that He should not destroy it. It's by His mercies, it's through the Blood of Jesus that He can cleanse you and me that we might be able to be like a child to follow: not try to accomplish things for self or be recognized in this world, but simply follow Him for nothing.

I wanted to share that forty-five years ago tomorrow night the Holy Spirit revealed to me at ten to thirty-thirty that we were to go the river and baptise our parishioners. By the time I found an old rusted mattock in the barn, then drove my wife and parishioners to the river, it was very late. I can't remember a winter like that since, for the ice was seven to eight inches thick. Since I couldn't tell the depth of the river, I had to chop first one hole to measure the depth, then another, until I found water deep enough to immerse the dear ones. Once I found a place deep enough, it took me twenty to forty-five minutes before I had chopped a hole in the ice six feet in diameter and scooped the ice out with my hands. Then I stepped in to baptise our parishioners as my wife sang, "While we gather at the river." It was very, very cold and we had to walk a few hundred feet to get back to the car. At that time we had only a manifold heater and you had to drive pretty hard to warm the car up. We were all soaking wet in the car, and how the seat didn't get damaged and no one got a snuffle, a sneeze or a cough as a result was a miracle. For this leading of the Holy Spirit, I am in debt to Jesus.

Mary Webster, who for many years ministered with Dr. E. Stanley Jones, recently called Rev. Oliver Hogue. We include his

record of that conversation: "Mary Webster called me Saturday a week ago on December fifth. She said very excitedly that she has been reading Brother Helm's letters. 'They reveal that not many have ever gone this deep in the Lord,' she said. 'He is living in revelation and is very near Heaven.' She said that whenever this light of truth shines upon her need, she kneels and has her husband lay his hands upon her so that she might be cleansed." Oliver reviewed that many years ago Mary stated that the Lord revealed to her that Rev. Helm was a very lonely man, that very few people understood him, and that he had this lonely journey to walk.

When Emory asked me to write these letters back in 1963 or 1964, I told him, "I'm just not qualified. I'm not able." It's hard for me to write, because if I'm trying to write, my hands can't keep up with my mind. I'm not a scholar. I'm only the least of all God's servants, the smallest one of all, and I've been looking for a people who would do God's will. Occasionally I would find someone I thought would truly pay the price to follow Jesus. Whenever they were not able to resist the devil and persevere on, I would have to just commit it to God, crying in my heart that I might love people until they are willing to do God's will. I'm so thankful for all those I've found who are willing to do God's will. Each and every one is so precious, but God is looking for those who are willing to lay aside every weight and sin to truly follow Jesus.

As the enemy fought to hold back finance forty-some years ago, he still is trying to hold them back now. Mother Barr said, "My burden for you, Rev. Helm, is that Satan is holding back your finances." Some one told me that same thing just recently (and as I say this, God says, "I am underneath." We need to sanctify this.) But God is working through different ones to help. For those who help, we are in debt to Jesus, for our need is great and the enemy would like to stop us. We pray for all those who don't understand us, for we love everyone the same. We are so grateful to all of you for your prayers and love, for those of you who fast for our health, those of you who sacrifice as well as pray. We trust for those who have given and sacrificed that our Heavenly Father could see fit to return it one or two-fold, for we feel unworthy, but very grateful for all your help, your understanding, your fellowship, your financial giving, your compassion to us.

In Jesus Name,

Loran W. Helm

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p.s. Did you know that I love every one of you? Can you perceive in your heart, as you read this letter, that I love every one of you? (And it is in my heart on "every one.")

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P.S.S. Up until the 15th day of December, we had received 60-70 Christmas cards. Every three or four had a little something in them and I confess that I found excitement, interest and anticipation as I received them. May you have a blessed Christmas experience. Thanks to each one.



Revival For Our Day, Inc.

December 22, 1987

Dear ones in Jesus Christ, Greetings in the Holy Spirit.

Thirty-five years ago today at two o'clock in the morning, we had a wonderful experience which was the culmination of a revelation to Mother Barr during prayer in 1945 that someday a Christian man and his wife would take my wife and me to Florida. I was thirty-six years old and had never seen the palm trees or the orange groves or the ocean. But in the month of December of 1952, precious Maynard and Mary Wolf came down the aisle toward the pulpit where I was and said, "We want you to pray about our taking you to Florida. We are willing to go where God tells you and as He leads about the highways to take, the restaurants where we will eat, and the motels where we will stay. We want to go however God leads to go, whether through Memphis or He allows us the privilege of going through the mountains to Washington D.C. and down." They said that they would pay for the lodging and the gasoline if we could pay for our meals. So, thirty-five years ago this morning it came to pass. It was a great miracle.

On Christmas morning we arrived at the home of a relative of the Wolfe's, and Sandy, the husband of Mary's relative, was there. The family had just finished opening their gifts and had gone into other rooms of the house, leaving Sandy, my wife and me in the room alone. I asked my wife to play the piano and we began to sing. Soon this sixty-five-year-old gentleman began to feel the wooing, the calling, the pleading of Christ to his heart. The Holy Spirit came in such sweetness, and the wooing of Christ was so strong, that Sandy followed me to Jesus and met His Savior on that Christmas morning thirty-five years ago. It was a very precious time indeed. It was worth the whole trip for this gentleman to find the Savior. We were delighted and thankful to Jesus.

Thirty-four years ago, on the twentieth of December, 1953, this home was dedicated. My brother, Richard, counted seventy-five people crowded into these nine rooms and two halls. Our medical doctor was here and friends from the state of Indiana. At that time we didn't know anyone from other states. A little bit of snow covered the ground and it was rather gloomy outside, but God helped us and blessed us. My wife sang, "Lord, Bless This House." It was quite a wonderful experience. It is also important to review that God revealed this home to me in 1934 in light, and the home was built and dedicated almost twenty years after He gave the revelation.

In just a short while I will be seventy-two years of age. Again, the Lord, in His goodness and mercy, has blessed us marvelously. We want always to do God's will. If any of you feel in your heart that I have failed you or come short, I ask for forgiveness, because I don't want to fail.

I long to do God's will and I don't want to fail my brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, mothers, and loved ones in the Lord. My endeavor has been to follow Jesus and to do God's will in the day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

We are rejoicing over the great reports of the bibles from Bethlehem being distributed. One wonderful report is included in Esther Morey's letter later in this newsletter. I received another report that when my brother, Edward, was in Scott Depot on a Sunday evening, he shared with the congregation that he had brought the bibles. He explained that they were a gift from the Canavatis of Bethlehem to those who had supported Brother Helm's ministry, and that there would be one for each family unit. Shortly afterwards, Jim Stover stood up in the service to say that he had it on his heart to give his family gift bible to Coach McCoy, who was there by special invitation with his winning football team. Now these two men had no idea what the other was thinking or going to do, but at the same time, Coach McCoy had been sitting there thinking, "Lord, I know I'm not entitled to one of those bibles, but I surely would like to have one to give to Brian Stover (who was Jim's son)." Imagine his wonder and surprise when Jim stood and said, "I hope I'm not out of order, but I would like to give my bible to Coach McCoy to give to whomever he wishes on his team." We thought it was quite remarkable and truly delightful to know how God worked with these precious persons about the bibles that came from Nicola and Ermina Canavati in the city of Bethlehem of Judea. Praise the Lord.

The night before last we went to the Foxfire Restaurant to eat, and as we sat down we saw someone waving at us. It was Mary Louise Moore's baby sister, Esther. We had not been with her for years, but when we walked into Foxfire's, there she was. Mary had told us earlier that Esther had called her some time ago sharing that she had seen Jack Rinchich on the PTL Television Network speaking about us and our experiences about how God had helped through prayer. We were so thankful to Jesus when we learned of Jack sharing his testimony over national television, for if it had not been for the leadership of the Holy Spirit years ago, we would have missed this choice servant of God and he might have missed much of what God had for him.

The background was this: God had led for me to be with Rev. and Mrs. James Wright and their precious people at Maranatha Fellowship in St. Albans, W.V., when they were still meeting on an upper floor of a warehouse building. As Pastor James and his staff and I and my staff entered the pulpit for the meeting, the Holy Spirit prompted me not to sit down but to go over and love this quiet, meek man who was seated behind the drums to play them if they were needed. I did not know him, and to my

knowledge, had never seen him before. As I loved him and began to pray in my heart for him, the Holy Spirit witnessed that he needed protection in the weeks to come. When I returned to my chair, Rev. Wright asked, "Do you know this man?" I answered, "No, I've never seen him before, to my knowledge." James was rather amazed. "Why, he's one of our Charleston policemen!" God knew about this dedicated policeman, for in just five to six weeks, he was caught in crossfire, but the Lord delivered him!

At that time he was ready to resign his work, but I said, "Oh, no, you can't resign. You're pulpit reaches higher than I know. God is working with you. You are on a mission field." He began to write Christian tracts for policemen and they reached officers in New York City. Rev. Pumphrey later received help from one of these policemen when his wife became ill there and they needed assistance. When two policemen in Charleston were tragically killed in the line of duty, Jack was asked to preach the funeral to an audience with seven hundred policemen in attendance. Now his tracts and his ministry have touched many great cities of the world. God is to be praised for all He is doing and has done.

After sharing with Esther and after eating our dinner, we left to come back home. I was in the left turn lane when my wife said, "I need some Christmas paper." So I said, "Well, let's just go right over here, if we can get across the traffic." We normally shop on East Jackson, but this store was close and I thought we could just stop right here. I had never been in that store before, but just as I walked in, there was Brother Ron Wine! He had just recently told Brother John that if he could just be with God's servant for a few minutes it would be wonderful. John had said nothing of this to me, but the Holy Spirit knew. Ron was over twenty miles from home, and we were some fourteen miles from home, but God gave Brother Ron the desire of his heart by getting this nothing servant to a store where he'd never been before! I got to love him and be with him and share the things of the Kingdom of God for about twenty minutes. There was much rejoicing and help in our experience there together.

A few days ago Florence and I had just come from visiting Son Jack in the hospital and were discussing where we should go to eat. "Well, I'm just a little hungry for pizza," she said to me. Now, I'm not much for pizza, but we had eaten it at another time and I thought it was pretty good, so I said, "Honey, we will go to a pizza place." There are many pizza places in Muncie, but we went toward the area of our Shopping Mall to look there. Coming toward the Mall on McGalliard we saw a Pizza King and pulled in, then thought perhaps there was one closer yet to the Mall, and proceeded on to look further. There wasn't one, so we came back to the Pizza King and went in, turned to the left to go into the other room, and there sat our financial secretary, Jane Langdon, her husband, John, Brother Terrance and his wife, Martha, and Herb and Jacque

Hill and their daughter, Debbie. Herb and Jacque had come to pick Debbie up from School to take her home for Christmas.

We greeted them and then sat down near them at another table. Jane Langdon said, "Rev. Helm, of all people, you are the least likely to come to a Pizza King." In just five to ten minutes Debbie came over and knelt down by me, all broken up with weeping. "Rev. Helm," she said, the tears streaming down her cheeks, "I didn't tell anyone this, but as we were driving in it was the desire of my heart to see you and Mrs. Helm, and then--here you came!" This daughter is such a blessing to the Pierce family and to our Christian Academy. The Scripture says, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he will give thee the desires of thine heart." The Holy Spirit knew of her heart cry and led me there to give her the desire of her heart. Her face was just shining, and there was such a light of Jesus on her. We give thanks to God for His grace and care of a young woman's desire, and to fulfill it by taking us to Pizza King where I'd never been before. Just the hour she desired it, God gave it. We want to give God all the praise and all the glory for this.

I just received word that Thomas England called and shared with Brother John that this last newsletter was one of the greatest writings he has read. He was delighted with the wonderful story of God's helping us. Rev. Oliver Hogue also reported by way of my secretary that he had received a call from Dr. James Newby, who is an associate of Dr. Elton Trueblood, that this newsletter thrilled and inspired him. I thought that was so wonderful and owe it all to Jesus. We are in debt to the Holy Spirit, for only through God can we ever have help like this again.

A number of you have written us beautiful letters and they are all treasures. Earlier today, while Brother Terrance, Robert Allen and I were sharing, Kathleen came in. I asked her to read certain of your letters aloud to us and she began to weep as she read these precious words. Robert was weeping also, and Terrance and I were lifted way up somewhere. It's simply impossible to include every letter, for it would make a sizable volume, but we share a few for your encouragement. We want to give God all the praise, Jesus all the glory, the Holy Spirit all the honor, for these writings, because it's all through Jesus, the Holy Spirit, these could be written. I've asked our secretary, Kathleen, to first write a note of how God has helped her during her three years with us.

Dear ones in Christ,
I cannot express to you what all God has done (and is still doing) during the three years that He has allowed me the privilege of working here. It would be impossible to tell you of the blessings, anointings and wonderfully rejoicing times in Jesus I've had as I sit under the teachings of this

kind and caring servant of Jesus Christ. In telephone conversations, business details, telephone dictation and many writings that have taken place, the anointing that I hear in Rev. Helm's voice is something that I cannot relate. What happens inside my heart is beyond words. The Kingdom of God comes sometimes in power, sometimes in sweetness, sometimes in gentleness and goodness, sometimes in such waves of Holy Ghost love, that I wish all of you could hear and see what I've heard and seen. What I hear in the voice of this servant as he dictates these letters to you I dearly wish could be gotten across to you in the written word. It's not possible to do that, but his voice tells us of his great suffering, his great longing, his great love and care of every one of you. If you could hear his voice as he speaks to you, it's the voice of a father speaking to his children--wanting to tell his son, his daughter, that he loves them.

Whenever he shares on the telephone, whether in dictation or in just talking, it is always about things of the Kingdom, of how the Holy Ghost has led. He says so often, "Only through Jesus can it be like this again, for the flesh is weak; but if we do what Jesus says, then the Spirit can sustain us and help us." As he spoke these words just today, right in the middle of this sharing, a train went by just three to four hundred feet away and Rev. Helm heard music in the blowing of the horn! Think of it. In the very center of saying these words, for just a second, music could be heard in the blowing of that train horn! This is what I'm trying to relate, dear ones, for the confirmation of God, in Christ, working through this servant I wouldn't want anyone to miss!

I often tell Rev. Helm that I know God, the Holy Spirit, is leading and anointing every letter, for if it were just words of man, the body would become physically weary and would wane after a short time of typing and preparing these letters. But I want you all to know that one of the confirmations to me of God's working in these letters is that often when I begin to type them, any load or weight I might have is immediately lifted and I feel like I'm soaring amidst a great work of God. My heart is light and my joy in Jesus overflows. I'm sustained from beginning to end. Only God, through Jesus, can do this and I give Him all the praise and the glory for it, for I am very much in debt to Jesus for ever allowing me to find this pathway to walk.

Love in Jesus,
Kathleen Hecke

Dear Revival For Our Day:

Sorry my letter is late, but due to all the activities of Christmas, I have just now got to the place to write.

I was tremendously blessed and privileged to be at the Board of Directors meeting of

Revival For Our Day. I was tremendously blessed with the sharing that Rev. Robert Boggs gave during the meeting. He shared concerning a pair of shoes he bought his wife. She cherished the gift so much that she would not take them off that night. As Rev. Boggs wept and laughed at the same time, Brother Helm began to shout and the laughing and the weeping and the shouting was of the Kingdom of God.

God help us to cherish the gift the Father has given to us which is salvation through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It was exciting to see God move in a Board Meeting in such a special way.

May God continue to lead Rev. Helm and the staff and the Board in the coming year.

Sincerely yours,
Pastor James Wright

Dear Dr. Helm,

Hallelujah! Yesterday a man in our church named Steven Scarborough called me. He was excited. He has been listening to the second service you held this summer at Fayetteville. He saw something he hadn't seen before. In that service you shared about Hairlip Archer. You shared how people made fun of him, how children can be so cruel to other children with impediments. You told how his father loved him. Sometimes in meetings you said they hoped he wouldn't be called on to pray. At the end of this meeting you called on our Steven to pray. Steven has a speech impediment. He was the only one in our church with a speech difficulty...that of stuttering. Steven had felt that God would use him in the service that night, but it wasn't until he reviewed the tape this week that he saw how God was loving him and how cared for he was. He was blessed. He could so relate to everything you said. Thank you for letting God use you like that.

Sunday morning we gave out our Bethlehem Bibles. Sunday night a dear, dear lady, who doesn't know a lot about you, and even less about Israel, stood up. She held the Bible in her hand and began to cry a little. She said something like this, "I don't know what it is about this Bible. I have a lot of Bibles, but there is something different about this one. I have touched it and held it all day. This Bible from Bethlehem means so much to me." I thought that was great. She was tuning in to one of the greatest things in the Kingdom of God...your relationship with the Canavatis and she didn't even know it. How wonderful.

God has been working with me since this summer with you. I would like every summer to have an effect on me like this summer. The other day I longed to be with you again. My greetings to your wife, one of our treasures. God is with you.

Esther (Morey)

Dear Brother Helm,

In prayer this morning, I had such love and deep appreciation for you, I felt that I must sit down and try to express it to you once again. You have been such a wonderful example to us in every situation in life--in joy, sadness, disappointment, tests, pain, and endurance. We have learned much from you as we have observed you in all kinds of situations. You, like all the rest of us, do not desire tests and great disappointments, but you teach many honest hearts as we observe how you get through them.

Every service we were privileged to attend this summer; every tape we review of those services; and every letter you have written since those meetings have thrilled us and brought us much hope and challenge. God's special anointing on you as you have made such a concentrated effort to get the Bride ready for the soon-coming Bridegroom has been something to stand in awe about. Thank you for minding God to major with great emphasis on the awfulness of the carnal nature. Surely all of hell was against you each time you made one more effort to bring light to hungry hearts. Because of being able to be with you and hearing the message over and over these past six months, it has helped us tremendously! I am unable to get across to you just how much we have received and how much difference it has made in both of us. When God revealed to you that carnality was five times worse than you were able to get across to us, it has made us realize that nothing must get us off the track of being entirely sanctified--absolutely dead to the carnal nature.

Thank you for being so courageous to preach this message that the world so desperately needs to hear!

Sincerely,
Carl & Blanche Rouintree

Dear Rev. Helm,

May God bless you today.

Thank you for your faithfulness to God and to His children. Thank you for your words of life, words that call us from the way of this world and the carnal nature to the way of the eternal Kingdom and divine love. By your declaration against the carnal nature, you are putting forth a proclamation of freedom to our hearts as we loose the chains of self-centeredness to find deliverance and fulfillment in loyalty to Christ. The carnal nature is our enemy, but the will of God our friend. The carnal nature is the center of our problems, but Christ and His will are found as the center of the answer. You have helped us identify the enemy, and find the hope of deliverance and victory in the Great Conqueror, our friend, Jesus the Christ.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn discovered this truth for himself and offered the following insight: "Gradually it became clear to me

that the line separating good and evil runs not through states, not between classes, nor even between political parties, but right through the center of each human heart. And every human heart." (Alexander I. Solzhenitsyn, The Gulag Archipelago, 1973). Solzhenitsyn learned this through suffering and honesty. In like manner, and by your waiting, obeying, loving and trusting, you have learned this--and the secret of victory, as well--and your sharing it has brought life to many. I am one of those. Thank you.

God bless you with His perfect will and wondrous presence. In much love this Christmas and always.

Rod Taylor

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Helm,

Just a note of love and cheer! Aaron Oliver will soon be here and we're trusting to be worthwhile parents. Jesus is coming soon and we're trusting to be found faithful.

We are hoping and praying for a continuing and new vision regarding your wonderful life in Christ. I was with the little Cleveland group this past weekend, and tried to encourage them that the focus and scope of the ministry there should be and continue to be towards the support of Revival For Our Day. They were most receptive to this message.

We are grateful for the many sacrifices you've made through the years and for the small dividends you are now reaping. If the heart of God were to be opened to you, the super-abundance would be above that which we could think or imagine. The larger issue however, is the fruit of the Spirit, and of that we see no lack.

Your love is a special commodity to us. You are beacons of light in a very lonesome and dark world, and to think of losing sight of that light is very frightening. Forgive us for being such poor specimens of your message. Forgive us for the excesses and recesses of our lives which reflect on you badly. Forgive us for giving way to the carnal man so often.

We want to thank the Lord for your staff: John's administrative and pastoral capabilities, Jon's tenderness and technical skills, James' sensitive and caring soul, Roger's faithfulness, David's (ordained with me) skill with hand and coming into his own, and Robert Allen, whom we've yet to see. They've withstood much to still stand. They've been expected to be much that they aren't and not to be what they are. Yet, they stand. That's the only evidence I need. So, I thank the Lord for them this day. Merry Christmas!

In Christ,
Rodney Dunn

Dear Reverend Helm,

Words cannot fully express the wonder and greatness of God's presence at the Revival For Our Day Board of Director's Meeting on Saturday, December 12th. We could sense the glorious presence of His attending angels as the directors met with you to do God's will. The vision that God gave to Emory Reece was another verification that God was pleased with the way the meeting was conducted. It is wonderful to realize that no matter what we are doing, it can be a worship experience when we obey God moment by moment. The Director's Meeting was truly a great worship experience and I thank God for the privilege of being there.

Be encouraged, God is on the Throne! He is the rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Praise God, you and mother have been endeavoring to seek Him for many years, and you are receiving His reward. Yet, I believe the greatest reward is still to come!

I love you and esteem you highly in our Lord, and I want you to know that by God's grace and with His help, I want to stand with you as you go with God.

Your son in the Gospel,
Thomas (Mullins)

To: Rev./Dr. Loran Helm
From: His Son in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Dear Servant of Jesus,

Praise, blessing, and honor to the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world. Amen.

Five weeks ago tomorrow (Thursday, Dec. 10) Jesus helped me to begin praying at 6:00 a.m. for you and "all things pertinent and relevant thereto." I am so sorry it has taken me so long to embrace my responsibility to pray for you in a regular, disciplined way. I trust I can be consistent until Jesus comes or the Holy Spirit leads differently (plainly).

My Dad has been with me most mornings and it has been very blessed to share that time praying in the Holy Ghost. It has been just as Pastor Ronald Hogue said, i.e...sermons, personal feedings of the soul, insight, revelation, and burdens.

This morning particularly was somewhat special. I was praying about the early church's unceasing prayer for Peter and how God answered. I saw, Lord helping, how many today are praying for awakening and revival in a similar manner. It was plain to me that the answer to the prayer for revival is standing just outside the door! Just as Peter was brought out in answer to their prayers, God has likewise brought you to the church. Alas, the similarity continues, because when the maid, Rhoda (who is a type of the childlike), comes bearing the report of answered prayer--she is turned away! Preconceived ideas turned her away. I hope that those who do believe the report

of the work of the Holy Ghost in you (this would include me) will keep sharing the message in childlike perseverance and tenacity. Maybe someone will finally go to the door. It is my prayer that the professed church, those crying and sacrificing for deliverance and true Holy Ghost revival in our day, will "go to the door" in response to those whose credibility may seem somewhat short in initials tagging behind their name, but whose lives have reached the hand of fellowship to you--a walking example of revival. May God open the doors that have long been closed. Amen.

Thank you for loving me and bearing long with me. I trust the shorelines of Louisville will be teeming with eager souls when you return in God's will.

Your son in Christ,
Gregory (McBride)

Dear Dr. Helm,

Praise God for His mercy endureth. Once again that which you have suggested has helped our fellowship wonderfully. When I began to read a portion of your last newsletter to the congregation, I sensed a hush from the realm of Sacred. Our people were being helped greatly when I read your heart's cry against carnality. It was said that individuals were getting more out of me reading the newsletter than when they had read it individually. Think of it! I have found that what you tell us works, works, and then works some more. My mother was stirred up real good when we read it. Glory to God!

We are still being helped by the leading God gave you in Florida for Mike Shipp to sing, "It is well with my soul." Now that was a moment for me to reflect on for a long time. God came down and brought great help and encouragement to me. It seemed we were having a little fellowship in Jesus very rare. What you shared concerning the things that hinder us having the mind of Christ was so great. Dr. Helm, God gives you insight this age is starving to find. I do not know how many times you have had the exact words for my heart and life. Time after time it has happened. Praise the Holy Spirit! I trust you will always have the liberty with me to say exactly what God tells you. Thank you for preaching to us what God tells you in spite of the Powers of Darkness. I love you and mother. Shary and I have reviewed that our true happiness has primarily come from your life of obedience and self denial. We owe God and you greatly. My stand for you and God's message has more conviction and appreciation than ever before. You are truly God's man. Unless God directs you concerning me and my involvement with other fellowships, my only role is to support you in whatever way God leads. You have been my true friend in love, in telling me the truth, and in being a true example. I love you.

A son in the Gospel,
Thomas England

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We want to give Jesus all the praise for all that has been done in every way, because He has been so faithful to help us in all situations. We have strived to always hear His voice and follow Him in utter dependence like a child. Our deepest desire has been that His Kingdom might come on earth as it is in Heaven. Jesus said that His Kingdom was like a grain of mustard seed. The seed of His guidance is so small that it is difficult to see, and then it is planted in His purpose, often out of sight. But it begins to grow and, at His time, grows into a tree where the birds of the air come to lodge. This occurs as we are able to trust Jesus and let Him lead.

Thank you for remembering us again during this Christmas season. We have received approximately 270 Christmas cards, and we want to express our deep appreciation and delight for all your thoughtfulness, care and sharing in each one of them. We

appreciate all of you who are praying and fasting for us, and you who have sacrificed for us. We know the Lord is faithful to bless you who have so willingly and happily shared with such an unworthy servant as myself. And He is able to touch and move upon the hearts of those who do not have the vision of our great need. Thank you for praying concerning the need for prayer and fellowship, for sharing and giving, for sacrificing and fasting. Thank you for talking to God about us. I praise the Lord, and thank each one of you, for everything. I love each and every one of you. Those of you who I do not know, I love you. (And as I say this, Jesus speaks to my heart and says, "I am with thee.")

In Jesus' Holy Name,

Loran W Helm

Loran W. Helm