

Revival For Our Day, Inc.

January 3, 1990

Dear beloved of God,

We greet you in the Holy Name of Jesus the Christ, the Son of the Most High God. We give God all praise for Him Who is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Root and Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star, the Everlasting Father, the Counselor, the Mighty God, the Ancient of Days. We give glory to Him Who is born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem's stable, who tabernacled among us in the weakness of human flesh, yet was in perfect obedience to His Heavenly Father, even unto the death of the cross. After the Resurrection He ascended from the Mount of Olives to the right hand of God where He has been these nineteen hundred and some years interceding for the Church that we may become one as God and Jesus are one.

In John 3:3 Jesus tells one outstanding religious leader: "Verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." The Kingdom of God comes not by observation, but is within you. We only enter the Kingdom of God by repentance, by conversion, by transformation: "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things pass away; behold, all things are become new." I became a new creature when Jesus saved me fifty-seven years ago the twenty-second day of January. He took my sins away and gave me peace and joy that I had never known before. That was my beginning in the Kingdom of God.

Jesus was telling Nicodemus that unless one is born again of the Spirit, except one be made a new creature in Christ, he is not in the Kingdom of God, he is not started toward the Kingdom, nor can he even see the Kingdom. In another place Jesus told those listening: "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." In Hebrews, chapter twelve, the writer says: "...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." It's through Jesus, the Christ at the right hand of God, and His precious Blood shed on the cross of Calvary, that we are saved, that we are redeemed, that we are transformed, that we are changed into new creatures. It's through Jesus. He became the propitiation for our sins that we might, by receiving Him as Lord of our lives, become the sons of God: "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God."

My beginning breath in the Kingdom of God came the moment I was converted from doing my own will unto doing the will of God. "And He (Jesus) said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him (after conversion) deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." (Luke 9:23) After we are born again and are converted, that instant we are started on a life where self can no longer control. Up to conversion, self had

the control. Self made the arrangement. Self made the decisions. But the moment we are forgiven our sins and Jesus comes to dwell in the heart by faith, that instant self can no longer control our life. Self can no longer choose plans or make some decision without the leadership of the Holy Spirit or the Word of God. After conversion we can no longer let self be assertive. It must be denied from the moment, the second we are converted, and accept Jesus as our personal Savior. We are no longer to follow in any particular religious pattern or follow in the ideas of men. Jesus told Nicodemus that everyone born in the Spirit is like the wind. "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth: so is everyone that is born of the spirit."

From the instant of conversion we are no longer our own. We must deny self and be obedient to that same voice which called us to repentance, for the Holy Spirit will prompt every new creature in Christ to immediately give God all praise for taking away His sin. Just as soon as we are converted, we are impressed in our heart to immediately thank Jesus for giving us peace and taking away our burden. If we let self smother out that first gentle prompting, then we cease following and obeying Jesus. Instead we follow a religious pattern or good idea or some self arrangement or expression of self assertiveness.

"And he said to them all, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." If you don't deny self, there is no cross. Self and God's will form the cross. They cross up with each other. Therefore, we must press by obedience toward the mark for the prize of the high call of God in Christ Jesus. As soon as we're converted, we take the first step in following after Jesus by obedience: that is to give God all the glory for taking our burden of sin and saving us--giving us a rest, a peace, a joy, a delight within us. In Matthew 7:21 Jesus said: "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." It's by the help of the Holy Spirit that we make it step by step, moment by moment, hour by hour. Jesus is mighty to give what we need just when we need it most. Hallelujah!

The Holy Spirit revealed to us weeks ago that the meeting of the Board of Directors of Revival For Our Day was to be held on the third Saturday in December. It was not to be the first, the second or fourth. The Holy Spirit witnessed in our heart that we were to have the meeting on the third Saturday. Before our return from Florida I would meditate and pray concerning the weather, that Son Kenneth and his family, Son James, Thomas Mullins, Edward and Jackie and Florence and I would have good to excellent flights; that

each one traveling to Parker City for this meeting would be protected. Jesus was so merciful to help us. I had wanted to return on the fifteenth, but the Holy Spirit burdened my heart that we were to return on the fourteenth. It was expedient to come when He revealed, because days before it was cloudy and dark, but in the early morning hours of the fourteenth it was clear. When we landed at Dayton, Ohio, it was a beautiful day! The very next day (the fifteenth) we had some snow and ice and the sixteenth (the day of the meeting) was clear again. Our men didn't have any difficulties in travel. Oh, we want to praise the Lord for this! We are so in debt to Jesus for His grace and mercy. Only through Jesus could we ever know anything again.

Upon Son Kenneth's return to Florida I called to express our appreciation and gratitude to them. Kenneth shared with me that they had received an inch of snow in Jacksonville, Florida. He called to inquire about information as to how long it had been since this had occurred and he was told it had been ninety years. If the directors' meeting had been on the fourth Saturday, Son Kenneth would have been stranded in Florida and not able to attend. But the Lord was merciful to reveal and we want to be thankful to God for this.

We were in great need when we started our directors' meeting on the morning of the sixteenth. I had not been able to sing much without strain, but I began to sing and lead a number of old hymns. The Holy Spirit began to help and the devil was defeated. Then James Wright began to share about how God helped in Africa. It is one of the great missionary stories which ought to be written, never to be forgotten. James shared many experiences and God blessed us. The joy of the Lord was so precious. I looked at Jerry Bays and the tears were running down his cheeks. Rev. Richey said, "I've chaired many a directors' meeting, but I have never been in a board meeting like this in my life." I thought it was so wonderful for God to be so merciful to us that Rev. Richey would think it was one of the greatest directors' meetings he had ever experienced. Paul Hill thought it was one of the most wonderful times we've had together, and he's been with us now twenty-seven years.

Following the meeting we went to the home of Kim and Janice Gilbert where we had a wonderful meal and precious time of fellowship. Oh, there was such a spirit and presence of the love of Jesus in that home. I can't explain how His love was there. The presence of Jesus was all around, and there are no words to describe the peace, joy and love of God we felt with these dear children.

Two months or more ago, Rev. Richey fell and hurt his knee. After some time he was able to walk, but his leg wouldn't completely straighten out. On Wednesday before Christmas, he and Mary Jane came to our home to see the Christmas tree which Robert Allen had so

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beautifully decorated for us. While they were visiting with us, I felt impressed to lay my hand upon Rev. Richey's knee and pray, asking God to get into the ligaments and tendons, the bones and cartilages, the tissues and fibers. When the Richeys returned home a little after one o'clock, he found that his leg would straighten out and he could walk without limping! We had a time of rejoicing and praising God for healing. Then a short time later he was in the garage and before he thought, he knelt down on that knee on the cold cement floor. When he did that, something popped and he couldn't move his leg again. They called for prayer and we knew we needed help from heaven, for God to undertake for the knee cap. We were so thankful for His great mercy and help. We continue to pray for Rev. Richey's deliverance and protection, for his help and healing.

Sunday morning, the seventeenth, I proceeded to church without speaking to my brother, Terrance, which I usually do. A medical doctor and his pastor from the state of Kentucky had come to visit with Terrance and Martha on Saturday, staying for our Sunday morning service before returning home. The doctor had read our book five times and had wanted to meet us. I went into the pulpit not knowing what to do or say. All I could do was cry out for God's help. The Holy Spirit touched my heart that someone had a testimony. As soon as I shared that, Jerry Bays stood to his feet rejoicing and praising Jesus. He was so blessed! After he shared his wonderful blessing with us, I began to speak and shared for about thirty to forty-five minutes as the Holy Ghost gave me a word concerning 'nothing'--how God created the earth and hung it on nothing, how we are to be careful for nothing. I shared how we are to be saved, how we are to trust Jesus, be for God and become nothing. When we become nothing, we become as a little child so that Jesus can be everything. If we think we are someone, Jesus is crowded out. He can't have full control if we want to make the plans. We must follow only by obedience. Self won't allow this. Until we take up the cross, deny self and become nothing, obedience is not possible. Then we are to be cleansed of the carnal nature.

Afterward, the medical doctor arose and said, "This is the most wonderful service I've ever been in in my life." (Terrance shared with me later that on Saturday evening the doctor and pastor had quite a number of questions. On Sunday morning Terrance and Martha were somewhat overwhelmed, for as I spoke for that thirty to forty-five minutes, it was as though I had been with them the evening before. The Lord came and answered all their questions during that time of sharing. The doctor felt like it was one of the most wonderful services of his life, and the pastor shared with Terrance later, "I had questions answered today I've sought answers to for years." Jesus was so merciful, because we don't know any answers, for He is the answer. We don't know what to do except He reveal it. We know it's in simplicity, through Jesus, the Holy Spirit that we would

ever know what or how to speak again. We want to thank Jesus for all He's done, for what He's doing, how He's led and directed.)

Oh, Jesus helped so sweetly in the service. The Lord led for the McAdams children to sing, and their first number was "Joy to the World." They sang it so marvelously and under such a sweet anointing. Then the Lord led for Timothy Gidley to sing number four on his list, and it was the very song that a dear man had had on his heart all week. What a wonderful encouragement for him and for all of us! We were in debt to Jesus for the drawing of souls. We can do nothing, for only through the Holy Spirit can bodies be healed, can the Kingdom of God come on Earth as it is in Heaven. Only through Jesus are we able to make it--every step, every breath, every heartbeat; in every way in the soul, mind and body. It was so precious how Jesus helped.

After the service Jesus had me to call some precious dear ones to come to our home to be with my wife and me for a short while. On the way home, the Lord showed me they needed four hundred dollars, so I wrote a check out of what I had to give to this loved one. They said, "Oh, I needed it! I have a bill for three hundred sixty-two dollars and didn't know how I was going to pay it!" We had a time of rejoicing and thanksgiving together, that God would meet this precious one's need that I knew nothing of.

A little while later, the medical doctor and his pastor came to visit with us. I shared with them, to Jesus' glory, where this one was saved and delivered from drugs, where Victor, the Jew, was saved, where Son Jack was saved, where the Catholic lady was saved and where her husband-to-be was saved and the cancer of the stomach he had just shriveled up. I shared about where the cleaner-laundryman was saved in the prayer room and where Rev. James Moore was saved. When they were getting ready to leave, we were standing in the hall together and the doctor loved me two to three times. He said, "Rev. Helm, please pray for my wife as she has pain and suffering in her head." The instant he said that, the Holy Spirit showed me her pain was from a need in a specific area of her abdomen. We began to pray and ask God to apply the healing stripes of Jesus. Terrance shared with me later that as they went out to the car the doctor said, "God just healed my wife."

Then on the following Wednesday we had our Evangel Voice directors' meeting, and Jesus came and blessed. Richard Moore, who has been with me for twenty-five years, said, "I tell you, I've seldom seen it like this." Timothy Gidley thought the meeting excelled the RFOD directors' meeting.

That morning, I asked for Vera to bring a letter from a man who was so stirred with the VOICE book that he sent an offering. As we were reading this letter during the meeting, we learned this man was from Wisconsin. Rev. Bullis replied, "That's my state." I

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reviewed with the dear ones there that Rev. Bullis was a herdsman, a dairyman; and I asked Rev. Bullis, "How many brothers and sisters did you have?" Just as he said, "I had," the Lord spoke in my heart and shared a burden with me for his sister, Alice. He told me what she needed. It is through the Holy Spirit we will ever know anything again. Brother Bullis was deeply touched and we were all happy in Jesus. Rev. Bullis then shared a scripture that was on his heart, and oh, the blessing of God came down. It was so precious and we were so blessed. We owe all this to Jesus, for God's glory and honor. We are so in debt to God for all help, all sharing, all guidance and direction.

We want to thank Jesus for each and every one of you who have prayed and fasted for us. We are thankful for all those who have been holding on and sacrificing and believing. We are so unworthy and needy, and it seems that when we try to thank Him we come so far short. It's through the mercy of God and the prayers of the people that we make it. Thank you for praying for our finances, for our needs and responsibilities in this area continue to be pressing. We have been supporting Rev. Salameh, a missionary in the Middle East, for some time. We also support Napo, a missionary in Haiti, and I sent two thousand dollars of our personal money to him in the last two months.

We have sent finance to Love and Care Missions for an orphanage in India, to Joseph Umanah in Nigeria, and to another missionary in Brazil. We have shared with a missionary family with seven children for about nine years, and also a missionary in Zaire, Africa. We've shared with a missionary on an Indian reservation in the West, and a family in the north who is out of work. We've also shared with the Wootten family in Israel, who have been missionaries in various countries of the world. We've also helped the Lloyd Skinner family.

Not one of these dear people wrote and asked for finance, but these are just a few who we have tried to assist and help. We can't remember all of them, but these are a few. We are thankful for those the Lord has helped us to support. Rev. and Mrs. Morgan shared recently that they wouldn't be able to be at Scott Depot without the help they receive from us each month. We also help to support the Daniel Helbling family.

I want to express deep appreciation to all of you for your many prayers and fasting for our deliverance and healing. Mrs. Helm and I thank you for each of your Christmas greetings and gifts, for the beautiful flowers and your continual prayers. We are unworthy, but grateful for your sharing. We praise the Lord for it.

By God's grace, we want to be faithful to have God's Word in our heart and to be obedient to resist the devil and press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. It's by His mercies revival could come. We give Jesus the praise

for every soul victory. Thank you in Jesus' Name. May each of you have a marvelous New Year in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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p.s If I may share, I will soon be seventy-four years of age, and never once charged phone calls on my parents' number. It is not wise to make calls if we are not able to pay for them. By God's grace, unless Jesus were leading or directing, unless the Holy Spirit were guiding, we should not do this. Unless we review, we might not remember our responsibilities.

A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS

Beginning January 1, 1990, the price for A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS has been reduced to \$8.20, with the following discounts:

<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Non-Profit Organizations</u>
1-5 Copies	Full Retail (\$8.20 ea)
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The SPANISH edition of A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS is now ready and we will receive orders to be shipped within a few weeks. The price is the same as the ENGLISH edition.

Rev. Jon Cullum encouraged us in January of 1989 for a re-awakened vision to share copies of A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS on a 'one-a-month' basis. Pastor Jon's request was that we earnestly pray about what the Lord might have us covenant in our hearts in regularly distributing copies of A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS. Some of you responded so wonderfully and we have received letters of encouragement and blessing. Many have received help because the Lord helped you to know with whom to share the book.

Once again, I would encourage each of us to pray for vision, guidance and faithfulness in sharing this book which has been used of the Lord to help many in their endeavor to walk with God in purity. You may have friends or acquaintances who would need the SPANISH edition. Thank you for praying concerning the sharing of A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS.

Thank you, and may the Lord bless and encourage each one of you in this new decade.

Vera Wagner

Revival For Our Day, Inc.

January 23, 1990

Dear ones in the Lord Jesus our Savior,

We thank you for your prayers and supplications. We praise God for all who are striving to follow Jesus by denying self. As we die to self and obey the Holy Spirit, He is able to crucify us of the carnal nature that we may become one as God and Jesus are one. In St. John 12:32 Jesus was referring to a corn of wheat falling into the earth and dying before it brings forth a harvest. He said: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." The Son of God was first lifted up from the earth when cruel hands nailed Him to a rude cross where He bled and died that we might be forgiven. Through His precious Blood He saves us. Praise God that Jesus is able to transform souls into His likeness, able to keep them in every circumstance, able to bless, able to sanctify. He saved me fifty-seven years ago last night. It's by His continuing grace and mercy that we are able to experience His peace and joy in our hearts and love each other as He loves us.

But in order for Jesus to be lifted up spiritually to the world today, it is urgent that each blood-washed believer follows Jesus faithfully. It is expedient that he is submissive and surrendered to God's will entirely. To do God's will is simply to follow Jesus like a little child, to put Him first in all areas of our life and to witness faithfully. I believe that only as we are obedient to the Holy Spirit is the lifting up of Christ in operation. Jesus is lifted by the Holy Spirit when we follow faithfully in self-denial and obedience, assuming the cross, being cleansed of the carnal nature and these evils which so easily beset us to hurt and hinder others. The Apostle Peter tells us how our prayers can be hindered if we do not behave ourselves in a Christian manner with our wife, our husband, or our loved ones. But as we walk by faith in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin. So it is through His death on the cross, by His holy blood, by the precious Holy Spirit leading and guiding, by His Sacred Word as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, that we are able (by God's grace) to see Jesus lifted.

I believe the most supreme lift of Christ to the world will occur when His followers become one. Jesus prayed: "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth...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." (Jn. 17:19-21) That comes by the work of the Holy Spirit only as we follow, not by anything that we could do ourselves. In every life of obedience and surrender there is praise and adoration of the Holy Trinity. There is a walk by faith in the

Word of God, running with patience the race set before us: "...Looking 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 set down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Heb. 12:2) "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." (I Pet. 4:12-13) "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." (Gal. 6:9) It is so wonderful when Jesus is lifted. He is lifted not by any strength or ability of ours, but in the life of a child-like, surrendered follower who prefers others, who rejoices in difficulties, who does not put stress on his or her family, church or neighbor.

The scripture I have been thinking about is in Malachi, chapter three, verse sixteen: "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it." It said "...they that feared the Lord." We fear lest we fail God. We fear lest we grieve the Holy Spirit. We fear lest we come short of His will. We fear lest we disobey. We fear the Lord. Now where the fear of the Lord is, there is the love of God, the love of Jesus. I believe they go hand in hand, don't you? The fear of God and the love of God cannot be separated. Where one is the other is. Where there is no love of God there is no fear of God. To fear God is not to be fearful about situations or that we are going to be injured, but a fear lest we grieve Him or put stress upon people.

Where there is no fear of God or the love of God, there are a lot of questions and a lot of explanations required--wanting to know why people do this and why they do that. Where there is fear of God there is the surrendered life that does not want to malign or criticize people. Where there is fear of the Lord there is no criticism, no fault-finding. Where the lack of fear exists there is quite a bit of murmuring and complaining, and the scriptures tell us: "Do all things without murmurings and disputings: that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke..." When there is fear of God, there is not complaining and fault-finding and judging. To judge one another is sin. When one casts a judgment toward a person it grieves the Holy Spirit and it is evidence that we have not sufficiently learned to love and fear God. Jesus said, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." Now if we have little fear of God, we will be likely to talk about the weaknesses of others and why they decide to do this and why they don't do as we feel they should do. But when we have fear of God, there is tenderness and gentleness. Where there is no fear of God there is pressure and there is a dictatorial spirit. This

spirit wants to have the reigns and wants to direct. If one who has no fear of God doesn't get His way in directing, then there are problems. And persons do not enjoy being around anyone who maligns or complains or murmurs.

It says here: "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it." God is pleased when one fears Him and wants to do His will. Our desire to do God's will is in proportion to our love and fear of God. To do God's will is everything. To know Jesus in our hearts and follow Him is everything. All we need we find in Jesus, our Savior. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Where there is no fear of God there are disruptions and hurts and disappointments. When people are disappointed and hurt and crushed, the body is wounded and hospitalized. Very intelligent persons, if they are not careful, can become critical and judgmental and cause the body to be parted and separated, because that kind of spirit will scatter the sheep and crush the lambs.

"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another..." Those that fear the Lord speak in love, they share in thanksgiving to God, they are appreciative of God's gifts and mercies and kindnesses. When there is fear in the body of Christ, He hearkens to them: "...and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and thought upon his name." When we fear the Lord we do not try to give people directions. The carnal mind wants to give directions. The spiritual mind blends and yields, is surrendered and desires to do God's will and not put a stress upon workers or family members, church persons or individuals near them. This kind of spirit causes unhappiness and is a merciless spirit. Where the Spirit of God reigns, the heart is full of mercy and good fruits. A person who fears God requires nothing, but the persons who don't fear God require about anything they want, especially their questions answered and their stresses taken care of.

A slight bit of the spirit of scolding or angered spirit can erupt where there is no fear of God. Now it is a constant battle for numbers of individuals to be cleansed of these weaknesses in the carnal nature. Any and all of us are likely to fall into this pitfall unless we pray much and obey humbly and faithfully. It's by God's grace we will not be foolish and get into the place where we do not fear God. A prayerful, yielded, surrendered spirit is a heart that fears God, and is full of mercy and gentleness, tenderness and long-suffering, understanding and compassion. But these gracious fruits of the Spirit are choked in a heart that has not learned the fear of God. I am the weak one, and we are trusting and thankful for your prayers and supplications. We know we are unworthy in this struggle and spiritual battle. But there is a way that God always makes for those who yield, surrender and

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trust with all their heart. The trusting heart fears God and tries not to cause confusion or frustrate others, but rather brings healing and encouragement to those they are with. Persons who fear God and love God always bring strength and help to others, but those who don't fear God do the reverse. At times they are not aware of it and wonder why so many things are not working out as they had hoped.

"...but Christ is all and in all--every-thing and everywhere, to all men, without distinction of person. Clothe yourselves therefore, as (God's own picked representatives,) His own chosen ones, [who are] puri-fied and holy and well-beloved [by God Himself, by putting on behavior marked by] tenderhearted pity and mercy, kind feeling, a lowly opinion of yourselves, gentle ways, [and] patience--which is tireless, long-suffering and has the power to endure what-ever comes, with good temper. Be gentle and forbearing with one another and, if one has a difference (a grievance or complaint) against another, readily pardoning each other; even as the Lord has freely forgiven you, so must you also [forgive].

"And above all these [put on] love and en-fold yourselves with the bond of perfect-ness--which binds everything together com-pletely in ideal harmony. And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from the Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts--deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds--[in that peaceful state] to which [as members of Christ's] one body you were also called [to live]. And be thankful--appreciative, giving praise to God always. Let the word [spoken by] the Christ, the Messiah, have its home (in your hearts and minds) and dwell in you in [all its] richness, as you teach and admonish and train one another in all insight and intelligence and wisdom [in spiritual things, and sing] psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, making melody to God with [His] grace in your hearts." (Col. 3:11-16, Amp.) As we meditate on this scripture and review it from time to time, it will assist us in maintaining a holy fear of God and love for all people alike.

Following are a few letters I thought would encourage you as they did us. Thank all of you for your notes, cards and letters of encouragement. They mean so much to Florence and to me.

Dear Brother and Sister Helm,

Glory to God in the highest! Jesus is everything we need. Good morning dear ones. I want to write and share with you about the service of January 7th at Parker City Christ Fellowship. It was so wonderful words could never tell it. Jesus helped so much. The Holy Spirit led with such wonder and grace. Everything fit together perfectly. I re-cieved such a blessing I had to shout and cheer. I just couldn't hold it in it was so great. It seems every week for awhile now the very thing Pastor John speaks on is just what God's been teaching me that week.

A few weeks ago I wasn't able to attend the service and the following Tuesday morning when I began teaching and reading the scripture, the ladies who had been to the service began to laugh and became so excited because it was the very same scripture and teaching Pastor John had on that Sunday morning. We truly rejoiced and were in awe of God's faithfulness to help us. God has such a wonderful plan. Oh, how I want to fit into it perfectly.

Thank you for giving yourself to the Lord and being faithful, by His grace. Thank you for teaching me about trusting and obeying. Glory to God! He is helping me to hear and heed. May God bless, heal and deliver you for His glory. I love you so much,

Rosalie Farlow

Dear Brother Helm and Mrs. Helm,

Praise the Lord, for His mercies endure forever! God's mercies were overflowing in '89--it was a very good year. The Lord blessed us indeed. By His mercy we were able to visit the land of my birth in June. What a blessing to see some of my relatives after 41 years away from Holland. I was 15 when our family left in 1948 and when we arrived in the United States I was determined to become totally American. Having married into an American family and living in places where there were few Dutch immigrants, I neglected to keep up with family, friends and language of the Netherlands. But the Lord helped me to know that I needed to restore my Dutch heritage. I placed an ad in a Canadian Dutch bimonthly newspaper asking people to write to me in Dutch. Some 48 people responded, mostly from Ontario. Several have become very good friends whom we were able to visit in September. They were all Christians and we had wonderful fellowship with each family.

Another blessing in '89 was gallbladder surgery. After the successful surgery my time of recuperation was so wonderful because I could spend hours sitting on our back porch, reading, writing, and especially relaxing in my Savior's sweet presence. I tend to be a workaholic, but because of the surgery I could rest without feeling guilty about not doing this or that. My husband retired a year ago so he was home to take care of our needs. He even learned to cook a little. Another great blessing indeed was the fulfillment of God's promise some 8 or 9 years earlier that my husband would be sitting beside me at Scott Depot Christ Fellowship "one of these days." We now attend church together, read the Word together and pray together. That is a super blessing indeed!

When I talked to Pastor Rod about translating "Voice" into Dutch he suggested I try to do one chapter. I felt that I should start with the last chapter, "The Beginning," and am on the last paragraph of the first page. It's slow work because I want to find just the right words that will give the real

meaning of your message. I love working on it and trust the Lord to help me. Thankful for your increasing good health. Love and prayers,

Helen Rice

Dearest Florence and Rev. Helm,

The trip to Israel was the greatest gift you could ever have given to Norm. Day by day he tells me of the wonderful things that happened--the people and how great they all were, the things he saw and how he was given such care and honor by you and all your people. It was just the right time for all this to happen. As you know, when a man has worked all his life and then finds he is not able to keep up with his past, it is a very low time in his life. You changed that with this trip. He is now a much happier person and lives over each day and night he spent with you and your wonderful group, many times with tears in his eyes remembering some special time, person and music.

When he got home he bought each of us ear phone sets so we could walk around and listen to gospel music. Every once in a while he would say, "I can just hear Florence on this one." Thank you is such a small word to express what you have done for Norm, but I do say "Thank You" with all my heart. With much love to you both always.

Jaunita (Reeg)

Precious Rev. and Mrs. Helm,

May the glorious tidings sound again and again in your hearts, strengthening and healing you with His love. Your latest newsletter was such a wonderful testimony to His love and provision for Jack and Pastor Jim. We had heard some of the story at Clare Christ Fellowship before we left Michigan, but here we have to rely even more on your newsletters. Hallelujah for His love!

When we came to Arizona about six weeks ago, Bob's aim was to read "Voice" all the way through for his first time. Whenever he had time, he would sit on the patio reading. He said it meant so much more to him and was so real because he could hear your voice saying many of these things. When he finished the last page, he announced VERY emphatically, "Every pastor and minister should be required to read that last chapter. Every Christian should read it, many times." ...all of "Voice" but especially that last chapter.

I gave "Voice" to our local pastor several weeks ago, and hope to be able to talk with him shortly about it. He hasn't finished it yet, and I am hoping it will find great favor in his eyes, because he is involved with a ministry in Mexico and that would be a great outlet for the new edition in Spanish.

Thank you both for all you've been of Him in the past, now and in the future. May He give you the desires of your hearts and

continue to strengthen you and help you so you can continue your great calling to servanthood. Love and blessings,

Marcia Allen

Joseph Mizrahi recently shared with me that he wished to send his love and greetings to everyone connected to Revival For Our Day, and also wanted everyone to know that he was praying the Lord would soon send us back to Israel. Be encouraged that we are to trust in the Lord with all our heart: not leaning to our own understanding, but acknowledging Christ in all of our ways and He promises that He shall direct our path. The Holy Spirit is able to direct our paths through the Word of God and as we wait upon Him in prayer. We are to hold steady and allow Him to guide us and direct us. May each of you be strengthened by the might of Christ in the inner man through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We want to express appreciation to each of our staff and our secretaries for all their help, for holding on in prayer and for calling on the needy, the orphans and the widows. We want to express special appreciation to each of you who has sacrificed in order that the Spanish translation might become a reality. We want to be thankful for Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kintsel for their vision in translating "A Voice in the Wilderness" into Spanish and for their untiring efforts in bringing the translation to completion. We are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Helbling and to Erin Loeffler for their assistance in the editing of the translation. We also want to thank Rev. and Mrs. William Ryan and the Oilton congregation who have so diligently supported the Kintsels and stood with them in this holy endeavor. We express

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our special appreciation to Harmony Press--to Thomas and Timothy Harman and all who assist them there--for the printing of our letter and for the printing of the Spanish translation. We want to be appreciative of each person who prays and assists and helps even when we are not aware of it. For every assistance we give God glory and praise, asking that He will return a blessing that only He could give.

Our desire is to see souls saved, believers sanctified. It is needed in our world. We know that we are not able to bring anyone to Jesus, but the Holy Spirit is able as we trust and obey. We give God praise and Jesus glory and honor for all that He has done, and all that He is going to do. We pray that each of you will be encouraged and strengthened in Jesus.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W Helm

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Dear ones in Jesus, our Savior, the Christ, the Son of the Living God,

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Unto God be glory, unto Jesus be praise, to the Holy Spirit be thanksgiving for so great a salvation, knowing it is by His mercies we are saved, through the grace of God and the precious blood of Jesus. St. Paul said that he was the chief of sinners. Many years ago I said I also felt I was the chief of sinners and it is through God's mercy that I'm saved, through the blood of the Lamb.

On January 1st forty years ago, we began a revival in Greensboro, Indiana. That revival continued through the first day of the ninth week. The Holy Spirit was so precious to lead and to guide during those days. By God's grace could we ever be in another meeting as wonderful as that. Holy Spirit conviction was in that community. The power of the Holy Spirit moved in such a way that men and women were stirred up and did not know why. The owner of the grocery store and the handsome gentleman who worked for one of the express agencies, both wonderful persons, got together and said, "We'll get this preacher out of here. We'll get rid of him." But God's conviction was great, and in the seventh week one of these precious men found Jesus as his Savior. He was thirty-nine years of age and God had been calling him to the ministry. Jesus truly changed his life forty years ago this next month. We are so thankful for the fact that the Lord is able to save to the uttermost all who will come to Him. Though our sins would be as scarlet, He can make them white as snow. Even though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. We know we have nothing in our hands to bring, but only to the cross of Jesus Christ we cling.

The Bible says in Romans 6:23: "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." The wages of sin is death, and when Adam and Eve committed the sin of disobedience the cost was endless. When a cost is endless it means it continues always. Because of that sin of disobedience death came upon all of creation. Robert Lee preached many years ago: "Payday Someday". When God called Abraham he said: "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy Father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:..." The Lord requested that Abraham not take one of his family with him, but that they stay behind. However, Lot chose to go with his Uncle Abraham. That choice brought great trial, confusion and upheaval to the families and herdsmen of both Abraham and Lot. They were not long in the new land when the size of both their flocks was so great they had to choose which one of them would live to the right and which one would move to

the left. The cost was high. Lot chose the rich plains, but there was wickedness hidden in that which appeared so profitable. When God reigned His judgement of fire and brimstone on Sodom and Gomorrah, the angels had to take Lot, his wife and children by the hand and lead them out of the city. His wife looked back and turned to a pillar of salt. The cost of this disobedience was very high. Later he had children with his own daughters. In the world today these descendants of Lot are in upheaval with the descendants of Abraham. The cost of sin continues. The wages of sin continue on and always bring death. As Rev. Lee said: "Payday Someday".

As we meditate about not doing what God wants us to do, the required cost, the resulting cost of disobedience, is high. Sin never comes at a sale price. It's always more than one had thought. Every kind of sin has a cost and it continues on. When God revealed to Jonah that he was to go to Ninevah, he chose to go to Tarshish. And when he chose to board the ship for Tarshish, the storm came as a result of that choice. Jonah put all who were aboard that ship in great jeopardy and upheaval. He was to go to Ninevah, but he went where his self wanted to go: and because he chose the self plan, the storm came. It seems that Jonah suffered from the sin of stubbornness. Many persons are impatient or angry if things don't go their way. Others may not display anger, but they are stubborn or sullen. We need to pray against this, for it is a very devastating spirit to any life, be it a child or an adult. It is very hurtful to a person who is near it. It crushes and destroys.

Sin inevitably brings storms and trials, battles and upheavals. The storm became so severe in Jonah's case that he had to be thrown overboard. The cost was high. Of course, after living three days and nights in a whale's belly, he finally was willing to submit to God and go to Ninevah. When he arrived in that great city and began to preach repentance, they repented from the king down to the least citizen. There was a great ingathering for God and for righteousness. But the cost that Jonah and the people with him on that ship experienced was high.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." It is God's gift to us through Jesus Christ our Lord that we can be saved, that we can be redeemed, that we can miss hell and be able to make it into heaven's glory land. It is because of God's great love and Jesus' death on the cross, taking all our sins upon Him, including our evil deceptions. The prophet Jeremiah received a great revelation from God when he said: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" The deceit and wickedness hidden in our hearts is part of the cost of disobedience through our forefathers. They chose their

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wants and desires, and because of it, the deceitful heart came into all men and women, boys and girls. He said that the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked, who can know it? Only God knows how wicked the human heart truly is. It's a continual dying to self and being cleansed by His spirit of love that we can be delivered from every deception, every wickedness, every idle word, every wrong, every iniquity unto holiness.

When a person chooses any kind of sin without natural affection--men wanting men, women wanting women--the cost is high. It is continuous. But Jesus' blood can blot it out and make us whole so that we don't have to go the way of the flesh, which pulls so extremely hard upon the person. When individuals put away their companions to marry another and commit adultery, the cost is high. It's serious, because the wages of sin is death--"Payday Someday". When one precious person looked over the wall and saw someone he wanted, he made her his choice. The cost of that choice was very high. We escape these temptations by laying aside every weight and sin which so easily besets us to run with patience the race that was set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; Who for the joy that set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame and is now set down at the right hand of God interceding.

We must be very careful in not grieving the Holy Spirit. When we are not gentle, tender, kind, compassionate or understanding with any of our loved ones this cancels out our prayer life, our preaching, our teaching, our affectional witness. Forty to fifty years ago I began preaching that the true proof of Christianity is the way we live with our companion and children at home, being tender, gentle, kind and thoughtful, never displaying anger, wrath or displeasure. The home test is the acid test of our walk with God. What comes out of us should be true and pure or the Holy Spirit is grieved. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

It's by God's grace that we can make it at home with our companion, our children and with our neighbors. We cannot do this alone, but with Jesus all things are possible. The test is not how we are outside the home with other people, the proof of Christianity is how we are with our companion: are we helpful, gentle, having a loving spirit rather than a harsh spirit? It's through Jesus we can be rid of any wrong spirit. We must rebuke satan continually. It's by the grace of God I can make it, through the blood of the Lamb and God's mercies, pressing onward to the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. But we know that the Lord's grace is sufficient, able to make us to be cleansed vessels, meet for Jesus' use in humility. It takes the Lord to constantly cleanse us from all deceit, secret sin and wickedness, lest our Christian witness is marred or becomes ineffective.

It's a terrible thing to have a spirit within the heart that is buried and secretive and not pleasing to Christ. We are thankful that God is able to take that awful, deceitfulness and wickedness out of the human heart. It surely should place great fear in the heart of every person to do God's will and not our own for Jesus' sake, for souls' sake and for our own sake. I began to meditate along this line, knowing it is so helpful and so right for all of us, because, in the long run of human experience, we are either bringing healing and help to those about us, or detriment and hurt. Our thoughtfulness flows out of love and dedication. Our thoughtlessness can come out of disobedience and self-centeredness. We all are so weak that we need continual deliverance. But the Lord is able to truly cleanse us of inner deceit and wickedness and bring us to God's will as we read the Word, pray, witness, obey and become child-like, not child-ish. Praise the Lord.

The Old Testament scripture says: "Be sure your sin will find you out." Achan thought he had his sin covered--a Babylonian garment, some silver and a wedge of gold. But it was uncovered in his tent. Because of his hidden sin, the entire company of Israel was placed in jeopardy. Thirty-six men lost their lives at Ai because one man chose what he wanted. If those thirty-six men were married, think of the great havoc, loneliness and sorrow it brought their wives, their children and their families. The wages of wrongdoing are heartache, loneliness, trouble, deep sorrow. Where there is hidden sin, the cost is a heart without peace, without joy; a life without love, without purity, without God's tender, gentle spirit. If only we could see that the cost of sin is too great. When anyone makes the choice to do what he likes and what he wants, the repercussions continue on and on. We must be sure that, by God's grace, we wait upon Him and make the choice that God leads, that Jesus guides, that the Holy Spirit directs. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

We want to pray and obey, because if we will pray and obey, then the Lord will bring us through to victory. Sinners will be saved, believers can be sanctified and the church become one as God and Jesus are one. We know that Jesus is coming soon. God revealed to me in October of 1942 that the coming of Jesus was soon. A day with the Lord is as a thousand years with man. A thousand years with man is as one day with God. So we need to obey, to follow and to submit ourselves faithfully to what Jesus would have us to do, with thanksgiving and praise, with adoration and humility, with carefulness and caution. The cry of my heart has been to have more faith, holy faith, precious faith--to see souls find the Master and follow.

When young people or older people commit adultery or fornication in their life, this brings great disappointment or hardship, catastrophe and darkness. Drug use is destroying so much of society. Misuse of drugs is devastating, hurtful and killing to mankind.

Young people have been misled that drugs are an escape. Someone on television said the use of alcohol is as bad, if not worse, than drugs. So the sin of drinking alcoholic beverages is not wise. It causes many to fall, and they don't even know what they've done. The sin of bad language, cursing, evil speaking and evil thinking is a terrible sin. We are to trust Jesus to be holy in the Lord, to be faithful and true so we will not betray ourselves or betray those who love us.

But when we find Jesus and follow, it brings us to a rest and peace that the world cannot give, neither can it take it away. We know it's through the blood of Jesus, through the Holy Spirit of God, that we can have peace--peace that comes from above, from our Father in heaven. Hallelujah! Oh, how it pays to be tender and gentle, not judgemental or critical. Jesus has not called us to malign individuals or groups. The Holy Spirit of Christ crucified does not line up anyone or get after someone because they don't do the things they ought to do. They need love and encouragement, not our condemnation, for if they have made a wrong choice, the cost will be high. But if they have made the right choice, the result will be peace in the midst of storms and struggles. God gives blessings to those who follow Jesus.

We know that He is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him against that day, as we trust and obey. We know that within us dwelleth no good thing, neither have we claimed to be anything but a servant. We cannot review often enough that it's by the mercies of God, through the blood of the Lamb, we are saved and are able to follow on to be filled with the Holy Spirit to become one as the Father and Son are one. It's the work of God and not our arrangements or anything else. It comes through obedience; by holding on in prayer and fasting, by petitions and supplications; in testifying as the Holy Spirit directs, in sacrificing, in going the second mile, in giving as God leads, because as we give, God gives help in return.

We know that those in sin, instead of becoming childlike, become the opposite. They're not satisfied with anything but want more, making people around them feel badly. But when we become childlike--like Jesus--it's a wonderful help and gift, because it brings harmony to the life, to the home, to the family, to the business and to the community. Through gentleness and tenderness and the work of the Holy Spirit there can be a melodious symphony of thanksgiving, a holy harmony of fellowship and precious relationships in the Lord.

Let us review Hebrews chapter twelve: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking 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 set down at the right hand of

the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not resisted unto blood, striving against sin. And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?"

The last two Sunday mornings God has helped me to share different thoughts, scriptures and declarations. After one service Jefferson Todd said to Richard as we went out, "Be sure and tell Brother Helm that the Lord had him to speak on specific situations and circumstances we needed today." Pastor Thomas told me also, "The way God had you preaching, one would have thought you had been in my counseling sessions all week, including up to eleven-thirty Saturday night." I didn't know anything about them, and yet the Holy Spirit spoke through me what was needed. The experiences of the last two Sunday mornings were a very precious encouragement and blessing.

Thank you, each one, for helping us. We thank each of you who sent us birthday cards, gifts and flowers. We were so unworthy. We are thankful for those who fast for us, for each person and each fellowship who sacrifices to assist us. We want to give God thanks for each one who has been praying and waiting on the Lord daily for us and for souls to be saved. Forty-seven years ago we were trusting, looking upward week after week for the work of the Holy Spirit. We know only as God would lead, through the Holy Spirit, can revival come: as men would obey, giving Jesus all the praise, all the glory, and all the honor for what has been accomplished, what is being accomplished and what will be accomplished. We are not out to start congregations or churches. We are out to lead people to the life of obedience, to follow Jesus and do God's will. The cost of sin is terribly high, but the life of obedience brings peace and joy, blessing and help, understanding and compassion. The fellowship of the saints is like to that above.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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Reports on A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS:

Just over one year ago I shared some humble thoughts about a re-awakened vision in distributing copies of *A Voice in the Wilderness*. You may remember that I wrote: "For one year now Martha and I have trusted to purchase and distribute one copy of *A Voice in the Wilderness* a month. It is perhaps a small thing for some, but it has been a challenge for us to prayerfully share the copies

as we feel the Lord would lead or allow. And God has granted us most unusual blessings... We have been encouraged that, though we may not know what to do from month to month, He will open a door to distribute the book if it is our earnest desire to share the message of forsaking all to obey the Holy Spirit, of loving all persons alike...We are requesting that each of you earnestly pray about what the Lord might have you covenant in your heart this year in regularly distributing copies of **A Voice in the Wilderness**."

I want to thank you for your vision and for your faithfulness in sharing copies of **A Voice in the Wilderness** each month. And I thank you for sharing your stories of how God has worked as you have embraced this challenge. For your encouragement I share excerpts of some of your notes sent to Vera Wagner:

"God bless you for shipping the order so quickly. It enabled me to consider whom the Lord would have me to share this book with that has so richly blessed me. Indeed the Holy Spirit has spoken to my heart through His servant, Brother Helm, and I know, because of the witness in my heart and in the Word, that these encouragements are from our heavenly Father for such a time as this."

"Thank you for this book. A friend from Florida introduced me to it. I have read, re-read, and continue to give it away constantly! I would love to meet Rev. and Mrs. Helm, but may have to wait til glory! God bless you!"

"I am happy to report that four of us in my department at work, are reading Rev. Helm's

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book, **A Voice in the Wilderness**. What an inspiring and loving message--not to mention convicting--! he has to offer. There are at least two more people we work with who will want to read his book. This was the best money I've ever spent. In fact, I am enclosing a small donation (\$20.00). If you know of anyone who could be blessed by Rev. Helm's book, but can't afford to buy one, it can be sent to that person. In this way, we'll all be twice-blessed!!..."

When Vera felt prompted to read this letter to Kathleen, she said, "Oh, Vera, just a few hours ago a young woman came into the office to ask about obtaining three copies of **A Voice in the Wilderness**." She wanted to give a copy to her co-workers, and her husband also wanted to give a copy to a co-worker. She shared that they really didn't have the finance, and were just trusting to know how to pay for these books. When Kathleen called her back and shared about the donation for books, she was so happy. She said, "Oh, I really needed four books, but since I didn't know how we were going to pay for the three, I couldn't ask for four!" So the money was provided on the very day she had it on her heart to share copies of **A Voice in the Wilderness**.

May you all be encouraged to continue this marvelous missionary outreach. And thank you for writing us to share how God has worked through your distribution of **A Voice in the Wilderness**.

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Dear ones in Jesus the Christ,

Two or three Sundays ago the Holy Spirit dealt with me about a difficulty in a certain area of the head, so I began to pray for this situation of suffering and pain. A few minutes later Richard Smith, Jr., arose and said, "I've had this suffering in my head for some time. I've literally taken bottles of pain medicine and couldn't get any relief. But when God led Brother Helm to pray for this suffering, it lifted out of my head." We were so very, very grateful for this testimony, giving God the praise, the glory and the honor for how He had revealed when we knew nothing of this situation.

We had such a great time the last few days with Rev. and Mrs. Cox, Randy and Janet Freeman and Branko Rancic. It was wonderful how the Holy Spirit led and guided. After two or three hours Branko told me, "Even though I have traveled in New Zealand, Australia, in various cities of Europe, God has helped me to see more today than I've ever seen in any one day in my life." That was before I had shown them the beautiful painting on the south side of the Hotel Fontaine Bleu, and had driven them to the Port of Miami to view one of the most spectacular ships, which has just recently been sent out, called "Fantasy". It isn't the ordinary style of ship and is approximately eight hundred feet long and ninety feet high. We all enjoyed it very much.

A week ago last night Timothy Gidley called to share different things on his heart. He told me something very encouraging, which was almost too sacred to repeat. After I had shared with him a number of experiences of the Lord leading and guiding, he said that he had received my letter and was most grateful. I was ready to say good-bye when I told him, "Wait just a minute, Timothy, God is dealing with me about prayer." I began to pray for God to reveal what it was. There was no revelation about Timothy, his two brothers or his father, but when I came to his mother the Holy Spirit operated in my heart about her needing prayer. As I prayed and pled for God to intervene for her, Timothy was encouraged. As prayer ended he said, "I want you to know that my mother has been having such trouble in the tailbone area. She has hardly been able to get up or down and has been bleeding." We were very in debt for this revelation, for Timothy didn't request prayer and didn't tell me of her condition. But when I started to end the conversation, Jesus moved upon me to pray and it was for his mother. We find ourselves again deeply in debt to God for this guidance and revelation.

We want to thank the Lord for saving Chad Light some few weeks ago at Maranatha and bringing him to a wonderful experience in Christ Jesus. Last night as I talked to our granddaughter, Angel Maria, she told me, "Grandfather, Jesus came into my heart." She

was happy and we were so thankful to hear that at the age of twelve years she would have a spiritual knowledge in her heart of Jesus forgiving her of her sins and coming into her heart and she could tell us that she had been saved. Praise the Lord. It surely is a blessing and an answer to prayer.

In last Sunday morning's service, while we were either singing or praying, the Holy Spirit began to operate with me concerning a need in the canal of the ear on the left side. I began to pray for this situation. When I finished praying, Richard Smith (who was sitting beside me) said, "I'm going to claim that because our granddaughter is having an awful situation in the ear drum. She cannot hear." No doubt there was suffering. A few hours later someone called me and told me that when Richard got with his granddaughter, her ear was much better and she was able to hear some. We want to thank Jesus for that precious experience in the Lord.

Brother Rick Hubbard and his dear wife, Catherine, were with us the last two Sunday services. We asked him to give a number at the piano and even though he had not played nor sung much for almost six months, you couldn't tell it, because he was under such great anointing. Oh, it was so precious. I thought, how can we have another service without him? It was so blessed and such a blessing to all of us. He began to sing the number we requested: "Praise God, He'll give the victory." (It took me back a few years ago when we had just arrived in Israel. That night we had a meeting and Edward pressed to come to the service even though he was extremely worn and not really strong enough to come. He felt like he was so weary that he could hardly hold his head up, and was sitting there wondering if he ought to go to his room. But when the Lord led for Rick to sing "Praise God, He'll give the victory", the power of the Holy Ghost hit Edward and all the tiredness left, all the weariness was gone! He was strengthened by a miracle of God's grace and guidance.)

The anointing upon Rick at Palm Beach Gardens was so wonderful again on giving us the victory, then he sang "Abram Sought a City". It was so in order and a very great uplift to the souls of those present. As we requested more he sang, by God's help, "The Eagle" and then "The Sparrow". While I was preaching that morning I had forgotten that a wedding was scheduled there for one o'clock in the afternoon. But we were dismissed in time for the ceremony. After the service my brother, Edward, conveyed to me that the bride-to-be had suffered such accusation and buffeting of satan telling her that she would not be a good wife and pressed her mind about how difficult things could be. But while Rick sang about "The Sparrow", all the buffeting lifted, and this terrible burden just flew away. It was worth Rick and Catherine's trip from Michigan a number of

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times just for her. I didn't know of her struggle, Rick didn't know it, but God did, and loved her so much He used that song to dispel her cares. We want to give Jesus the praise!

We trust each of you, as you read this letter, know that God cares for you as He looks at the sparrow. The Word tells us that not a sparrow falls to the ground without His knowing it. The very hairs of your head are all numbered. So He cares for you. He knows about your trials, your tests, your struggles, your storms, your loneliness, your weariness. When you think that there is no way through, He will make the way where there seems to be none, as my mother would say fifty and sixty years ago. So be encouraged. Hold steady and press up toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, "...Looking 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 set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Not looking back but looking onward and upward. Not looking to the circumstances or the problem, but looking to the solution, to the Word and to the Son instead of at the storm.

In John 15:7 Jesus said, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." Jesus said, "...If ye..." He was speaking to the apostles, to the disciples, to those who would listen to Him. Sometimes there were a thousand people, sometimes three thousand, sometimes five thousand. He said to them, "If ye abide in me." The word "abiding" is quite a word to view isn't it? The word abide means to remain, to be steadfast; it implies a staying, a steadiness, a keeping on. Abiding comes by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God working and dwelling in you. He said, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you."

Now the secret of the spiritual law of abiding, of course, is prayer and obedience, because without obedience, our prayers are ineffectual. If we do not obey God, then our prayers are just words. But if we obey and do as He leads, then we have that privilege of abiding. So the very life blood of abiding is obeying. Obedience is better than sacrifice, hearkening than the fat of rams. One part of the spiritual law of abiding is obeying. When God leads you, obey that leading. Put aside every weight and sin which so easily besets you, praying and crying to God in supplication and in praise. Abiding requires obeying. To obey what the Holy Spirit lays upon your heart is very important. To obey what God's Word declares is urgent. Without obeying God's Word and praying, we are not abiding, for we are outside of the word "abide". So by prayer and obedience we abide in Him.

Jesus said, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." So I see in the word abiding the spiritual law requiring self denial. Self must deny itself in order to abide in

Christ, otherwise we abide in the self life. We abound in the self life. But to abide in the spiritual life we must say "no" to self. We cannot do as we want. We cannot do as we arrange, as we plan. This has been the weakness of man since the Fall in the garden, when Adam and Eve made the wrong choice. And that choice was to get what they wanted, not what they needed. In the abiding you always receive what you need. In the abiding you always receive your leading, because in the abiding there is the leading. The leading of the Holy Spirit works in the abiding heart. The Holy Spirit can work and speak in the heart as we abide. It's very important to deny self in order to remain in the abiding. When self is assertive we cease our abiding. When self does what it likes, what it desires, we cease in our abiding. When we begin to plan in self, we cease abiding. "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you." So we see that self denial is a lot of the bone structure of the abiding.

And then He said: "...and take up his cross." The cross is that instrument of death upon which we are crucified. As we take the cross we are cleansed of this carnal nature, this evil nature, this deception, this darkness, this love of self. It is a continual dying, for Paul said, "I die daily." When we cease dying, we cease abiding. Unless the self is willing to be crucified, the abiding is absent. It is urgent to abide. "If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed;..." (Jn. 8:31) So the abiding includes prayer, includes obedience. It requires self denial and the daily cross.

Next Jesus said, "...and follow me." The following depends upon the inner crucifixion and the denying of self and obeying the last leading of the Holy Spirit. We follow by the Word of God and by putting aside the weights and sins that so easily beset us. So many things keep us out of the abiding--carnal attitudes and carnal resentments will take us out of the abiding in Jesus. The spiritual law of following includes submission, surrender, attentiveness to the voice of truth in the Word and in the Holy Spirit. This leads us to the beautiful area of abiding in Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, the Way, the Truth and the Life. The abiding is as we pray, as we obey, as we deny self, as we take the cross and are crucified with Christ, cleansed of the carnal nature, and then become a servant, submissive, given over to the will of God, doing God's will on earth as it is in heaven. When we are doing God's will, not what we desire but what the Holy Spirit directs, we are abiding in Him.

To abide in Him is a place of richness, a place of light, a place of life, a place of strength, a place of fellowship. When we abide in Him we have fellowship with all those in the abiding. Every one who is abiding in Christ has fellowship. Now if we are not abiding, then there isn't any fellowship. But in the area of abiding, there is this marvel of this work within us and His revelation. "Trust in the Lord with all

thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Trusting in the Lord is a great part of abiding--leaning not to what we understand, what we desire or what we want. So we see that trusting, praying, obeying and being sensitive to God's Word and the guidance of the Holy Spirit are all in this word "abiding". In the word abiding there is childlikeness. Only the childlike heart will pursue this staying, remaining and steadfast life in the Lord Jesus Christ.

It's a tremendous area of love, for without the love of God working in us, it's difficult to abide. It seems that love holds it together. Love is the marker that holds it together. Love is the thread, the cord, that holds us in the abiding. In the abiding, love flows, and it is fresh and continuous. It does not grow stagnant. The life of abiding is not stagnant, but it is a pleasure and an adventure. In the world of abiding there is such a vastness that you cannot find the end of it or reach the sides of it. It is ongoing as you follow. The great assignment in the Christian life, in the way of God, in the way of Christ Jesus, the way of the Holy Spirit, is abiding faithful. When we abide we are consistent. There must be a consistency. The pastor can count on the abiding heart. He cannot count on that person who comes and goes. One day they're up, then another day they're down. Sometimes they're there and sometimes they're not. They may have company visiting and don't go to church.

Abiding requires much petition and waiting on God. "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." In the word abiding there is no fainting. In the word abiding there is enduring, there is perseverance. In abiding we discover a vast place of quietness, of being still before Him. In the word abiding there is yieldedness, there is a releasing all control to His guidance so that we may be able, by His presence and power, to abound. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord of hosts." It's not in the strength of the flesh, but it's in the power of the Holy Spirit, through the blood of Jesus cleansing and God's Word abiding in us, that we can abound. All who abide, abound. Have you considered the abounding? In the word "abide" is the word "abound". In the word abounding there is dependability, reliability, precious help as a soul is indwelt by His presence. It is Christ in you, the hope of glory. As we abide in Christ, He resides in the church. The residence of Christ in the church is in our abiding, in holding to the promises, living in the Word and having the Word indwelling in us. Without Him we do not abide--without His Word, without His truth, without His fellowship as we follow in the life of self denial and inner crucifixion.

"Who hath believed our report, and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?" The Word

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of God abiding produces faith, the holy faith once delivered to the saints. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. By it the elders obtained a good report. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith is within and without and surrounds the abiding. We have to resist unbelief and doubt continuously, because in the word abiding there cannot be unbelief or doubt or analyzation. There must be childlike faith--believing, trusting, holding, pressing, persevering. "Who hath believed the report?"

In this marvelous way of abiding there is the ongoing of His great revelation. The revelation of God comes through the Holy Spirit as we abide. Jesus said, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast withheld these things from the wise and the prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes." The revelation of God comes to the childlike, to those who abide. God reveals what is needed to the abiding heart. People ask, "How will I know how to proceed?" It will come by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God as we obey Him. He will make the way clear as we abide. Abiding must be permanent and must be continuous. It must also be sincere, for in the word abiding there is sincerity and integrity; there is togetherness and yieldedness as we have faith as a child to believe and to rejoice. How much praise do you think occupies the place of abiding? Praising God and praising Jesus is almost the breath of trusting. Those who cease praising, cease abiding. The apostle said, "Rejoice evermore. In everything give thanks." In another place he said, "Rejoice always and again I say rejoice." Praise is a great part of abiding. It's getting alone and praising the Lord--just praising Him and honoring Him, giving Him glory and hallelujahs, thanksgiving and gratitude.

In the abiding there is no sin. The sins of omission and the sins of commission are not found in the abiding. They are resisted. In the word abiding is holiness, for He comes in His holiness to the abiding heart. He gives the Holy Spirit to those who obey Him. Those who obey Him are those who abide in Him by a true waiting in His presence and following His Word, being submitted and giving all praise to God for Jesus. There is great hope in it. Hope is ever near and all throughout the abiding. Hallelujah! And you see, the light is in there, for Jesus is the light. And in the light of abiding is life with no dark part at all. The persons who abide in Christ can rely on God to supply all that is needed for circumstances and situations confronting them, for the secret of the Lord is revealed to those who fear Him. As you fear God you are careful with your conversation. If you do not fear God you are likely to say slang words, or think things selfish, or think things critical and judgemental. But in the life of fearing God, there is a caution and carefulness in language, in expression, in thought and ideas.

There is much in the abiding that we do not know. It is revealed only as we wait upon

Him and follow to be made in His likeness. In the abiding there is grace, there is strength, there is comfort. The revelation of God flows through the heart that abides in the fear of God, in the childlike walk following Jesus preciously, carefully and faithfully. "If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed." The abiding, you see, is the continuing. The abiding comes as we wait upon Him, as we trust Him. If we fail any leading, if we fail to obey Him, then the abiding wavers and ceases. So be encouraged in your heart to abide. If you abide! His church must abide! His church abides as it remains faithful in the Word, in prayer, in obedience, in yieldedness, in surrender, in faithfulness.

Then the fruit of abiding is great joy. The joy of the Lord is our strength. The joy of the Lord comes as we obey Him. Joy always floods the obedient heart. You cannot get joy in the disobedient heart. It is difficult to get a flavorful, spirit-filled testimony except in the life of obedience. This is the day of salvation. This is the accepted time to find Jesus and to know Him and to follow Him in steadfastness, in steadiness, in waiting, in caution. Abiding is filled with caution. We are very cautious of our manner, of our behavior, of our attitudes, of our language, of our reactions. Our reaction always comes out of the life from the heart. We always react what we are, but the abiding, you see, produces the right reaction so we do not respond with impatience or anger or criticism, but with compassion, because compassion lives everywhere in the abiding. It has all residence in the life of abiding. Compassion is filled with sweetness, tenderness, gentleness.

Jesus said, "...If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." So I see that this promise lives in the realm of the abiding. This is a wonderful area to wait on Him and follow Him. It's not possible to abide without following (and that really gets in my heart). Following comes by inner denial, not letting the self make the choice. Most persons born make the choice themselves. And when we make the choice ourselves, we exclude ourself from abiding. It's easy to make the choice of the flesh, but it's a dying to make the choice of the Holy Spirit, of the Word of God. As we follow Him, then He sheds upon our pathway that beam of light and glory and we are able, by His help, to see the way which we should go. Perception and revelation are given as we abide in Him.

This message of abiding is universal. It's eternal. It's a great opportunity. It's a place where all are welcome, but few attend. Jesus invites us to the life of abiding in Him. When we abide in Him, then His Word abides in us. The Word of the Lord abides in the abiding in Him. As you explore this area, you always find it is a precious place. Now I know there are battles and trials, struggles and storms, but His Word says: "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the

fiery trial which is to try you as though some strange thing happened unto you." We are encouraged to pray with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit and with all perseverance for all saints. Now the instruction didn't say to pray for the sinners but for the saints, because there are powers of the air that are constantly preventing you and me from the abiding. That's one reason why there is little power and glory coming forth in great expression through a life of joy, of lightness, of lifting. This comes through His presence in the abiding, in following, which is obeying and doing God's will. Praise the Lord. Jesus said, "If ye abide in me and my word abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." So we see that to abide is paramount. It's expedient. It's urgent and it is required and requested. It amounts to Jesus' words abiding in our heart. When you are with someone, the words of Jesus can flow through you to them. They will be not only helpful, but healing. It will be expressions of wisdom and knowledge as the abiding comes out from within you.

The power to abide is not in us. It is in Him. It requires the power of the Holy Spirit to abide in Him. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is the way to the Father. No man comes to God except through the Christ. No man comes to the Son except the Father draw Him. In abiding in Christ there is a relationship, there is a fellowship. There is something that cannot be explained or told in the earthly mind. In this area there is the hearing heart, the heeding heart, the listening soul. In this way there is the refining, there is the cleansing in Him as we abound in Him. The word "abiding" includes remaining, staying, living, dwelling, abounding, going on. "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

God recently granted Joseph Bishop and Paul Walker such a marvelous experience in the love of Christ. I've asked him to share it for your encouragement and all to God's glory.

"After working at Dr. and Shirley Dyer's home one night, Paul and I headed for home. I felt that we should eat in the Indianapolis area, something we had not done while working there all week. When we started home I said to Paul, 'I prefer to go through the country instead of driving the busy road.' We proceeded through the country making several turns, finally ending up at U.S. 31. On recognizing our location Paul said, 'You're going to go 31 aren't you?' I replied, 'No, I feel like we need to continue on through the country.' We drove on, watching for the closest entrance to the interstate. Proceeding on, we saw the Jonathan Bird Cafeteria at Greenwood.

"Paul and I had worked all day, moving in and out of attics and crawl spaces. He felt that he wasn't presentable to go into a nice

looking restaurant such as this. After a brief discussion we then went in to eat. When the waitress came to take our tray she asked if we were local or traveling. We started a conversation with her, telling her that we were working at a chiropractor friend's home who attended White Harvest Christ Fellowship. The lady replied that she was familiar with the church and with their pastor. She knew of him because he had gone with some other men to pray with her niece and her husband, who had been missionaries in Jerusalem at that time. Her niece and nephew had visited White Harvest and had spoken there.

"In further conversation with this lady I told her we were doing an alarm system for this chiropractor friend, and about how Jesus had led for me to sell my business in Knoxville and return to Indiana. I told her how I had prayed that if we were to move back, would the Lord please show me how to sell my business. I reminded Jesus how the cows each had their stanchion when I was a boy. Dad would buy us another cow and that cow would pick a new stanchion and it was always home for her. If we were to make Muncie our home, I asked God to show me how to sell my business. The next day my competitor called me and asked if I would consider selling out. At that point she said, 'See my name?--Eva. Please pray for my family. My husband and I have soon been married thirty-four years and he has left me for his younger secretary. He is an alcoholic.' She said that he would call her on the phone and say, 'The best news I could get was that if they called me and told me that you were buried.' He had been calling and leaving messages on her answering machine, how he hated her and wished she would die. She was very depressed and we tried to encourage her to Jesus, for He was her Answer, her Deliverer, her Companion and her Comforter. After a while, as we tried to encourage her, I finally put together in my mind who her niece and nephew were. They were the Grubes, who had come to Waitings Upon God when we were in Israel.

"That afternoon I had looked in my pickup and had found two **VOICE** books I had picked up from Kathleen. I wondered why I had them in the truck. Now I felt like one of these books was for this lady. Paul went out and got it and we put some money in the cover and wrote in it. My first sentence after 'Dear Eva' was 'I feel that this meeting was not a meeting by happen-chance, but rather by divine appointment,' and wrote some things I knew about Rev. Helm, trusting this book to be a comfort and help and food for her soul. She didn't seem to understand who the book was from and wondered what she owed me for it. We told her it was a gift and explained that this book was written by Rev. Loran Helm. 'Rev. Loran Helm?' she exclaimed. 'He is the one that Pastor Richey went with to pray for my niece in Israel and she received so much help!' At that point she held the book up high with her face expressing much gratitude to Jesus and said, 'I feel that this book is the answer to the problems of my life, because just a while ago I was across

the dining room cleaning up and I said, 'Jesus, certainly You have someone to come along and show me the way, to just give me some hope and answer for my life.' And Jesus did it by sending you fellows in and bringing this book **A Voice in the Wilderness**, because Rev. Helm is the man who prayed for my niece.' I said, 'Yes, He is the one who went to your niece and nephew's in Jerusalem and prayed for them.'

"She was so excited and so helped. We could see why Jesus put it within our hearts to go the country roads, over all the pot holes and turns, to get us to this restaurant, then feel like we ought to go in. I said to Eva, 'This tells me that Jesus is trying to show you that He loves you. He cares for you and He will see you through because He sent us along when you had just asked Him to send someone with the answer.' She answered 'That's right. I do not believe that we met by happen-so, but by divine appointment.' I said, 'Eva, open the book and read the first words I just wrote.' She was so excited and so happy because Jesus confirmed that He loved her. He confirmed that He cared for her and that He would see her through if she would look to Him.

"The following Monday as Betty and I were on our way back to Florida, we stopped at the same restaurant. Eva was off, but while we were eating she came in. She said, 'I never eat here on my day off, but felt like I should come in today and get an apple dumpling, even though I really didn't want one.' It was near closing time when she came in and someone told her that the people were there who knew her niece, the missionary in Jerusalem. She came over just bubbling and said, 'Oh, I told Jesus yesterday I wanted to get your number. I was going to call Muncie information and see if I could find a listing for Joe Bishop. But Jesus brought you to me.' She was appreciative and loved Betty several times. She wanted our address and desired to keep in touch.

"She was so excited because the Lord had provided and had answered. She said that her husband had come by on the weekend and after observing her asked, 'What's wrong with you? How come you are so happy? Have you found another man?' It had made a different person out of her and it was obvious. She said, 'I told Jesus, "I've turned my husband over to You and You sent two persons by to bring me **A Voice in the Wilderness** to show me that You cared for me, to show that You are going to see me through. So I'm going to trust You." She said, 'Rev. Helm's book has helped me and is the answer. I've been thanking God and praising Jesus this whole weekend.'

"When I shared this experience with Rev. Helm on the telephone he told me, 'I had to work through such difficulty to get to the Grube's house that day in order to pray. No one knew that Mrs. Grube was so burdened by the hardships and difficulties of the missionary assignment, but God came on me wonderfully in prayer. I have not had the anointing in prayer for some time like I did

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that day praying for Sister Grube.' So you see, it is such an encouragement to all of us to try to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit when we really don't understand that it is God trying to get us there. It was through the Holy Spirit that He got us around those curves, corners and bumpy roads to this wonderful, divine appointment where someone was desperately needing encouragement. It was food for our souls. As I shared this experience with Rev. Helm, Florence and Nancy Marie, Rev. Helm began to sing, 'Just when I need Him, Jesus is there.'"

We want to give God honor and thanksgiving for the way He has directed, helped and been merciful to us for each newsletter in these last twenty-five years. Each time I would say, "Oh, how will I ever be able to do it again?" I feel so inadequate, limited and needy. We are thankful for your prayers and fasting, your sacrificing and holding on. We are so unworthy. We are trusting that as you pray, you will be healed. Some of you may have pains in various parts of your body, but now is nigh the sympathizing Jesus, the Great Physician. I remember that Tony Wood was reading one of our newsletters years ago and while he was reading Jesus healed him in one part of his body. He slipped the letter down in the big overstuffed chair and a few weeks later, when he got it out to read again, God healed him in another place! Through Jesus could that ever be again.

We long to see, and need to see, more souls saved. Rev. James Wright told me during the director's meeting in December, "I feel like you had a little part in all the souls that Jack and I prayed with in Africa." That was very encouraging to me. Please pray, because we have need financially. Most churches and evangelists have need financially, especially because of the situations during the last two years in our nation. We press on by God's grace. Thank you all for holding us to the Throne. For what Jesus will do, we give Him the praise, because we owe it all to God. It will be by God's mercy, by the Blood of the Lamb, that we make it through to heaven.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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Reports on A Voice in the Wilderness:

Your notes and letters of how God has been directing you to share copies each month of **A Voice in the Wilderness** are so uplifting. Thank you for taking the time to tell these stories of Jesus to us. We include a note and a letter that surely encouraged me to press on in seeking to find that "home" for my next copy, as the Holy Spirit helps.

Dear Faithful Ones,

The other evening I only had a few moments to read a verse of scripture. When I opened

the Word my eyes beheld Habakkuk, chapter one, verse five: "Look around you among the nations and see! and be astonished! astounded! for I am putting into effect a work in your days such that you would not believe it if it were told you!"

Dear Brother Helm,

As Forrest told you on the phone on Sunday, he endeavors to love the people as he walks around the addition for his exercise. When he has opportunity he shares with them how God enables him. The young man he told you about was an encouragement by his love for God, by his sharing of his own experience with Jesus. It's been some time ago that Forrest gave him a copy of **A Voice in the Wilderness** and then the other night he came over to request to buy three more copies. Two of them were for his relatives. The other was for himself since his wife had "taken possession" of the first one and had read it once and was on the second reading. He said he had little opportunity to read it because she kept it with her. He had read some but hadn't finished it. He said his wife told him that she knew he had many wonderful books, but that none had had the impact on her life that this one had. We were thrilled about this.

Then he proceeded to tell us that when he mentioned the book to his lady pastor, she shared that she had heard you speak some years ago. She was in one service. (I don't know where or when.) She said that after that one service her impression of you was that "he was a man that knew how to wait on God." I thought it was a marvel that she would choose this description above many others which she could have mentioned. She also told Ron that her life had been changed from that point on. We were very excited about this and trust that God will use these other books however He sees fit. I trust we will be able to have further fellowship with Ron, and perhaps with this pastor, if God would so lead.

Once again, I am so thankful for your dear wife. When I read of her submission and dedication as I read **A Voice in the Wilderness** I am stirred every time. I thank God that He gave her to you to stand with you and support you in this walk. We are looking to Him to keep us faithful. May God Himself encourage and lift you today.

Forrest and Mary Jane

We have some more exciting reports for you next month as the Lord might allow. May we pray for one another in this gentle missionary outreach.

Your servant in Christ,

Jon

Jon Cullum

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April 11, 1990

Dear ones in the Lord Jesus Christ,

We are so thankful that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever would believe in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. We know that in Jesus all things we find and in Him all grace abounds. He is the way, the truth and the life. No man cometh to the Father except through Jesus the Christ, the only begotten Son Who is now at His right side, Who ascended from the Mount of Olives into heaven. He has been with the Father now these nineteen hundred and some years and will soon come again. No man knows the day or the hour when Jesus will return. Only the Father Himself knows.

But we do know that we need to repent. "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish," Jesus said in Luke, chapter thirteen. Then Jesus said, "Marvel not I say unto thee that ye must be born again." Only as we are born again can we see the Kingdom of God. The new birth brings us into sight and into the beginning of the Kingdom of God. As soon as we repent of our sins and ask Jesus to come into our heart, the burden is lifted, the sin is blotted out and a peace and a joy comes in. Within seconds or minutes there will often be an impression or a leading in the heart of the new convert to give God the glory and Jesus the praise for this new-found salvation, for taking away their burden and giving peace in its place. But that instant the leading comes, dear ones, self raises right up in the heart and says, "Now, you won't need to give expression audibly. You don't need to interfere in this service. You don't need to interrupt the evangelist or pastor. Just hush and be quiet." In fact, self will say many things to try to smother out what God is leading.

Jesus said, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." When self begins to oppose the leading of the Holy Spirit in the heart by saying, "No, don't witness. Don't testify. Just keep it to yourself," it must be denied. If self is not denied, it becomes assertive. When self is assertive, it smothers out the leading of the Holy Spirit. Many times when a person is converted, then the devil says, "Now, just don't witness. Just be quiet." Because self is assertive and smothers out the leading, then the joy subsides, the peace subsides. Many people can backslide before they get to their pew or before they go out the door because the enemy and self persuaded that person not to be a witness for Christ. Jesus said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem (that's where we live), in Judea (that's surrounding territories), in Samaria (that's where we are not really understood) and to the uttermost parts of the earth."

It is a pressing into the Kingdom of God. When the Holy Spirit leads to give God the

praise (and it often comes in seconds or minutes after conversion) then that soul experiences obedience for the first time. When he obeys and gives God the praise, his heart and soul are flooded with joy, with peace, with strength. Then the Holy Spirit may lead for that soul to witness again in minutes. We never know when that leading may come to the heart, but it pays to obey the Holy Spirit, to obey God's Word, to give God the praise. When Jesus said, "If a man will come after me, let him deny himself," He was speaking of inner denial. There is an exterior denial, as when Abraham left his native land to obey God. (Lot was not to go with him, but he did. Lot would not deny himself.) God wanted Jonah to go to Ninevah, and he chose to go to Tarshish. He did not obey in this exterior denial. But the interior controls the exterior. The inner self will say, "No, don't witness. No, don't go, don't do this, don't pray, don't read the Word of God. People will think you are too fanatical. You will become a religious fanatic." It's so easy for us to get off the track and off the narrow way by listening to self. Self is to be denied each moment, each hour, each day. When we obey the guidance of the Holy Spirit and God's Word, then we grow and become spiritually mature saints after months and years of following. This occurs not by might nor by power of our own, but by the mercies of God and by the Spirit of the Lord.

Self has cost us so much. That inner self, that old carnal nature, unless it is crucified, will prevent us from becoming one as God and Jesus are one. In the very familiar high priestly prayer of our Lord in St. John, chapter seventeen, Jesus prayed, "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." Now He is divine. He is perfect. He is pure. And yet He said for our sakes He would sanctify Himself that we also might be sanctified through the truth. "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which 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 thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they be one even as we are one; I in them, and thou in me, that they 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."

When He was praying for us to be made perfect in one, that the world may know the Messiah, that tells us that this prayer is to be answered this side of glory, this side of Judgment. He wants the church to become one as God and Jesus are one this side of death in order that He may have the preeminence and be revealed in power and glory to the world. But the church cannot become one until the carnal nature is cleansed out of the individuals. St. Paul said, "I die daily." It's a

continual dying. "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven is preached and every man presseth into it." It's a pressing, because self is constantly there to talk us out of the leading of God's Word or the Holy Spirit's guidance. It's so easy for us to let the self be assertive rather than be denied. Of course, the carnal nature does not want to die. The old man does not want to die. He wants to have the say and make the decisions to go to Tarshish or to go with Uncle Abraham. The carnal nature put it in the heart of Achan to get that which was not his--the Babylonish garment and the wedge of gold. He got what he desired and lost what was his. Self tries to keep us from having what is ours by preventing us from denying self. Self must be denied and the cross must be assumed. And on that cross we die daily and are cleansed of this old nature that is enmity against God. It is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

This carnal nature has caused all the troubles in the home, the church, the school, the government, the nation and the world. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?" God is the only one who knows how deceptive our heart is. It takes the power of God through the Blood of Jesus to cleanse out of us this deception. You probably remember the old hymn that says, "The arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own." We cannot trust in ourselves, we trust only in Jesus the Christ. We cannot look to man, only to Jesus. There is no holiness or power in any of us. It is all in the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the One to deliver. We are nothing, but He is altogether lovely and able to save, to sanctify, to cleanse and deliver His people unto victory through His precious Holy Spirit, the Word of God.

We have to press constantly into the Kingdom of God, because the things that we see and hear get into us. If we look at scenes of shooting and violence and those kinds of situations and spirits, they immediately seep into the mind and heart, crowding Jesus out. These influences of the earth, as well as drinking alcoholic beverages, grieve the Holy Spirit and are very detrimental to us. Of course, criticism, murmuring, complaining and fault-finding are constantly trying to find lodging in our hearts. It's by the help of the Holy Spirit that we can live victoriously and be faithful and obedient. It's a constant going unto righteousness, unto perfection. It's so important that we press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus; that we not look behind us, but look upward and forward, listening to what Jesus would have us to do.

Isaiah 66:8 says: "...for as soon as Zion travailed (that's the church), she brought forth her children." Travail is in the heart of the obedient soul as he prays, obeys and presses toward the mark with all of his heart. It's through the Holy Spirit that a soul and a body of believers can come to soul

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travail. Self has to be denied consistently, then we must die daily in order to be cleansed and filled with the Holy Spirit, allowing God to lead His church to become one. If we in the church will yield ourselves unto God and surrender continually, then there will be harmony. But where the old carnal nature is, there is frustration, conflict, criticism, foolishness, and the lightness of the worldly spirit. Wherever souls are not sanctified, it is easy for them to find fault and criticize. They are prone to analyze and have many questions--wanting to know how come this and why that? But if we will follow Jesus, He is the answer. If we will follow, He can give the answer to your heart. You also become the answer to that which is needed as He works through you and leads you. It's not anything in us, it's all in the Holy Spirit, in the Word of God indwelling. He must have all the praise and all the glory and all the honor, for all things are found in Jesus, the Son of the mighty God Jehovah, Father of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Where Jesus leads there is peace, there is joy, even in the midst of the storm...because there are storms. We have to persevere, hold to His unchanging hand and cling to the promises. Because the life of self-denial is continuous, persons who will follow in God's holy train will assume the cross faithfully to become sanctified persons, filled with the Holy Spirit. As these individuals gather together, the Lord will work in that body. Then will come to pass St. John 12:32: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." The effectiveness is not in the drawing, because He can draw all men, but it is in the lift. Christ being lifted is not altogether our preaching (and that's good) but unless the gospel is actually within us and we are really letting Him lead and indwell us, then He is not lifted. But when He is leading and guiding, He is able to be lifted up in the body by His Holy Spirit.

I know a great minister who preached on one corner for twenty-seven years. The Lord would come upon him and he preached the gospel sincerely and mightily. Yet, when he left the church, it was about like it was when he arrived there. You can preach for a quarter of a century, but unless the body of believers individually deny themselves and take up the cross and become one, then there is not the power to draw the lost or the hungry hearts. There is not the lifting up of Jesus. But as we yield ourselves, are obedient and become a sanctified body--one as Jesus and God are one--then God can lift up Jesus by the Holy Spirit. Then He will draw all men unto Himself. There is no power that can stop us if we will cleanse our lives of all known sin and make all restitutions the Holy Spirit brings to our hearts. We follow on by pleading the Blood, rebuking the devil, holding fast to the promises of God and allowing Jesus to deliver us without and within to walk faithfully and uprightly.

In the life of obedience, through Jesus' help and the leading of the Holy Spirit,

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there is Christ's presence in the heart and life to bring a body of believers to oneness, to give us what we need, that His Kingdom may come in earth as it is in heaven. It is through the Lord Jesus, the precious blood, the work of the Holy Spirit, God's Word indwelling, that He is able to lead a body of believers and direct them day by day and moment by moment. The need of the world is to find Jesus and to follow Him, to be holy unto God: to lay aside every weight and sin which so easily besets us, to run with patience the race that is set before us: looking 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. It is expedient.

As the Lord leads and as God guides, there will be battles. There will be trials. There will be upheavals, because there is never a victory without a battle. Many people want victory without a battle. But our calling is simply to follow Jesus. When you follow, you don't look back and you don't try to see what's going on or ask a lot of questions. The Lord will take care of those questions and those situations as we leave them to Him and not try to work them out ourselves, but let Him lead the way. Many of our problems and situations are because we made wrong choices from the ages of eight to twenty. A number of the things we are experiencing are a consequence of those choices. But if we will put Jesus first and deny self, let this old self be crucified and follow Jesus faithfully, then instead of so many consequences, there can be results. There can be victories, there can be helps, there can be revival, there can be the work of the Holy Spirit. God knows the way through the wilderness. All we have to do is to keep our hearts pure by the precious blood of Jesus, meditating in the holy Word of God, praying steadfastly, witnessing humbly. Then, as we yield ourselves entirely moment by moment, He will lead us as He sees fit by the dear Holy Spirit. Unto God be the praise for it all. Amen.

Last Sunday morning, after the service had begun, I was endeavoring to cry out to God to know how to proceed. When we go into a service we don't know how to pray or to preach or to proceed except the Holy Spirit directs. Around ten minutes after eight I said to Jefferson Todd, "Would you let Sandy Williams know to sing number three on her list, or the one that God has laid on her heart?" Joybelle was there with her sons and I had called them to come and sing. The older son began to sing a song I had never heard before about making our way to heaven. Next the Lord led them to sing "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God." Before long I was speaking on seeking first the Kingdom of God. The Lord gave me various things to say for which I was most grateful. He gave me one or two things that I had never received like that before in my life. I noticed the pastor was writing on his pad as God was being so merciful to lead me. I knew that without the Holy Spirit giving it, everything was emptiness.

As I spoke about seeking first the Kingdom of God, which is doing God's will and following Jesus, I suddenly stopped. The moment I paused, a bird flew adjacent to a window up above a distance of some fifty to seventy feet from us and began to sing. One of our loved ones told my wife, "It was a melody." While eating with Edward and Jackie a couple nights ago they also said, "Yes, it was a melody." I marveled, and I think most all people there did, because I was just speaking something significant. The moment my voice ceased, that very instant the bird sang a melody and then flew away. We then asked Sandy to come up and sing the song that had been requested at about 8:10. It was now almost a quarter til ten. She began to sing, "His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me." God anointed her so sweetly and the presence of Jesus was over the room in a precious manner that cannot be told, except you were there to sense it or it could be conveyed by His presence (which God can do for His glory).

I don't know whether it was before the song or after, the Lord began to deal with me about a situation in the hip down into the groin. I asked God in Jesus' Name to get into this hip, and when I was trying to pray, it just seemed like something jumped in that area. It was such an experience that I can hardly describe it to you. (By God's grace could I pray again or would know how to pray again, for I am least of all servants. I am just a sinner saved by grace.) But as I would pray it would be like it was leaping or jumping in that area of trouble. As we went on in the service, Brother J. D. Keller (Jerry's father) got up and said, "The devil has fought me so severely. He said, 'You just be quiet. Don't tell about this hip business, because you got up some months ago after your stomach had been burning for some days, and when the servant prayed to God in Jesus' Name, you felt as though a glass of ice water went through there.' The devil kept telling me, 'That's enough. You don't need to tell any more. You don't need to tell about this hip.'" But J. D. said, "You know, this hip has bothered me, and when you were praying, it did exactly as you said right in that area. It hurt worse and then began to ebb away and be gone. The devil didn't want me to share." He was very grateful, and of course, people were moved and touched. Different men from over the congregation came to love Brother Keller. It was a time of thanksgiving and rejoicing for God to be so merciful to us by the healing stripes of Jesus. God's presence was very dear.

As the altar call was given, I handed my lavalier mike to one of the dear men with me and started to leave the platform to go home, as I generally do. When I took the first or second step, the Holy Spirit showed me not to go. I stepped back and the pastor turned to me and said, "Here is a dear brother who has a song he is to sing, and he's not a singer." Joybelle started to assist him by improvising on the piano, but she could see right away that it was not to be. So the dear young man began to sing on his own as he could. I

don't know what notes he missed, but he sure did his best and it just touched people everywhere. When he finished that precious song it was so wonderful and so appropriate. He went to the back of the church and there was Jerry and Shiela Fasbender. Shiela's son, Brad, was with them and he went right over and loved this man.

I thought later, dear ones, that one of the greatest singers in Christendom could have sung, but it wouldn't have touched Brad's heart. I had never heard this young man testify or knew of his being saved before. If he were I had never known it. Brad went over and got his arms around this brother, Mark Williams, and just loved him with such whole-heartedness. When we went outside the building after the service I loved Brad, and he said to me, "I have so far to go." I told him, "But you're on your way." As long as he will resist the devil, repenting of all sins and obeying the Holy Spirit to do Jesus' will, then he will go right on in this life of true holiness, following and doing as Jesus would guide and direct. So it was worth more than we can tell you how God worked in the service. Sister Shiela said to me, "It's been unbelievable how God has helped in the service this morning." We found ourselves very thankful to the Lord for His helping us.

On Saturday, Sunday and Monday, August 11, 12 and 13, the Lord willing, we will be in a Waiting upon God at the Omni Netherland Plaza in Cincinnati where we were two years ago this coming July. When I prayed with Roger and John, it operated in their hearts. Emory said it touched his heart also. Brother Reimar said he was excited and Marcia was even more so. When I shared with Rev. Cox about the Waiting Upon God by faith, he was like a new convert rejoicing and praising the Lord. We know that it is through the Holy Spirit alone that we could be able to know what to do during those days. We don't know how to preach. We don't know how to do anything except through the mercies of God and through Jesus helping and leading, for we are so needy and nothing. Jesus alone is able to give the victory and guidance. So we pray for protection, blessing, guidance, revelation and revival, the work of the Holy Spirit, during these days. God has a calling and a purpose for each individual. The Holy Spirit many times works through those we least expect and revival often comes through the persons we least expect. (SEE SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ON PAGE 6 ABOUT THE WAITING UPON GOD)

Two years ago, on July 24th, we were speaking about being sanctified through the truth, that God's Word is truth, that Jesus is the truth. The Holy Spirit came in such sweet presence that Michelle Worley told me some two or three months ago, "That was the greatest day of my life." In talking with Carol Elpers and her precious husband, Dennis, she said it was also the greatest day of her life. I know that God's presence came in such a wonderful way then. But we can't do anything. Only God can draw souls, only God

can save, only God can sanctify, only God can heal. We can't bring God's presence. We can do nothing except through Jesus leading. Here we are the neediest, the bottom one of all servants on earth, pressing through the darkness, the accusations, the buffetings, trusting that God's will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.

We just received a letter from Pennie Reinhardt describing her miraculous deliverance through prayer from a very serious accident. I didn't realize God had done so much for her. I knew he did a lot, but didn't realize the extent of it. She was hurt in May of 1987, and the day after her accident, early Sunday morning, I called her brother Steven and prayed with him for Pennie. Her condition looked very bad indeed, but Jesus gave a wonderful answer to prayer through all His people praying. Here is the background of her accident shared with Kathleen by Pennie's brother, Steven.

"Pennie was riding her bicycle with friends (a registered nurse and a paramedic) when she fell over the handlebars as she was going downhill. She fell on her backside, and then onto the back of her head. Her friends saved her life, knowing what to do for her until help arrived. Pennie quit breathing twice in the emergency room.

"There were two conditions Pennie had that were very serious. She had what is called 'raccoon eyes', which is caused by a severe blow to the head, bruising the brain. Both eyes were black. Most of the time the condition causing just one 'raccoon eye' will kill a person. She also had 'battle signs', which occur on the back and sides of the neck. People are not often known to survive that condition either. The term 'battle signs' comes from World War II--when a soldier was shot in the helmet without penetrating it, the bullet only dented the helmet but severely bruised the brain. Most of the soldiers receiving such a powerful blow turned black down the back and sides of the neck and seldom, if ever, survived. Pennie had both these conditions and her survival was a miracle. The head nurse on the floor where Pennie was said it was the greatest recovery she had ever seen. Although Pennie was unable to remember most facts, she would tell people that Rev. Helm had called and prayed for her."

Here is Pennie's letter: "My head injury occurred in May of 1987. The doctors gave a prognosis of five to six years to recover. The Lord revealed a Waiting Upon God in July of 1988, and I made plans to go. At that time I was taking approximately fourteen pills daily, six to eight of those were for pain. Also, I was so weak I could not walk twenty feet without being exhausted. The neurosurgeon had explained to me that the exhaustion was because of my bruised brain. Although our church services usually do not last two hours, it was difficult for me to have strength to sit through one service. I would come home from church and go to bed until it was time for the evening service.

My family did not know how I would be able to make the trip to Cincinnati, much less to sit through one meeting. However, I went.

The Lord gave me help beyond my vocabulary to describe. I arrived in Cincinnati strengthened. I slept very little during those three days but attended all nine sessions. I did not have to take pain medication to be able to do it. My family marveled, and we talked about it at the time because they knew better than anyone how physically and mentally unable I was to attend the meetings. When I returned home from the Waiting Upon God I again was exhausted and had to use my pain medicine." (Isn't it amazing that she didn't use any pain medicine for the days she was there and in all the nine sessions, but at home she would have to take it before going to church?)

Pennie goes on in her letter to share: "My personal experience in reading *A Voice in the Wilderness* has been that each time God would show me something wonderful. The message is fresh and exciting. In my thirtieth reading I'm still seeing new things. At times I find myself saying, 'I don't believe I ever read this before.' During January and February of 1990, I was reading *A Voice in the Wilderness* for my twenty-ninth time and felt like Jesus gave me an unusual special help. Spiritual truths and concepts were opening to my understanding as they had never done before. By the time I reached Chapter 26, I was so excited at that I was seeing. It was almost as if I were watching an artist paint a canvas, expectingly awaiting each stroke of the brush to see the finalized picture. Each page was simply clarifying and adding to what I had just read. I believe my twenty-ninth reading is possibly one of the most wonderful and exciting of all my time of reading *A Voice in the Wilderness*. I am especially thankful for the special help and insight I received when I was reading Chapter 26."

--Pennie Reinhardt

We are so thankful for your prayers and fastings, each one holding on for us and sacrificing. We are just trusting financially, knowing that Jesus is able to lay our need upon your hearts. We know we are unworthy of this. We know it's by God's mercies this can be, for the work of His love and His Kingdom to come--righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. We are trusting for this precious help as the Lord lays it upon your heart to hold on for us in the midst of all situations. We are believing for the reproving of the Holy Spirit, for souls to be drawn by mighty, old-time conviction unto conversion and to transformation. We pray for Israel and for the Arab nations, for the eastern nations, for our leaders here, that Jesus might be exalted and the Kingdom of God come. Without the Kingdom of God everything is vain.

Following are two letters I wanted to share with you, giving God and Jesus all the praise and honor, for I feel so unworthy, so needy and so nothing. (Years ago, when Emory men-

tioned the possibility of my writing a newsletter, I told him, "Oh, Son, I just can't. I feel like I don't know how to do anything like that." It's been by God's mercy, help and deliverance that the newsletters have been given over the years, and only through Him can it ever be again.)

Dear Brother Helm,

So thankful to be in a place of trusting and pressing, and receive your newsletter. The blank space is for the words I don't know how to describe this letter. It is beyond my ability to explain or describe. I have been longing to be with you...After reading this letter, I felt like I had been with you. I needed to read each sentence carefully before proceeding on. After the fifth paragraph on the third page, I needed to stop and praise God for a while before finishing the letter. I am looking forward to reading it to my wife and children tonight (this is all to God's glory and Jesus' praise and honor). It will be a treasure in the remaining years of my life...Praise the Lord for this sharing.

Your servant in Christ,
Timothy Taylor

Dear Brother Helm,

Greetings in the Name of Jesus our Lord. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gifts from on high. My wife and I did not realize when we went to Florida that God would give us a wonderful time in the Lord. We did not dream we would be with you in fellowship as we did, but God in His mercy and love brought it to pass. Praise the Lord. To be with you was a dream come true, Brother Helm, and I cannot tell you how you encouraged wife and me when Brother Terrance told us we were going to have lunch on Saturday. We were surprised and blessed. Glory to God! We were privileged to be with you and the dear ones. It was a highlight of our thirty-nine years of marriage...we will celebrate our fortieth anniversary on June 9th.

I do not want to write a long letter, but wanted to thank you for taking the time to encourage us in the Lord. I cannot tell you how much help it was to us. To God be praise, honor and glory. Brother Helm, anytime you have a leading for me or our church, we will be happy to obey. Call us anytime collect. We are praying for your and Sister Helm's healing, protection and for the driving back of the powers of darkness. Every fourth Saturday night we have special prayer meeting for you and Sister Helm.

Your little brother in Christ,
Rev. Paul Cox

Thank you for praying for us and helping us. We are very grateful.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm
Loran W. Helm

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE WAITING ON GOD August 11, 12 & 13, 1990

The Waiting on God will be held at the Omni Netherland Plaza, Cincinnati, Ohio on August 11th through the 13th, 1990. Please make your room reservations as soon as possible by calling the Omni at 513/421-9100. Overflow accommodations have been made available at the Terrace Hilton and the Clarion Hotel. These facilities can be reached by enclosed walkways from the Omni.

Complete information and meal reservation cards will be included in the May Newsletter. It is important that you call the hotel for your room reservations as soon as possible. Thank you.

Victory reports from those sharing A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS

"I am writing in order to tell you about my most recent experience in sharing A Voice in the Wilderness with someone. Last Christmas we had a large family reunion in Oklahoma. Sixty to seventy persons gathered in from five states. As I greeted one of my aunts, within the first couple of minutes of conversation she asked me if I remembered that 'blue book' I sent her years ago. Of course, I did remember because she had told me a few years after I had sent it to her that she very much enjoyed it. She went on to say that she was still receiving a lot of spiritual help from reading it and, in fact, was having a hard time hanging on to it by virtue of loaning it out to other interested persons. I told her I was glad to hear that and then our conversation was interrupted by something. Therefore, I have sent her two more copies telling her that one could be used as a permanent loan copy and the other given away to someone who is interested in the book.

"My experience in sharing a copy of the book with her goes all the way back to a Waiting on God several years ago (perhaps '74 or '75 or so) wherein we were encouraged to share copies with relatives as the Lord led us. I shared copies with several relatives at that time and she has been the only one who has responded. Thank you again for your vision and 'stirring up our minds by way of remembrance.'"

"The Lord has blessed me abundantly this past week. Praise the Lord for the working of the Holy Spirit! We are being so blessed

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by Rev. Helm's book. I will treasure it always! I will probably be ordering more books soon. I've had people at work ask about it. Isn't that simply wonderful! Until then, I want to send another small contribution (\$20.00) for Evangel Voice Publications for whatever and however it will bless the ministry."

"My voice has been a little quiet lately about the results of giving away A Voice in the Wilderness. Nothing was happening with it so I rested on the excuse that I don't work. There isn't anyone to give a book to at a job, I'm shy and I do not know many people around me. I live in the country, so I only venture beyond my home about once or twice a week to the grocery store or an appointment.

"But then I read the bottom of the Newsletter and realized that it didn't say 'to earnestly pray about distributing A Voice in the Wilderness once a month--EXCEPT those of you who do not work or are shy or do not know many people or because you live in the country!' So I took the bull by the horns and determined to get this important matter into my heart. As the books I ordered stared me in the face I decided to take one and lay it on the table for March giving.

"I remembered a seventeen-year-old girl, whose mother worked at the bread thrift store, was having some difficulties in adjusting to the move to California. I wrote a little note in the book, wrapped it and brought it to the store. I had no idea if the family were Christian or anything about them. I handed the book to the mother and asked her to give it to her daughter. The mother, not knowing what kind of book it was, proceeded to tell me about their troubles and how she and her husband had just started going to Bible classes. Do you think that stopped my trembling heart? You're right--it did! I told her that this book I just handed her would go right alongside the Bible. We serve a wonderful God. On to the month of April!"

Aren't those exciting reports? It encourages my heart that God can even use my limited, feeble efforts if my heart is wanting to reach out for God's will in any matter. We are looking forward to hearing how God is helping you as He leads you to share copies of A Voice in the Wilderness.

Your servant in Christ,
Jon Cullum

Revival For Our Day, Inc.

April 23, 1990

Dear ones in the Lord Jesus our Savior, the mighty God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,

May you be encouraged and strengthened by the might of Christ in the inner man. Behold Him, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. May the Holy Spirit help you as you trust, as you read God's Word, as you pray and commune each day, as you obey faithfully and as you humbly witness. We are called to win souls whenever we can--at the grocery store, in the elevator, at work, at school, in our neighborhood, or wherever we are. As I meet individuals or do business with them, I try to mention what a wonderful day God has given us. Even through difficult situations I try to mention how we need the Lord in our hearts. We are to work to see souls saved. We have seen only a few souls saved personally. We need to see the believers sanctified and come to one as God and Jesus are one.

Even when the devil has fought so severely and hard situations have arisen, yet God has been faithful. He has given us love and care for everyone. By God's grace, He has enabled us to be tender, gentle and thoughtful to all men. And this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you, that you press toward the mark and be pure, holy and obedient. This includes me and you and all the followers of the Savior, Who died on the cross to save us that we might be His and not our own. We have been bought with a price, a great price, even His death on the cross. He shed His blood that we might be saved from things that so easily beset us--from iniquity, evils, unrighteousness and the pitfalls of hell and darkness. We must lay them all aside and not let anything deceive us or trip us up. Jesus said that only a few will find this way. We give Jesus praise for His mercy to help each one of us fight this battle.

Last Monday night as I talked by phone with Richard and Mable Smith, I was about to say good-bye when the Holy Spirit operated in my heart. When I inquired, the Holy Spirit revealed that my burden was for their fourth child. I began to pray for this son, and the Lord helped me to intercede for intervention on his behalf, that he would be protected and delivered. Three or four days later the precious father, Richard, (one of the dearest among Christian men) told us, "I want you to know, Rev. Helm, that the very hour of the night you prayed, our fourth child was in a difficult situation working with an individual who is addicted to drugs. This person came toward him with a meat cleaver to try to destroy him. But God helped him to disarm them and he was spared from injury." The Lord loved us so much and loved them and this son so much that the Holy Spirit said pray for this son's protection! How thankful do you think we and his parents were that God would do this? They tell me that the Lord has revealed to me about one of their children three or four times in the last four or

five years. How much do you think we owe to God for this precious work of the Holy Spirit, this revelation in Jesus, that this precious son could be delivered from death? God is to be praised for every revelation, for each soul saved and believer sanctified.

Recently, while talking with my brother, Edward, I was reviewing with him what a wonderful time God had given me with Herb and Jacque Hill last May. We were going to a birthday celebration and the Lord helped us with such sweet and precious fellowship. "What is their number?" I asked Edward. "I believe I'm to call even though it's eleven o'clock at night." As he gave me their number he said, "You're call will encourage them." One of their wonderful sons was to be married to a precious minister's daughter in just a few days. Of course, Jacque had much of the responsibility of the arrangements because the parents of the bride live in Missouri. I called them, and we had a marvelous time in fellowship and sharing. Soon Herb's wonderful wife, Jacque, who is so gifted and talented, said, "You know, twenty minutes before you called, I was saying in my heart, 'Oh, Jesus, how am I going to make it through this week?'" No doubt she was tired and weary. She had been in an awful accident last December. I believe her jaw had to be wired and she had to wear a neck brace. The toll of that accident was deeper upon her than I knew. She needed encouragement and strength. She needed help and undergirding.

Of course, her husband was helping with the arrangements all he could, but she needed help within the interior life, strength which no man can give, but only the Holy Spirit. "Just think," she marveled. "I prayed, and here you called." I had possibly talked to them once since last May. But then, at eleven o'clock at night, the very hour she is praying in her heart to the Lord, "I need help, I need strength. How am I going to make it?"--she was heard by the Holy Spirit. He lay it on my heart twelve hundred and fifty miles away to call both of them and pray for their strength and encouragement, for their healing, for guidance, wisdom and knowledge, for understanding and for all that they needed at that time. Now, dear ones, how can we praise the Lord enough for His helping me, for His blessed guidance in these two privileges I've just mentioned?

I was led to go sixty miles to the home of Richard and Mable Smith, where Terrance and Martha live, because the dear pony I've had for fourteen years had grown so feeble that he was blind and no longer could back up without dragging his foot. Richard and Terrance had been searching to find me another little pony, which we are not worthy of. It was fifty-six or seven years ago that I said to my wife, "The Lord might provide a horse or a pony for me someday." Forty-three years later Jojo was provided. We've enjoyed him for about fourteen years now, and he's been

such a delight to us and to many. Now another pony has been found not far from Richard's home.

The pony had been hitched up to the little buggy only about two to four times. I guided it across the field, then went to my left down to the end of the lane, along beside a canal over to a little residential area where there was a smooth hard-surface road that made it so much easier for me. I'd gone to the end of the development and back, when the Lord laid it upon my heart to stop at the home of Darrin Barber's wife's father and mother, where I had never been before. However, they knew us and I felt impressed to stop there. "Would it be alright if I could come into your home?" I asked. They said, "Oh, yes, please come in and bless our home."

As I was coming out from the rest room, there was Darrin--this precious, shy son who is quiet and reserved, but so deep and dedicated in Jesus. About an hour or two later I learned that he had called his wife at noon that day and said, "It looks as though I'll not be able to get home until about six this evening." But when I came out of the rest room at about twelve after four, there he was. He had come home early. Before departing I lifted my heart in prayer, as the loved ones there joined in agreement. It is hard to pray much of the time, but we were persevering the best we knew how. In a few moments, when I opened my eyes, I said, "Thomas you have a light on your face." Then, looking at Darrin, I remarked, "I see a light on your face!" Brother Coy declared, "We've had a feast!" Jesus came to help in our littleness and we were trying to praise the Lord for it.

Then Darrin--this shy, backward, dedicated follower of Jesus--said, "Well, coming home this evening from work I said in my heart, 'It sure would be wonderful if I could see Brother Helm.'" Now I want you to know, dear friends, that I have never been to the home of Darrin's parents, Dudley and Deann Barber. I don't know where they live. And I had never before visited this home where I then was. I didn't even know until Monday that they lived on that road. Later Richard told me that they had called while we were with the pony on a previous day and asked, "Is that Brother Helm going up and down this street?" He told them, "Yes." She said, "Oh, I wish my husband were home to see this!" Then, two days later--without Richard or them inviting me--God leads me to their home. I invited myself in and they were so gracious in their reception of me. God had heard the heart's desire of this precious young man coming from his work and had led me there to bring that petition to pass.

(Now that is a wonderful thing, and we want to give Jesus all the glory, because I won't know what to do again from this second on. It will be by God's grace, dear ones, that God could ever get me to the right place at the right time. When Jefferson Todd was in high school, his French professor took them all the way from West Palm Beach to Miami to see a French drama. Out of the hundreds of

restaurants in that area, the professor decided to come clear back to a French restaurant located in the same building as Mr. K, who has designed and tailored some dresses for my wife. Through the years I had never been to Mr. K's business without my wife accompanying me. But that morning I told Florence, "I must see Mr. K. I know I've never gone to see your dress designer without you, but the Lord is leading me there." Some time later, as I was sitting in a chair facing east in Mr. K's establishment conversing, I suddenly saw Jefferson Todd coming across the street. It wasn't long before he recognized our vehicle and made his way in to see us. He told me that he had spoken to Jesus in his meditation that morning, "I wish I could see your servant today." Miami is a city of over one million people and Ft. Lauderdale has close to a million people as well. To locate one person among those millions would be a wonder! But God did it, just like He did when Darrin said, "I would like to see Brother Helm.")

I said to Brother Coy, "It's on my heart to take you all out to eat somewhere." Very reluctantly he replied, "That's wonderful, but I'm on a fast and can't eat. Once a week I visit an elderly gentleman who has lost his wife. I go just to talk with him and fellowship with him." I immediately told him, "Oh, yes," for it's wonderful that Brother Coy would have the vision and compassion to encourage this dear man who is by himself all day since his companion has been gone now for the last year or two. This is practical Christianity in operation--to visit the orphans, the widows, the widowers; to visit our neighbors and try to comfort them when they are lonely, hurt and in need of encouragement. I first told them, "We'll just give this up for now," then I said, "Oh, no, we won't! We can take your wife and children." Darrin quickly answered, "I'm ready to go," and his wife and mother responded the same.

Upon speaking with Terrance, we discovered that J. D. Keller and his wife had invited Terrance and Martha to eat with them, so the four of them joined us. We had called Dudley and Deann and they arrived with their youngest son, David. Even though my throat had been hurting and troubling me, I began to share things of the Kingdom of God. After some thirty or forty minutes I looked up and here came Brother Coy with this very dear and precious man whom I didn't know. The first thing I thought was, "Oh, I'm so sorry they weren't here at the beginning." I didn't want them to miss the wonderful things God had been sharing through me. We were so delighted to have them and the meeting with about fourteen of us continued on. We shared, then the old gentleman shared, and we were there one to two hours altogether.

When we left the restaurant and I looked into the eyes of this gentleman, who is two-and-a-half months older than me, I could see a similarity to David Craft, a dedicated gentleman whom Oliver had found in West Virginia. When we first met David Craft he was in his early eighties. Now he is in his

nineties. I could see the same dedication, the same spirit of love and meekness, in the eyes of this elderly gentleman that I saw in David Craft, a man of prayer and faith. As I talked to this gentleman about him being comforted and helped, he replied, "I am and I will be." He was just like David Craft! (I later learned that Terrance and Edward thought the same thing.) One person told me they thought the gentleman had said, "This is one of the most wonderful times I've had for a long while." It was all because of the Holy Spirit leading me to get into a pony buggy and go up and down a road where I didn't know the people, then come back and invite myself into a home where I had never been in order to answer the precious desire in the heart of a young man. The Word of God says: "Delight thyself in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." No one knew the desires of Darrin's heart--neither his wife, his father or his mother. But the Holy Spirit knew and managed to get me there from sixty miles away. How great is our God to hear this silent longing of his hidden ones.

It's through the mercies of God and the blood of the Lamb that I'll be able to make it to heaven. It will be by His grace I will be able to escape all the evils of this earth, to be clear with God and all persons, and have a pure heart at the Great Judgment Morning. I have to rebuke and resist the devil and these human weaknesses. I want Christ to be ever having His way with me. You see, God's will is everything. Jesus is everything. I must love Him with all of my heart, and I must hate the devil, resisting him and fleeing from his darkness. The Apostle James instructs us: "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." Jesus told us that the devil is an awful liar and the force controlling the world. In the eighth chapter of St. John Jesus is speaking to wonderful, religious people when He said: "Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me:..." You see, when we're of Jesus, we love everybody. We don't resent them. "...for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil,..." (And these were supposed to be religious leaders.) "...and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not."

So the devil is a liar and the father of every lie. The devil has to be resisted, because he is an awful, evil spirit that can easily take us over and crowd Jesus out. Satan has to be resisted at all times, in all ways, because he is a liar and a defeater and an usurper. He comes in a cunning guise to

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try to get us hooked on some kind of spirit that is not good at all. Such a deceptive spirit can even take over persons who mean to do well, if they are not careful to resist the devil constantly. The Old Testament says that our sins will find us out. God is so merciful to blot out all of our iniquities that we have committed, even the vilest of sins, when we ask Him to forgive us. But then we must resist all sin, all evil, all wickedness. To keep our hearts tender, loving and pure, we must shun the very hint of iniquity: all kinds of gambling and drinking, watching scenes of shooting and violence, and reading about killings and murders. If we choose to expose ourselves to such evil influences, that spirit will take us over and we may not even be aware of it. We can recognize hidden darkness within us if we find resentment in our hearts when God seeks to correct and chasten us, or when someone wants to tenderly and kindly help us. Instead of appreciating it, we resent it.

The Bible says in Galatians 6:1: "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." It's so true that we have to submit to the Lord in kindness, in gentleness, in sweetness, in order to help one another. When situations come up, we are to go to one another and help one another. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For every man shall bear his own burden."

We are to help one another because the devil is going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour to keep us from the will of God, from being a sanctified people, from the winning of souls. To win souls should be the longing of all church leaders and all laymen. I've won so few for Jesus. God has done so much and wants us to have such a desire. But you see, if we have any hidden sin in us, we will be lacking in that holy desire. We will leave our first love, because any of these influences of the world will crowd it out. Then we will not be tender and gentle with those around us. There will be a spirit of the world, of wrath, of jealousy, of anger or some kind of a spirit of resentment. It is of the devil and we have to resist it constantly because we're all human. We have to lift the shield of faith by which we are able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

The precious holy Word of God tells us in chapter twelve of Hebrews: "And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father

chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

If we haven't been disciplined when we were a child, then we don't know how to take discipline. If our father or mother was not there to teach us and train us, correct us and guide us, then God's discipline may seem strange to us. But we are to appreciate it. We are not to resent it. We're not to think we're being crushed. We're to say, "We are thankful," because every one of God's children He chasteneth. He scourgeth every son He receiveth. We are to appreciate it. If there is something in our heart of a certain spirit, then we resent it and think we are hurt. I know it hurts and is grievous when we are chastened, but it comes to help us be delivered from every evil thing in the world that is trying to defeat us from eternal life, from the will of God. Because of that, we must hate the devil and everything that is of Satan. If any worldly influence gets hold of us, instead of appreciating chastening, we won't like it.

My mother said that after my father would spank me, when I was two or three years old, instead of my resenting it, I would be up around his neck giving him kisses. If my heart had resented it, I would have fled away and wouldn't have liked it. I had to learn to take chastisement from my Heavenly Father as well. All of us have much to overcome of inner weaknesses and outer temptations from one hour to the next, but when persons aren't chastened when they're young, then they have an additional something to deal with. It's by the grace of God we can be appreciative when someone tenderly and lovingly tries to help us. Psalms 119:165 says: "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them." We are not to be offended. We are to be encouraged when someone loves us enough to try to correct us, that we might be delivered from every evil thing.

Everyone is tempted by things of the world that try to come in. Everyone. No one is excluded. It's how we react when something doesn't suit us, when some situation comes up to confront us, or when chastening or correction falls upon us, that reveals our hearts. If we feel we are being abused or punished, it tells what is in our heart. We've got to get everything out of us so that we will be pure in heart. These spirits of the world want to destroy any person who doesn't resist them and crush the loved ones around them. A marriage cannot exist when there is any spirit of resentment, jealousy,

anger, hostility or any love of the world. These evil spirits get into anyone and everyone who doesn't resist them and who doesn't live a holy and an obedient life. If we disobey, in just a few seconds that evil influence comes in and will cause great havoc to any heart.

Now if our heart is not willing to pray these evils out, then, you see, there is a danger. It causes people to be lost. If we are in the church as church leaders or as church laymen and we don't resist these things with all our heart, the repercussions are greater. We must resist it with all our might. We've got to be against everything that's not of Jesus. We've got to work at this from morning to night or any spirit of the world would try to become dominant within us. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Only Jesus knows how wicked and deceitful our hearts are. We need His blood constantly to cleanse us, because Paul said, "I have to die daily." If we don't die daily, we allow some deceitful thing of the world into us--the love of the world, the love of gambling or drinking, the love of violence or shooting or pornography, the weakness to criticism or gossip. Like the birds of the air, they come to devour the seed of the gospel, and Jesus is crowded out.

We are constantly pressing up, by His help, to love one another. When Jesus is in the heart there is love: love for God, love for one another, love of truth, love of light, love of purity. We so long to be pure for God's sake that we welcome any light He descends to shine upon our hearts. All who desire to do God's will want everything cast out of them that is not pure. They will say, "Please pray for me. This needs to be cast out of my heart, my mind, my soul that I might be clear and that I might walk with God." It's a continual going on, you see, for our needs are often deeper and greater than we know. But God is able as we are willing. When King Saul succumbed to disobedience, if he had been willing to have that cast out of him, he would have been delivered. But he wasn't submissive. He was rebellious and resentful. We have to resist the devil at all times, because the enemy is so treacherous. It's through the blood of Jesus, the mercy of God, that I can overcome all the evils to be faithful to God's will.

Of course, the real test of what is in our hearts is the home test. I have preached for over fifty years that how I treat my companion, my children and those about me reveals what my heart is like. Do I have a spirit of resentment or wrath or anger or impatience or jealousy? If any of these evils are in my heart, then God is grieved with me. Those have to be cast out through the blood of Jesus and the power of the Word of God. It's dangerous not to humble ourselves to be cleansed, to carry on as the Sadducees and the Pharisees did. They knew the scriptures, they were religious and could pray wonderful prayers, but their hearts were far from God. With all their knowledge of holy things, they

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could not recognize the holy Messiah.

So I must die daily or my heart will be far from Jesus (and that touches me now). I have to resist the enemy to do God's will and to love all persons: not coerce them, but be kind and gentle and tender and helpful in every situation. Even though we may be deeply disappointed and hurt, we are not to be offended at anyone. We are to love them always the same. There cannot be any differences. In writing to the church at Corinth, the Apostle Paul was speaking to Christians when he said: "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no division among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." That is the Kingdom of God. Everyone in the church--the ministers, the deacons, the elders, the laymen--are to speak the same thing, to have the same mind of Jesus. We are to be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. This is not my word, it's the word of the Lord.

This comes by the Holy Spirit. It's not by any might in us, or any good things in us, because I have nothing to boast about. I'm the least. I've never claimed to be anybody. All I claim is that I'm needy and that I'm just a servant: just a sinner saved by grace trying to get people to die to self, to take up the cross, to be cleansed of this carnal nature and be obedient to follow. To encourage a people to do that is one of the greatest things that can possibly be in all the ages. A lot of people think God's Kingdom will come by doing great things. No, it's by doing these simple things. God can give the revival, but it's His gift. We're nothing. If we can just help one individual to trust and to obey and to be faithful, we've been successful.

That's the mission--to obey Jesus and to love everybody. How we treat our companion and our children, how we treat people at the filling station, at the grocery store, on the highway, in the airplane, at school tells how we are inside. Are you real gentle and sweet to those who serve you in hotels and restaurants--the desk clerks, the bell hops, the waiters, the waitresses, the chefs? How are you in your heart with those you live with and work with day in and day out? That's where Christianity comes out--at home, where we live. If we profess to be Christian we must die daily or we are living in a self life. The things of the world crowd in and crowd Jesus out. It's by the grace of God I can make it today and tomorrow. It is a great assignment. We can preach, we can pray, we can testify, we can know the Bible and theology, we can do great wonders, but if we are not pure and holy with our companion, with our children, with our neighbors, with our enemies, with our persecutors and revilers, then it reveals the need of our heart.

I need to be cleansed and filled with the Holy Spirit constantly, because it is by the grace of God we can walk each step with Jesus and nothing of us whatsoever. I have nothing

to boast about. During these forty to fifty years I have claimed to be only the weakest, the least of all. I've never claimed to be a leader or some great person or someone who will accomplish great feats. But one of the greatest things to do is to obey God and lead men to trust and obey Jesus. He needs someone who will be faithful. In the Old Testament God was looking for a people who would just be faithful, just be true, just be obedient. That's what Jesus looked for. What kind of person are you? How helpful are you? How much do you really accept your responsibilities?

You always do in proportion to your brokenness, to your yieldedness, to your obedience, to your childlikeness. But if those qualities are not true within, then there is a reaction. It's how we react that tells what we really are like. If we aren't tender, kind, gentle, appreciative and thankful, responding to the Holy Spirit's revelation of our need by saying: "Oh, pray for me. I need to be delivered. I don't want anything inside of me except purity and holiness, righteousness and truth. I don't want to love things of the world"--then our hearts are deceiving us. The Apostle John said: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world." If the things of the world get in us then Jesus is crowded out of us. We have to trust and obey, for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey. I know so little about trusting. I've endeavored these forty-some years to trust Jesus, but it takes Him to deliver us and help us and guide us so He can be uppermost in our heart and life. Instead of resenting and drawing back from situations of life or from individuals whom God uses to reveal the hidden needs of our hearts, we will love them for helping us, whether they be trials, disappointments, heartaches, losses; whether they be our parents or companion, our children or our relatives, our neighbors and friends, our leaders, our helpers, our enemies, our persecutors, our revilers.

Oh, pray for the saints. Pray for souls to find Jesus. Pray for revival. Pray for my heart, because I need Jesus' help. I have so little of the Holy Spirit and the time is short. Please pray earnestly for the Waiting Upon God August 11-13. Please pray for protection to each person as they travel there and back home. Pray for the anointing upon each service. Our need is going to be so great during those days, because I don't know how to preach, I don't know how to pray, I don't know what to do from one moment to the next except the Lord help me. I'm truly needy, and I'm so grateful for all of you who are praying and fasting for us. I know that I'm not worthy. We thank you, also, for helping us in the work of our ministry. Please pray for our need, because our responsibilities are so great.

In Jesus' Name--be encouraged, be strengthened. Through the years I have pled with people to do God's will and to resist the devil. If we will say, "Get behind me, Satan!" we will have the victory. That's

what you have to do and that's what I must do, for the victory is in Jesus, not in us. In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost be thou encouraged in Christ, for "...my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W Helm

Loran W. Helm

p.s. We received this letter from a most remarkable young man, and we wanted to share it with you, all to God's glory and praise.

Dear Rev. Helm,

My name is Warren and I am a member of your congregation. I am a new convert and I thought I would take the time to thank you for the truth you teach. I realize that you're a busy man, but I didn't get to say thank you after the services, so I thought I would write. I've not written to ask you any questions. All the answers are evident--to trust in the Lord. Your ministry has taught me. By the Lord's grace and mercy I am thankful Jesus has led me to this church. Your ministry is the first one that I've seen of it's kind.

Before I came to Florida I lived in Houston, Texas and I was in a punk rock band and didn't glorify God. I was doing a lot of drugs and my life was a mess. I was not raised in a Christian home, but I was taught who Jesus was. But I didn't worship Him and was filled with doubt. Something came on me to pray to God and I did. That night I had a dream of a white light. It told me that I would lose my life to gain my life. I didn't understand what it meant. It asked me what I was searching for, what I lacked and needed. I told it "the truth." Everybody's got the answer, but most of them are walking in the light of their own fire. It told me that I would move to Florida in two weeks. This was the truth the Lord showed me, sir.

I can truly testify of the Lord in your life, because before I met you I knew you. The Lord showed you to me before I had ever heard of your ministry. I feel that the Lord has led me to write you and when the time is right you will open this letter. Praise be to God, praise Jehovah of all the nations. I will pray for you, though not by my will. What you have taught me is that all things come through the grace and mercy of the Lord and I thank Jesus that I am able to learn of Him through a messenger of the Spirit of Truth. It is an encouragement to watch and learn from those who have walked with God faithfully for a great amount of the time, especially when they have the anointing of God on them. All that I can truly say is that I thank you and send as much of His love as I can, because I'm still learning the true meaning of love, faith, trust and action as the Holy Spirit leads, by God's grace and mercy.

Warren Ingram

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE WAITING ON GOD
AUGUST 11, 12, & 13, 1990

The Waiting on God will be held at the Omni Netherland Plaza, Cincinnati, Ohio on August 11th through the 13th, 1990. Please make your room reservations as soon as possible by calling the Omni at 513/421-9100. Overflow accommodations have been made available at the Terrace Hilton and the Clarion Hotel. These facilities can be reached by enclosed walkways from the Omni.

Complete information and meal reservation cards will be included in the next newsletter. It is important that you call the hotel for your room reservations as soon as possible. Thank you.

Special notice to all choirs, musicians, singers, and those who have special presentations which the Lord might use during the Waiting Upon God: Please list your sacred numbers and presentations on standard three-ring binder paper. Make two copies. Keep one copy for yourself. Give the second copy to those at the registration desk when you register. It would be helpful if each pastor would encourage your singers, groups and choirs to have their list prepared ahead of time to hand in at the registration tables upon arrival at the Omni.

A victory report from one sharing A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS

"For the last couple of months I have been driving by a Christian bookstore in Winchester called The Sword. At the beginning of this past week I stopped in and was looking through the tapes. I mentioned to the owner that I hoped the store would be successful. She told me that that encouraged her because she was in a hard place about whether she should remain open or not, because things weren't going very well. When I left, the thought came to me that I needed to get her a copy of A Voice in the Wilderness to encourage her.

Today I went back to give her the book, and the enemy began to fight me, saying, 'She will think this is stupid.' But I thought, 'Well, the Lord has witnessed that thousands of people are waiting on this book and who am I to decide who is and who isn't to receive it?' So I pressed on and handed her the book. She was very quiet for some time, and I thought, 'Oh, no! She doesn't want this.' Then she looked up at me and said, 'I've been looking for this book.' She went on to say that her cousin had requested her to find a book entitled A Voice in the Wilderness by Loran W. Helm. She had searched the catalogs and had been unable to find it. 'I can't believe that here it is,' she said. 'I've been looking for this book.' I was really excited that God had helped me to be His instrument."

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Dear ones in Jesus our Savior,

In the holy scripture this week I went to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter, verse thirty-four: "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungry, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungry, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungry, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungry, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them saying, "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."

As I was meditating and thinking on this scripture I remembered that many years ago I was going to visit someone in prison to have a little prayer with them and try to encourage them. As I was coming up over the railroad track near the prison, in my heart I heard: "I was in prison and you visited me." It was a wonderful experience, and I felt so unworthy and grateful. It is so urgent to visit those who are in need, those who are sick, those who are in prison. I called a loved one the other day and mentioned this scripture to them. They shared with me that that very day they were going to visit a brother in jail to have prayer with him. It is so urgent to pray for those in prison, those in hospitals, the orphans and widows.

James 1:27 says: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." So here is this precious opportunity, this call and mission to visit the fatherless, those who are orphans, those children who are without a father and mother. It mentions here: "...the fatherless and widows in their affliction." We are to visit and look after the fatherless and widows,

seeing where we might be of assistance. We need to visit the widows in their loneliness. This is pure religion and undefiled before God. We try to visit a lady here in a nursing home. Her husband is gone now, and she is so appreciative and grateful each time we can go. We just try to have a little prayer with her and encourage her, for she is very lonely. She is a retired school teacher, and though unable to walk now, she enjoys communicating with people. Many of the older people in the nursing home are not able to talk with her, so she is very lonely. Before her husband died, my wife and I would go over to their place and pray with them. Then when he passed away, we went to pray with her. Now she is in a nursing home and we try to visit from time to time. We don't want to forget, for the Word says "...pure religion and undefiled before God." And the second part of this scripture says: "...to keep himself unspotted from the world." So we have this wonderful opportunity to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. We are not to seek our own things, but the things of Jesus Christ. And He can help us as we are willing to yield ourselves unto Him.

Hebrews, chapter twelve says: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." So we see that on this journey we must press to pray, to witness, to deny self, to assume the cross and be cleansed of this carnal nature and be filled with the Holy Spirit as we trust Him and follow in obedience. Now along this journey there are so many things that will come to prevent us from doing God's will. These weights this scripture speaks of are situations and things that come to cling to us and assume a place in our thinking and in our activities. They become so heavy they begin to hold us down, attaching themselves to our way of thinking, to our soul, and we will not be able to deny self. If we let these weights attack us, it will take us to a place where we will not be willing for self to be denied. Weights are many things in life that come from neglect and disobedience, ideas, attitudes and situations. These weights (situations and attractions of this world) try to get hold of us and keep us from doing God's will. At first they won't seem so bad or evil. We won't be able to tell that they are setting us upon a detour. But they will. They will get us on our own path instead of following Jesus the Christ.

The second part of that verse says: "...and the sin which doth so easily beset us." So we see here that sin is easily deceptive. Sin is rampant. Sin is evil. Sin is black. Sin is awful. Sin is defeating. Sin is that which would overcome and crowd us out of the will of God. This sin and the weights cause us to lose our first love. Rev. 2:4 says:

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"Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love." We will lose our first love if we're not constantly cautious to pray and resist the devil. James 4:7 states: "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." The devil is going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour, and we must lay aside every weight and the sin which does so easily beset us. The enemy can come sometimes in beautiful ways to get us out of divine order, so we want to lift up our eyes to the hills from whence cometh our help. Our help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth. We must look up or these sins will easily beset us. They will come to devour and defeat, to take away the victory and we will lose our first love.

There is a continual pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, for from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven is preached and every man presseth into it. We must press to witness, to deny self and take up the cross, to give thanks for what we have. We need to remember to mention to those around us our appreciation for their helping and assisting us, for their looking after the weary, the disconsolate and the discouraged. It is so urgent that we press into the kingdom of God. It is a continual battle, for the Word says: "...the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." The devil is a liar and we must constantly resist him to follow Jesus and do God's will. It's so easy for us to walk in the flesh. "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin." (1 Jn. 1:7)

Psalm 62:5 says: "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him." It is so urgent that we wait upon the Lord and pray for wisdom to know what to say and what not to say. There is so much more that shouldn't be said than should be. We must be careful with our words and behavior, our attitudes and motives. If a person becomes dictatorial, commanding or demanding, they begin to find fault. If we want to line people up and are not careful, it does great harm. People are crushed, and then they are not able to be in the presence of such an individual. It takes the love of Jesus not to press people. We need to be gentle, kind, thoughtful and compassionate. The commanding spirit and the compassionate spirit are not the same. We are either an encourager or a discourager.

We need to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness by praying and walking with Him. Then we have the strength and the joy of the Lord, which overcomes temptation. Jesus said, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." We have to constantly resist the devil and do God's will lest we be led into temptation. This deliverance comes by our reading the Word, by the Holy Spirit helping us, by Jesus leading us that we might

miss the pitfalls and deceptions that could easily beset us. The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, who can know it. God in Christ, the Holy Spirit knows, but we mortals do not know how wicked and deceitful our heart is. We must, by God's grace, hold to the promise and look upward and onward lest we fail, lest we grieve the Holy Spirit. It is today, this very hour as we wait before the Lord and look to Jesus, that we need to pray for victory, for the lost, for the unsanctified, for those who are getting lukewarm and letting these weights attach themselves (which leads to despair and coldness). We need to press upward and rejoice, that Jesus may have His way in our heart. He invites us and urges us to go forward, to press upward and onward toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. We want to give Him all the glory and honor, for in Him is everything. Nothing in our hands we have to bring, but simply to the cross of Jesus Christ we cling. He is able as we give Him all the praise, honor and glory for what He has done, what He is doing, what He will do.

We want to thank Jesus for how He helped in the service last Sunday. When John Keller (brother to Jerry Keller) came forward to sing he said, "You know, when I started out with you on this little time, I wasn't really in it. But before long I began to get in it more." The Lord helped and encouraged him. When he sang "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," he did it so well that we requested him to sing it again. It seemed as though God helped him as much or more the second time than the first. We were grateful for how Jesus led, guided and directed. Before I shared what was on my heart I asked the pastor to go down and ask Michael Shipp to get a song ready. He and his precious wife, Jackie, came up to the platform after a while. And as Jackie accompanied him on the piano, he sang, "Save the lost at any cost." The words of that song were so appropriate and fit right into what I had just shared. We were so in debt to Jesus, for it's only by God's grace that we will know what to do or how to proceed again. When the Holy Spirit leads, it is refreshing and strengthening. But without the leading of the Holy Spirit it is dry and empty. We need the leading of the Holy Spirit, for we do not know how to do anything except God be merciful.

It's only by God's grace, that we will be privileged to wait upon God August 11-13th in Cincinnati. We are the least of His servants, and have accomplished so little, won so few souls for Jesus. It will be by His grace we will know what to do, what to say, how to proceed. Without Him we can do nothing that would be helpful to others. Jesus said in St. John 12:32: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." Without the leadership of the Holy Spirit a service is empty. But when the Holy Spirit leads there is strength, there is blessing, there is help, there is fellowship and inspiration. But if we try to do anything in ourself, then there isn't any power

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or joy or help or food. The table is bare. But there is a feast when He leads. I was in a home a while back, and after we finished praying I looked up and said, "Oh, there's a light on your face!" One of the precious men said, "We're in a feast!" It's not by might nor by power, but it's by my spirit saith the Lord of hosts.

As we were entering the foyer of our condominium the other day, our security guard said to me, "You know, our daughter has been having such headaches and she's had them now for three or four days. The pain is such that medication won't help. Would you pray for her?" So when we came upstairs to our place of abiding we cried out and said, "Oh, God, in Jesus' Name here is Sheila and she needs healing in her head with this situation which is either coming from the organs or a growth. Would you go in and heal her, and apply your sacred stripes to her head and body?" A little later we had family prayer and tried to pray for her again. When this precious father came into work the following Friday, he said, "Oh, I want to tell you that the next morning after I requested prayer, our daughter called us and said, 'I feel better than I've felt in years and would like for you to meet me at the mall for lunch.'" We want to give Jesus all the praise, honor and glory, for He had applied His precious healing stripes, and this daughter (feeling the best she had felt in a long while) wanted to be with her father and mother. They had lunch and dinner together that day. Oh, Jesus is to be praised, God is to be thanked for all answers to prayer. Our heavenly Father is to be adored and glorified for answering prayer and bringing healing to those in pain and suffering. I need Him so much. I need prayer and I am the neediest of His servants. I'm so thankful that the Lord would be so merciful to help us.

Our secretary, Sister Vera, shared with me about a person who had called from Los Angeles. This precious person had gone into the library of a dear friend, and of the many volumes of books, she was drawn to a blue covered book on a shelf. She got this blue book down and began to read it. She told Vera that it encouraged and strengthened her. She asked the owner of the library, "Have you read this book?" and they replied, "No." She said, "I would like for you to read it." This precious lady then told Vera she would like to order ten copies of "A Voice in the Wilderness," and when Vera mentioned that the Spanish edition was available, she said, "And please send five copies of the Spanish edition." This morning I talked with a precious servant of God, Rev. Oliver Hogue. He said he was reading Chapter twenty-three of "A Voice in the Wilderness," and said that while he was reading about waiting on God, he was refreshed and helped. I was so in debt to Jesus for this wonderful report and found myself thanking Him for what He has done, what He is doing and what He will do.

Some time ago I was with Dr. John Cook, who has an orphanage located a few hundred miles south of Mexico City, Mexico. We were

sharing about the Kingdom of God and the Lord's work. He had received a copy of the Spanish edition of "A Voice in the Wilderness," and said, "This Spanish edition is an excellent translation." I knew then, of course, that we were to thank Jesus and give God all the glory, for this gentleman is a doctor of philosophy. We were thankful for how the Lord guided and blessed in our time together. We know we are in debt to Jesus and owe it all to God in Christ for what He has done to encourage people, to help people in the scriptures, in conversation and fellowship, in "A Voice in the Wilderness" and in writing and preaching, in prayer service and revival, in waiting upon God. Everything is in Jesus, and outside of Him is desolation. Outside of God's kingdom is desolation. Even though we have earthly things, they do not satisfy and do not give the inner consolation, comfort, strength and blessing.

We want to thank each of you for praying and fasting for us. Many have sacrificed and helped. We know it's through the Lord's mercy we can make it. Our need is greater now than ever before in these years of our life. We know we're so unworthy and feel so undeserving, but grateful and thankful for all prayers, supplications and petitions. Dear ones are praying and holding on, going on in obedience, in helping, in witnessing and lifting others, in denying self and assuming the cross that we might be cleansed and sanctified as we travel by faith on this holy way of obedience. St. Paul said, "I die daily." When He sanctifies, we then continually die to do God's will and be faithful to Him; not letting our own will and ideas crowd Jesus out to where we lose our first love. For when we lose our enthusiasm to witness and win souls for Jesus, it is because of disobedience. It's because we haven't obeyed and been faithful to follow, to read the Word, to meditate and contemplate on the things of the Kingdom of God, and to lift up our eyes to Jesus, to God, from whence cometh our help.

We thank Jesus for His mercy. It's by His grace and the blood of the Lamb we will make it to be delivered from all darkness and all situations unto God's will, unto soul winning, unto Holy Ghost revival. Forty-seven years ago last week and next week, night after night, we were waiting and trusting for the Holy Spirit to be poured out. If the Holy Spirit is not working, it is a very lonely and desolate place. But when the Lord is working, when the Holy Spirit is leading and God is on the scene, oh, what a refreshing! what blessedness! what spiritual growth! This comes when Jesus has a people who will do His will instead of their own. God is looking for people He can trust to go into the highways and byways, helping the needy, encouraging someone, helping someone along life's way.

Thank you again for helping and praying, for our need is great. We need to remember to pray for protection in travel to and from the Waiting Upon God, that everything would be right in all procedures, in all that

should be done. We thank the Lord for all who assist and help. We praise the Lord and thank Jesus for our staff and secretaries, and also for Harmony Press for their printing of the newsletter. We thank God, In Jesus' Name, for all help and assistance, for His making a way. We know that as we have faith to believe, God will take care. However you're tried, His tender care is never denied, for He maketh a way where there seemeth to be none.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W Helm

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p.s. We wanted to share the following letters with you, all to God's glory and praise.

Dear Sir,

I am very happy for the Revival For Our Day monthly letter. Thanks for remembering me. My wife was sanctified at Willshire, under Rev. Helm's ministry and message and invitation. We thank the Lord.

I have been very happy for the deep rolling rivers of waters that began to flow in all their crystal-like clearness at Willshire United Methodist Church in 1966, under the anointed prayers and leadership of God's Word. I was the pastor, and my wife came up as the only seeker of that church for many a year for the atonement in its filling presence. She sure got it. I shouted the loudest and longest! It was surely a real revival for our church there in Willshire, and a landmark of Shekinah's old-time and ever present assurance. She still has that calm and bowed condition of the soul that she received that day--and every once in a while I get the fruit of that witness.

Love in Christ,
Paul McMurrin

tion, revival and the work of the Holy Spirit at the Waiting upon God in August, as you suggested. The Waiting upon God two years ago was special to me. I can't remember sensing the Holy Spirit the way we did at that time in other Waitings. We look forward to this special time the Lord has appointed. We are trusting for the Lord to give you special help for this great responsibility. We love you very much.

Love in Him,
Robert & Barbara Morgan

To our brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ: Greetings,

The Helbling family is celebrating a victory that we have been looking forward to for seven years. When our eldest son, Joel, turned thirteen he came to us and told us, "By God's grace, I am trusting to go all the way through my teenage years without rebellion." All praise to God of the universe Who makes covenant with teenagers!

God chose Joel to be our firstborn, to lead his younger brother and sisters into their teenage years, and to mark for them a clear, straight path through to the other side. On April 25, 1990, Joel Steven Helbling will be twenty years old. We, his family, here affirm that he has finished each of these seven teenage years without rebellion in his heart.

Here we are rejoicing now as we see him rounding the last bend of his seven year marathon! It seems to us as though angels are running alongside him these last few yards, and that all of heaven is ready to celebrate with us at the finish line. We ask you to rejoice with us, as we celebrate seven years of God's faithfulness to a teenager.

Rejoicing in God,
The Helbling Family

Dear Bro. & Sis. Helm,

We are thankful to join in with others in lifting you to the Throne of Grace. We are so thankful for the prayers that have been answered since Bro. Oliver came to Parker City almost two years ago. We probably won't know the extent of the importance of it until eternity.

Thank you for staying with the message: "If anyone will follow me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." We were just commenting how you have stayed with the message through the years even though not a great number seems to be hearing it. Bob said you stayed with it because you knew it was the answer. Praise the Lord for the help of the Holy Spirit to keep you from wavering.

We so enjoyed the last two newsletters. We need to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to us through you. May the Lord continue to help you each time you write. We are praying for protection, blessing, guidance, revela-

WAITING ON GOD AUGUST 11, 12 & 13, 1990 MEAL REGISTRATION FORMS

We have enclosed the MEAL registration forms for the Waiting on God, August 11-13th, 1990. This is NOT a "Room Reservation" form. Please make your room reservation directly with the hotel if you have not already done so. The Omni has required that our MEAL registration be completed as early as possible. We must guarantee so many meals in order to have the advantage of the meal prices listed on the enclosed form.

Please return the registration form as quickly as possible to the address listed on the form. It would also be greatly appreciated if you were able to prepay your meals, therefore expediting the waiting-in-line time at the meal registration tables. Should there be reason for you to cancel your meals, it would be necessary to do so no later than the week before the Waiting on God. Your money will be refunded. Thank you.

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June 1, 1990

Dear ones in Christ Jesus our Savior,

A week ago Sunday the Holy Spirit was so precious and merciful to us. As I went into the pulpit I felt very needy, and the enemy was fighting so severely. The Holy Spirit led me into the second chapter, verse one, of St. John: "And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there." Just think of it! The precious, holy mother of Jesus was at this wedding. (I shall never forget the time I was in Israel in 1969 and 1970. As we were traveling along, the guide remarked, "Now over there is Cana of Galilee." I had quite a stirring in my mind and heart as I thought of the time when Jesus, his mother and disciples were invited guests to this marriage.) And during the ceremony they needed wine. This scripture continues: "And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it." The Holy Spirit helped me to such a measure in my fifty-seven years of endeavoring to bring God's message. It seemed as though He showed me little things in this scripture that were so deep and real, so precious and simple. I became very happy as I spoke about doing what Jesus wants us to do.

The Holy Spirit then led me to the shepherd boy bringing his basket of provisions. You see, at the marriage they needed wine, and in this hard assignment he needed provisions. This shepherd boy had come to check on his brothers, but they resented it and didn't appreciate him. However, that didn't keep him from carrying his basket of provisions, and this brought me into an area of how we can carry our baskets of assignments and helps for those in storms, wars, battles, upheavals, trials and heartaches, temptations and onslights of the enemy. I became so blessed that I was in holy laughter, and the joy of the Lord was so great in my heart I thought if I were ever privileged to speak again and be anointed like that again, it would only be by His mercy. Oh, we were in such a place! If God would allow me to be blessed and helped like that in the Waiting Upon God, I would be so in debt to Him, for Jesus is the way, the truth and the light.

I found myself greatly in debt to our heavenly Father, the blessed Jesus, for such a high honor and privilege. What a wonderful opportunity we have to walk with Jesus in this holy life, to walk with Him in the light as He is in the light, to have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin. It was a precious and wonderfully lifting experience. There wasn't any way I could explain to my wife of fifty-six years the wonder of how God helped me in my soul and in my heart. I am so needy, and it's by the mercies of God and the blood of the Lamb I can make heaven, for

the onslights of Satan are so severe. But he is defeated through the blood of Jesus Christ, the sacred blood of the Lamb that taketh away the sins of the world. It is so precious to know that Jesus is Lord and that He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think according to the power that worketh in us. I want to give Him all the praise, all the adoration, all the glory, and all the honor for what He has done and for what He will do. Hallelujah! I want to thank Him and praise Him for the way He leads, guides and directs; for He is a mighty Warrior, a mighty God and a mighty King of glory Who saves from all sin.

The Word of God tells us in the thirty-second chapter of Numbers, verse twenty-three: "...and be sure your sin will find you out." How true that is. It doesn't make any difference what kind of sin it is, (whether small or large) sin is sin. A penny won't buy what a dollar will, but it will help to purchase something. Sin is exposed whenever we fail to do God's will and do what we want to do. Sin is rampant and the devil is going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. Isaiah 58:1 tells us that we must: "Cry aloud, spare not, Lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins." Sin is so deceptive, the devil so deceitful. The human heart is deceptive above all things and desperately wicked, who can know it.

Forty-seven years ago I was led by the Holy Spirit to go into the state of Georgia. I left my wife and children on the eighteenth day of June, and bid them good-bye to go to this little church and share with the minister and his wife. God was so merciful to me and helped me to share with them; telling them about the kingdom of God, of how the Lord wanted us to trust and obey Him, to find what He would have us to do rather than our own plans and ideas. After I shared with this dear pastor and his precious wife he said to me, "If you are able to walk by faith and do this for five years, then I will believe." (I called him thirty-three years later, and he was pastor of a large Methodist church. I hadn't seen or talked with him in all that time, and I began to share with him how Jesus had helped and provided for us. He replied, "Well, that is real nice and it is surely a wonderful thing.")

When I left there I wanted to return home, but instead Jesus was leading me elsewhere, and I went on into the state of Mississippi. There I was led to a revival meeting. The people said, "Oh, you are the one we've been looking for." Jesus was troubling me about where I was, and even though it seemed good I couldn't go by that, for we can't go by what seems good or what we think. We have to go by the Word of God and what the Lord leads in the heart. We cannot go by physical operations and physical feelings. We must go by

the help of the Holy Spirit and by the Word of God in Christ Jesus. And even though they said, "You are the one we've been looking for," I pressed on and finally arrived at an army camp where one of my brothers was stationed. I had a wonderful experience there and thought surely I could return home. But I was not able to, so I started toward the state of Texas even though I had very little money. Oh, what an experience I had in witnessing to people along the road. When I would be stranded, someone would pick me up and I would share how Jesus had saved me and how He was leading me. When I arrived in Texas, the dear ones there had been waiting at the train station for three days. As we were having prayer and fellowship together, a pastor came up to us. He said, "I want you to preach for me tonight." I replied, "I'm not sure Jesus is leading me." He said, "I'm sure He is, for I've been praying and I believe you are the answer to my prayer."

The Lord revealed to me between eight and eight thirty that night that I was to go to this place of worship. While walking there, the Holy Spirit revealed that I was to preach on Acts 7:51: "Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, also do ye." This was one of the most spiritual churches I've ever preached at in fifty-seven years and twenty-seven states. I have been in many meetings in a number of countries and islands, but this church was one of the most spiritual I have ever been in. I preached there going into the fifth week on confessing our faults and our sins. When I was preaching I noticed the leader of the church had his head down toward his knees, and of course I didn't know anything about anyone. I was just preaching about doing God's will and not following the flesh and the devil, for the enemy is raging to try and tempt God's people, as well as the world who is lost in sin. I preached on how the Holy Spirit has been sent into the world to reprove the world of sin and to shew righteousness and judgment to come. Great conviction is needed in our country, for there is a great sweep of worldliness, sinfulness and darkness. The powers of hell are terrible in their onslaught to keep people from the victory, from the joy of the Lord.

While I was preaching we were in a great battle. I was not aware until some weeks or months after this that the leader of that church (who had prayed so hard for me to come for revival) was meeting a beautiful, young woman (either in his study or sixty miles away). We later found out that he confessed to some of the elders of the church that when they had a Christmas pageant this young woman came up and asked, "Would you fasten this back button on my costume?" He said that when he fastened that button on her costume, the lustful demon entered into his heart and into his mind. He desired her and succumbed to that temptation. Be sure your sin will find you out, as it says in the thirty-second chapter of Numbers. It's an awful thing to fail God and fall into sin and iniquity. When you are preaching against sin of any

kind, whether it be adultery, fornication, drunkenness and drugs, gambling or using the things of this world that contaminate the body, the devil will fight hard. But if you are just going along in a lukewarm manner, many times the battle is not so severe. We must resist the devil constantly.

In one of the states of our country, the assistant of the bishop (a talented, gifted preacher and counselor who had a lovely wife and children) was counseling different persons in his office. A young woman who was not very strong and having many problems came to him for counseling. After he counseled with her a few times, he allowed that attractive demon to enter into his mind and heart. He then left his lovely wife and beautiful children, bringing a stigma and aftermath on the ministry and the church. His wife and children were heartbroken, as was the head bishop. The onslaught of that situation will never be completely healed. Jesus tells us plainly that we're not to put our wife away and marry another. Be sure your sin will find you out.

I know a wonderful servant of God, (a pure man) who lives over a thousand miles from here whose wife left him. Of course he needs a companion and misses her. She left him because a power of darkness took her away, but he hasn't remarried. He's been able to pray, hold on and live above succumbing to adultery and uncleanness, to live in purity and holiness. We must be a pure and a holy people, because God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Jesus should not perish. Jesus said, "Follow me." He wants us to follow in true holiness, and not just in some form. You see, all of us are weak. The man of God who looked over the wall had his own wife. But when he looked over the wall and saw that woman not clad, the tempting demon and the spirit of adultery and fornication entered into his heart, and he succumbed to it. We have to lift the shield of faith with which we are able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. We know what the Word of God tells us about putting our companion away after having pledged faith to them unto death. It is very clear. We must be a pure people. We must live a holy and pure life before our Savior. Our relationships must be in purity, holiness and truth.

Fifty-seven years ago when I was seventeen years old, I could see that some of the young people were tempted in going to movies. When I would preach, I tried to share that movies are not conducive to Holy Ghost victory, to Holy Ghost fellowship. Some actors and actresses have been married many times, and drink and commit adultery and fornication. I shared that when we take God's money to go to movies, we support them. I said, "I believe if you do that, you lose the victory." There were a hundred and fifty saved in that revival. But, you know, they started to lose the victory. One of the leaders (the president of the gospel band) told my father two or three years later, "Loran was right. These worldly things will take our victory

and our joy." We cannot succumb to the temptations of the world. If a person succumbs to drinking, (regardless of how little alcohol it has in it) it is not doing what the Word of God teaches, what Jesus teaches, what Wesley or Finney teaches. To do this is an abomination, and sin is committed. It puts Jesus upon the cross, and He sheds His blood for the remission of our sins. We must be a pure and holy people. We must lift up the shield of faith and be holy unto God. I know it's through His mercies we can make it.

Young and old alike need to be constantly aware that the enemy is treacherous and will tempt and try to get us sidetracked. The attractive demon is loose. It is rampant in television, in magazines and everywhere. There is a spirit of darkness. This spirit can cause even the greatest of men to succumb to temptation. This is a terrible sin, and we must be on guard, ever lifting our shield of faith. In this way we will be kept from evil and unrighteousness. We must hate the devil with all our might and love Jesus with all our heart. Jesus says in Matt. 22:37-40: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Hallelujah!

In the last letter I shared about the daughter of our security man. He had asked for prayer on her behalf as she was having such pain in her head that medication could not help it. Jesus allowed prayer to be made and He took this pain from her. A few days ago he shared about their daughter, Jennifer, who is a teacher and lives in Texas. Her doctor told her she has mononucleosis and would not be able to teach anymore this year. Our precious security man wanted me to pray for her and I called to God in Jesus' Name. He told me the other day that their daughter called his wife and said she was so much better and was able to teach. This is a wonderful answer to prayer, because with this type of infection, one doesn't recover quickly. Jesus was so faithful to heal these two daughters in the last few weeks. We want to praise the Lord and give God all the glory, Jesus all the praise. We want to give Him all the honor, all thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit, to the mighty God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of Creation; for every soul saved, for every believer cleansed of the carnal nature and filled with the Holy Ghost, for each body and mind healed and made well. We owe all things to the Lord Jesus Christ, because He is the One Who helps and leads, Who guides and saves, transforms and lifts.

The Waiting Upon God is coming up August 11-13th. We need to pray for purity and holiness of heart, for without Jesus we are nothing. We can't preach or pray or do anything without the leading of the Holy Spirit. When He leads it is a blessing, a help and benefit. God often has other plans than what we want or think or anticipate. We must let

the Holy Spirit lead. When I was sixty-eight or nine Brother Moore told his wife that surely I would not be able to have the strength for every session. Here we are now in our seventy-fifth year, and it's only through Jesus we're able to go into any meeting. We are very weak and needy. It's by the help of the Holy Spirit, of Jesus, of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob we can see souls saved and believers sanctified, cleansed and filled with the Holy Spirit; that God's kingdom might come on earth as it is in heaven. The kingdom of God cometh not by observation, but is within us; and we must seek Him with all our heart. We must constantly pray to be overcomers of disobedience and secret sin, the evils that so easily beset us. We must look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

Parents who bring their young people and children need to be careful and remember to check on them, to be aware of what they are doing at all times. It's better if you are able to make arrangements at home with grandparents, relatives or friends. If they do come, then the parents will need to be involved with their children, to check on them every few minutes to be sure everything is holy and right. A father and mother need to be thoughtful and aware of their young people, because if a young woman and a young man are together, they need to be checked on to be sure everything is in order. Teenagers of any age should not be left alone. Parents who do not check on their children do not know what they are doing. There is a constant danger, because temptation is rampant in the world, in church groups and religious groups. We don't realize how treacherous the devil is, and how likely the heart is to yield to temptation.

Our grandchildren have not come to many Waitings Upon God because their parents would be too involved with them, always needing to check to see what they are doing. If parents don't watch their children, then things happen they haven't any idea of, and when they make investigation months and years later, they find out (to their chagrin, regret and heartache) that they were unaware of how treacherous Satan was to get their young people out of order, out of victory, and away from the mind of Christ. "Let this mind be in you, which is also in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 2:5) We must be a holy people and walk in the light as He is in the light, to have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin. He is able to keep that which we have committed. He is able to lead. But we must pray and trust in the Lord with all our heart, and lean not to our own understanding; but in all our ways acknowledge Him and He will direct our paths. Jesus must be first, for the Lamb of God taketh away the sins of the world. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

Thank you for praying for us, for our assistants and staff, for those who have come to pray and help. The finance this month has

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been (I believe) the lowest since 1962. I know other churches are struggling, but this is the first time that I can remember our finances being this low. When our payroll was due to be written, we were about twelve thousand dollars short, including the needs of taxes and insurance. I told our secretary to tell the treasurer to hold my check until all other needs were met. I know many are sacrificing for us. Some churches and individuals are sacrificing so much and we are unworthy of all this. We are trusting that God might show the need to those who are able to help. We are thankful for those who pray and who give the widow's mite. We know we're unworthy and needy, but very thankful.

Thank you for praying and holding on to the Throne of Grace, because in Him there is eternal life. Please pray for all those who will be traveling to the Waiting Upon God. Please pray for Israel and for the Arab nations. The need is so great in the Middle East and in the European countries. Thank you for your prayers, your sacrifices, your supplications, your fasting and waiting before the Lord. Only in Jesus, in His sacred blood, in His holy Word, through the power of the Holy Spirit can we be delivered moment by moment, breath by breath, step by step. I need Jesus so very much, for my battle is more severe than words can tell.

On May 27th, fifty-six years ago, my wife and I were married. We want to thank each of you for your lovely cards, letters and flowers; for each remembrance. When we started out, little did we know the great things that would come along and all that we would encounter. We still don't know. I know so little, but I do know that I need Jesus. In John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" we find that the longer we follow, the harder the enemy tries to tempt us and stop us. He will work through all kinds of things to divide and separate us. Jesus didn't call us to condemn, but to love. Love beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things and endureth all things. God didn't call us to line people up and get after them. That spirit is not of Jesus. We need to live constantly with the Word indwelling, that we may be in His likeness. We must resist the enemy and press up toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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The following letter was such an encouragement to us that we wanted to share it with you:

Dear Rev. Helm,

I want to thank you for sharing with us the treasures of what God has placed in your

heart. The light and encouragement of both example and words has stirred me deeply. These testimonies have created a burning desire to testify, to love others and to pray with a greater fervor.

Since our time together on Saturday, by God's grace, God's victory in my heart has been wonderful. I never had someone invest seven hours in caring about me without an ulterior motive. The appreciation of beautiful sights, the sharing, the witnessing we all received!! I simply was refreshed and strengthened to carry the battle on!

I wanted to tell you, however feeble words are, that I really appreciate all the times you've driven from Ft. Lauderdale to Palm Beach Gardens to share with us. I appreciate more thinking about the lonely hours when you were at Mother and Father Spence's house where, in spite of people's thoughts and circumstances, you sought the power of God. Even though you had nothing, you thought you might have had everything. This precious gift of faith when you did not have much around you has become a lighthouse to keep my feet from slipping on the rocks of doubt and discouragement. (It's by the grace of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord could this be.) I am thankful that you have persevered, and I know by God's grace so can I.

The Lord God of Israel bless you, through the mighty Name of Jesus, to receive strength, healing, and anointing in the Holy Ghost. Thank you for so much,

Thomas Young

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Special notice to all choirs, musicians, singers, and those who have special presentations which the Lord might use during the Waiting Upon God: Please list your sacred numbers and presentations on standard three-ring binder paper. Make two copies. Keep one copy for yourself and give the second copy to those at the registration table when you register. It would be helpful if each pastor would encourage your singers, groups and choirs to have their list prepared ahead of time to hand in at the registration tables upon arrival at the Omni.

Revival For Our Day, Inc.

June 25, 1990

Dear ones in Jesus the Christ,

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (St. John 3:16) We know that we are delivered through the blood of Jesus, through the mercy and grace of God, by faith. It is not in us, but is the gift of God. We are so thankful for the help and leadership of the Holy Spirit, for without Him we can do nothing. The devil is a liar and the father of lies, but Jesus is Lord and the Christ, the Son of the Most High God, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

A few Sunday mornings ago, after about twenty to forty minutes into the service, I asked Pastor Thomas, "Do you and Jefferson Todd have a song to sing?" He replied, "Yes, I called Todd over last night and we worked on a song together." So they came forward and sang: "We Are Living, We Are Dwelling." A few days later Pastor Thomas left for Mexico with Rev. Wright, and the next Sunday I felt this song should be sung again. Jefferson Todd, Edward, Michael Pierce and John David Keller came forward to sing it, and we were so thankful for how God directed. A little while later I sent Jefferson Todd to ask Judy Bruffy to get song number eight ready on her list of twenty-nine numbers. Of course, I didn't know what number eight was, but the Holy Spirit knew. After I had shared a while, Judy came forward and sang, "Lonely Voices." About a half hour to an hour later, a young woman arose and shared, "You know, I'm from Macon, Georgia, and I have recently come to Florida. I have been so lonely, and going from church to church trying to find home where I could sense God's love and presence." (You see, the Holy Spirit had led for this song a half hour to an hour before.) She said, "I have been administered to here this morning." We all knew it was only because of Jesus, the Holy Spirit of God.

The next Sunday I again felt that the song entitled: "We Are Living, We Are Dwelling," was to be sung, and asked the men to come forward. We had a wonderful time with this song as the men would sing a stanza and I would exhort about it. When they sang the phrase about the awakening of the nations, I then spoke a while on this. If one is awakened, it's because they have a signal or an alarm. The alarm must be from Jesus, from the Holy Spirit. It must not be of man's program or idea or ability. The awakening of the nations comes by the work of the Holy Spirit, of Jesus, the Risen from the Dead, the Christ at the right hand of the Father. He sounds the alarm. He leads. He's the only one Who can send the awakening to the nations, which we need to come back to holiness and righteousness.

We must not seek after the things of this world, for they will destroy. 1 John 2:15-16 reads: "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. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." We have to constantly press toward the mark, because the powers of the world are raging to prevent us and keep us from God's will. We have to rebuke the devil, that we might be overcomers. There are so many things in the world to try to prevent us from the awakening of the nations, the awakening of the family and of the individual. If the family is spiritually asleep in separation or conflict, if the church is asleep in powerlessness and no love, if the school is in an upheaval of drug abuse and the lack of submission to teachers; then the nation is in a slumbering state away from God and Christ.

Fifty-seven years ago I spoke about our people going to movies. I said to the gospel band, "I have the feeling that if you go to the Rivoli or to the Strand to see these movies, you will grow cold in your soul. It will work to take away what spiritual victory you have, and you will lose the fire and your first love. After a while there won't be a testimony, and you will finally drift away." The president of the gospel band told my father three or four years later, "Loran was right. That is the truth of what happened." There were a hundred and fifty saved in that revival, and in that number there were about fifty young people. And because most of them continued to participate in worldly things, they just drifted away from God's will and from God's way. The scripture says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world." The young people didn't think that by watching these movies, it would dampen their spirit. But, of course, it did, and that is why we must be careful what we watch. The things of the world will take the victory and the abiding of Jesus away from our heart. There are so many movies about violence and love affairs on television. There are those who think it's okay to watch some movies, but it takes away the sweetness of the presence of the Lord, the witnessing for Jesus. This spirit of the world gets in the mind and heart, and that is why there are so many murders and killings in the world today. One reason killings and murders have increased throughout our country, our states and our communities, is because people read certain kinds of literature or watch movies which are so hurtful to the inner life and communion with God. Anyone who knows about the body and its organs, knows that the slightest bit of alcohol is very damaging to the organs, the brain and the nervous system. The love of the world destroys and takes away health and victory. The world never brings peace and joy and lasting happiness.

We must press to be holy before God, so that we don't succumb to these worldly things that so entice in such an attractive manner.

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Many people in the world today have divorced and put away their companion. Divorce is grievous to God. We are not to grieve the Holy Spirit, whereby we are sealed unto the day of redemption. It's by the mercies of God and the blood of the Lamb that I can make it to do God's will and to love everyone as He loves us. When the spirit of the world enters in, there is no love and compatibility. There is no understanding and compassion. There is darkness and wrong reactions, causing hard places and crushing. We must press to say, "Get behind me, Satan," so that our nation, our government, our communities, our homes may be saved, and that the awakening may come to call us unto holiness, righteousness, and the will of God. We are not to lean to the will of the flesh or of men or the pleasures thereof. If we do not accept the truth and go with God unto holiness, obedience and self denial, then a strong delusion can be sent. We have to press so that we won't fall into the traps of the enemy. It's by the grace of God we can make it, dear ones, through His precious blood and sacred Word, by prayer and obedience, trusting with all of our heart and not leaning to our own understanding.

We need to seek Jesus and pray for souls to be saved, to really have the convicting power fall. Conviction falls when the church is awakened and souls are obedient; when the Holy Ghost is working and leading. People then get under conviction and wonder what is wrong with them. Their heart is heavy and they need to seek Jesus while He may be found. "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." (Isaiah 55:6-7) So we see that we have need of the great work of the Holy Spirit, the precious work, the sacred work of Jesus, in our heart. I need Him so very much. We must want nothing to do with the evils and the darkness of this world. We must want to be cleansed of all our sins, to be what the Lord would have us to be, to have the mind of Jesus. Phil. 2:5 says: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." The enemy is going about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour, and he enters in if any one of these worldly things takes over. A person is numb to it and doesn't realize it. They are not aware that it is destroying them. Many are in great upheaval because of this. They are burdened down and unhappy. They are frightened and wounded.

Our daughters, Martha and Nancy, shared at the end of the service the other Sunday, and oh, how God worked through them. As Martha was exhorting, persons were stirred and helped. I spoke on Isaiah 37:3: "And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth and there is not strength to bring forth." Nancy shared about when their daughter, Angel, was born. She labored for some

thirty-six hours, and there was no 'bringing forth'. She was in such suffering, and I went into the room and laid my hand on her forehead and called to our Heavenly Father, in the precious Name of the Holy Child, Jesus, to come down and bring forth this child. She said, "Oh, Daddy, it clicked. I felt it!" The power came into the pelvic area and the baby was born in some minutes. But it took God, the Holy Spirit, to do this.

The scripture says that if Zion travails, she will bring forth her children. But unless she comes to this travail, (and that means being separated from the world and all evils thereof) the children who are waiting to be born will not have strength to come forth. So you see, the time has come for the birth, but there is no strength in the body of the church to bring forth unless the Holy Spirit has full control and God's will is being done. The lost need to be saved, but we can't bring them in. Only the Holy Spirit can woo them, call them and bring them to Jesus. No man knows the Father except through the Son. So this travail is expedient, and comes by the Holy Spirit in prayer, in obedience, in yieldedness, in following and trusting, in loving everyone. Jesus said, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." (John 13:34) This comes by the work of the Holy Spirit in an obedient heart.

At the close of the service I tried to leave as I usually do, but wasn't able to go. As I waited, Edward came up to me bringing this young mother from the state of Georgia. She was so very happy and was like a new convert. She was thrilled, encouraged and lifted. My brother, Edward, asked her, "How did you find this place of worship?" She replied, "I asked at a Christian bookstore if they knew where there was a church in some school. They said that they had heard of one but didn't know where it was, so I just started calling the surrounding schools until I found one who said, 'Yes, there is a church that worships in a school over on Military Trail.'" The Holy Spirit worked with her and helped her to find this place of worship, where, by God's grace, she felt love. Only through Jesus, through God, could this be. It's by His holy presence, His Holy Spirit, the sacred blood of Jesus applied to the hearts of His trusting ones who are pressing upward toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

I've prayed so very little. Jesus wants each one of us to pray, to obey and witness. How long has it been since you personally witnessed to a person and talked to them about the need of Jesus, the need of knowing Him? Recently I was in a restaurant and was speaking to the hostess. She mentioned to me that so many people complain. This was rather hard on her. We are to encourage people and not complain and murmur. We are not to criticize or find fault. If we talk about anyone, we have violated the law of love, for Jesus said, "Judge not, lest ye be judged." When we find fault with people, the

Holy Spirit is grieved. We must not be foolish or have a teasing or worldly spirit. Some parents may tease their children and want to play with them, and then they don't know how to bring them to the right kind of discipline. If this is the case, it can bring serious consequences. This is very serious, and we must pray to know how to administer the right discipline to our children in a Christian manner rather than in a carnal and abusive way. We know we are to be kind and tender, sweet and long-suffering. The followers of Jesus are like that. "The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. (Gal. 5:22-23) This is evident in the soul who is following Jesus and going with God, denying self and taking up their cross daily to be crucified and to follow Jesus.

We are trusting for souls to be drawn and saved, for revival to come, for help and deliverance for that which we are so in need of. We are thankful for those who have fasted and prayed, who have sacrificed and waited on God and held us to the Throne. We are so needy and we thank you. We are trusting the Lord, through His Holy Spirit, to have mercy upon us in our various needs. Our financial need has been one that has needed much prayer. We have been grateful to you, dear ones, for praying and sending in what is needed. We are most unworthy, but deeply grateful. The news media recently mentioned that one of the highly esteemed television ministers is very much in need of finance, so there are other ministers and churches who also have certain financial need. We have not tried to press or to plead for finance, but simply try to trust, which we seem to know so little about. The Lord has been merciful, and we praise Him. He is able to give help to the fainting heart, to the discouraged soul, to the accused brethren. He wants us to be lifted up. He wants us to be lifters and not leaners, for leaners are always laying it upon someone else to do what should be done. He wants us to be obedient and not analyze. The need for the awakening is urgent and by God's grace can it be.

We thank each one of you again for praying and holding us to God. We give praise to Jesus for how He has helped and made a way. It's by His grace and mercy that we can be victorious and make it through to glory. We are thankful for our staff and secretaries, for our treasurer and financial secretary, for Rev. Oliver Hogue who has come to pray with our men, for Rev. Schultze, Rev. Richey, Rev. Reece, Rev. Morey, Rodney Dunn, and other ministers who have come to pray and to wait before the Lord.

Thank you for remembering to pray for the Waiting Upon God August 11-13th. We are thankful for those prayers, petitions and supplications, for without the Holy Spirit, the presence of Jesus, the leading of God, we can do nothing. We need the Holy Spirit to lead, for when God is leading souls can be fed, lifted, healed, blessed and directed.

The lost can be drawn by the Holy Spirit to conversion, and then to walk in light on to sanctification. Please remember to pray for protection for those traveling to and from the Waiting Upon God. We are thankful for the meal reservations that were sent in. However, only ninety-five reservations per meal have been counted, and we need to have a guarantee of 175. These meal reservations pay for the meeting room, which would be at quite a cost otherwise, and we appreciate your response to this need. Please mail your meal registration cards to: Vera Wagner, "Waiting," P. O. Box 494, Parker City, IN 47368. We are most dependent upon the Lord, and have nothing to boast about, save to cling to the holy cross of Jesus that we are to carry daily. It's through God's mercy and the blood of the Lamb that we're able to be victorious. We pray you all will be lifted, encouraged, blessed and helped.

Our grandson, David, shared with us the other day about how the Holy Spirit, the Lord Jesus, has been leading in the service and helping Brother John and those who assist him. He shared how God has been blessing and giving such precious help and encouragement to the dear ones of the congregation. We want to thank the Lord for this, for the power of God gives us that which we need, for underneath are the everlasting arms.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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p.s. Dear ones, our precious Daniel Light has included this beautiful letter, and we feel so unworthy and needy. We feel that we are the least of the all the Lord's servants, and we want to thank you for taking care and reading this precious word.

p.p.s I would like to add, if I may, the wonderful experience we had with Pastor John Mark Donnelly and his congregation at Margate, Florida:

This past Wednesday I called my brother, Edward, and mentioned that it was on my heart to go to Rev. Donnelly's at Margate, Florida. He said, "You know, this has been on my mind and heart for the last two or three days." I said "Let us go." When we arrived at the church Wednesday evening Pastor Donnelly said, "You know, we were to have a missionary meeting this evening, but I said that if you were to come, we would see if the Lord would allow or lead you to have the service." I replied, "I feel so very small and unworthy and needy." He just smiled and held the microphone in his hand. I placed it in the inner pocket of my coat and began to meditate on how to proceed. I turned to Sister Judy and said, "I believe you may get ready to sing number three on your list of numbers."

The meeting started with a beautiful song about coming into God's presence. Prayer was made, and then I felt that the pastor's wife, Joy, was to pray. Then there was a leading

for someone to pray whom I did not know. I said, "You may be very backward and timid, but I believe God will help you as you pray." I waited just a little while and no one responded, so I prayed. After prayer I said, "It is on my heart for a testimony." A young person began to witness about an experience that they had had the past week, and it was such a special time. I didn't know it, but learned later that these young people had been coming early in the morning to pray for souls, for the church and for revival. This young person had such a precious testimony.

A young lady then got up and was so excited about the Kingdom of God. She began to share certain experiences she had had, and would almost leap up in the air. She was under such an anointing that you seldom see in a young person. The young man sitting to my left was a twin to the first young person who testified, and he got up to witness. (I learned a day or so later that when this young woman found the church there, she told her classmates, "I've found a church who loves people." They asked her, "You really mean that? Is it really true?" She said, "Come and see." So they came and had been praying together early in the morning for some time. They had such joy and victory.) This young man to my left was telling about how the Lord had helped. He talked about how God helped in little things. When he sat down I said, "We're almost to the 'Palace of Little Things!'" I turned to Judy (about twenty-five to thirty minutes after the revelation that she was to sing number three) and said, "You may sing," and she started to laugh and chuckle in the Spirit. Joy came to accompany her and Judy began to sing, "Little is much when God is in it." I think the anointing was one of the greatest I had ever heard in that particular song being sung. Everyone was helped because of this precious testimony on little things and how God witnessed on this song before the meeting began. The anointing, the sweetness, the power of the Holy Spirit was in evidence.

I began to exhort on what took place in my life forty-seven years ago that morning, when I traveled to Atlanta to be with a Methodist

minister. On Sunday, the twentieth of June, I preached for him on "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not to thine own understanding." There is a weakness in us to lean to our own understanding. Since the Fall of Adam we try to figure things out. The fruit looked good to eat, but it wasn't God's will. They leaned to their own understanding. We are tempted to lean to our own understanding. The Word says to trust in the Lord with all of our heart and lean not to our own understanding. Many think it good to reason things out and try to analyze, but it's better to be led by the Word of God, the will of God and the leading of the Holy Spirit in the heart--not in physical operations or feelings, for Isaac was fooled by feelings. We are to go by the Word of God and the Holy Spirit's leading in the inner heart. We had such a time there speaking, and I became very happy. The Lord was so merciful to us. At the beginning of the service we were at the bottom, and when the Lord began to work the Holy Spirit lifted us up. We were in debt to the Lord.

At the close of the service, a man on the back seat got up with a light on his face and said, "You know, I knew I was to be at this prayer meeting. This is the first time I've ever been to prayer meeting here. I've come to worship, but not to prayer meeting. I knew I was to be here tonight." I learned a day or so later that he was the one who was supposed to pray. He told the pastor, "It was on my heart when the servant said, 'You ought to pray,' but I didn't have the courage to obey." At the close of the service he was on his feet sharing how glad he was to be there. It was very encouraging. If we are privileged to have the Holy Spirit lead at the Waiting Upon God like He led in this prayer meeting Wednesday night and in last Sunday's service, we will be so in debt to God. We will owe the Lord, our Heavenly Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit everything. It's through His mercy we are healed and protected and guided. We want to praise God in Jesus for help that we may be delivered unto victory. By God's grace can this be.

Brother Helm

Dear Friend,

We of the Revival for Our Day Board of Directors have asked Dr. Loran Helm's permission to contact those of you who support his ministry about a matter of deep concern to us. During the past several months the contributions upon which the Revival For Our Day ministry depends for support have declined sharply. At times the receipts have fallen behind schedule to such an extent that Brother Helm has felt the need to go without his salary, temporarily, until the deficit can be recovered.

We are grateful that individuals and churches have been able to answer recent appeals for special financial help in order that crisis could be avoided. It is apparent, however, that an increase of regular, faithful, consistent support is needed if the ministry of Revival For Our Day is to be conducted without recurring financial pressures.

We are more thankful than words can adequately express for the many whose contributions in the past have sustained the work of Revival For Our Day. We commend, as well, those hundreds of you who are presently giving on a regular basis, directly or through your church. We believe, however, that there may be hundreds more who appreciate and pray for Brother and Sister Helm and the Revival For Our Day staff who have not, as yet, committed themselves to a definite amount of regular financial support.

In order to provide that opportunity a time will be designated during one of the sessions at the upcoming Waiting Upon God in Cincinnati for individuals to respond to the financial need by means of a prepared commitment card which will be distributed at that time. Between now and the time of the Waiting Upon God, as you pray for the presence and anointing of God's Holy Spirit upon Brother Helm, pray also to determine the amount per month to which the Lord would have you commit to the regular financial undergirding of this vital ministry that we all believe to be so crucial in these last days.

Will you pray about what your part is to be in meeting this need?

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Revival For Our Day, thank you so very much for your love, obedience and faithfulness to Christ and his Kingdom. We look forward to seeing you in Cincinnati in August.

Sincerely,

Daniel S. Light
Daniel S. Light
President, Revival For Our Day

Revival For Our Day, Inc.

August 24, 1990

Dear ones in Jesus, greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

We are so thankful for your prayers, for our need of deliverance is continual that we follow Jesus and do always God's will--for the salvation of souls, for His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven, and to love one another as Jesus loves us. He has helped us in all the wonderful places He has privileged us to be by His guidance and protection, His anointing, help and provision. We want to share with you in this letter of the summary of our experiences as we were in these dear places of worship prior to the Waiting Upon God. We want to thank each fellowship for the wonderful care for us. For all the flowers, provision, love and help we received, we are grateful. We give Jesus all the glory, all the praise and all the honor for what He has done, what He is doing and for what He will do. Praise the Lord.

When we left our home on July 17th to go to Charleston, West Virginia, we felt ourselves very weak, both physically and spiritually. As we drove along we were just trusting for strength, and when we arrived in the Scott Depot area we felt inner help, strength, love and care. We were so appreciative of the Lord's precious help in ways we have seldom experienced. The precious ones there had different foods in our room for our evening meal, and my wife said to me, "I'll help you with the evening meal." But I said, "Oh, no, Honey, you go lie down," and I prepared her a beautiful sandwich and different fruits arranged on a plate. I was able to surprise her with a beautiful meal while she rested.

After a night's rest I arose early to meet Monte Chittum, who was going to drive me to David Anderson's so I could enter the church without anyone knowing. I wanted to surprise Rev. Oliver Hogue on his fifty-second birthday and their twenty-one years of labor in the Lord's work there at this precious church of Jesus our Savior. As I came into the pulpit area the pastor arose and we embraced. He mentioned something to me and I replied that he was to continue the service as planned. I took the chair nearest the piano and was quiet for one hour. After an hour had elapsed, I said to the pastor, "May I ask you if it's alright to request the choir to sing number thirteen on their list?" I said, "Now this number could have been sung in the last thirty minutes." When they began to sing, "Man cannot live by bread alone," we realized that song had been sung twenty to thirty minutes before. The pastor later told me, "In my morning walk I asked the Lord, 'If the servant were to come in the service this morning, oh, Heavenly Father, in Jesus' Name, would You see fit to reveal to him one of the numbers the staff has prayed over for this morning's service?'" Jesus laid the same number on my heart, and his prayer was answered. We give God all the glory, Jesus all the praise and honor.

I did not feel like I could speak, but after the choir had sung that number, I was on my feet sharing about Jesus being led into the wilderness and tempted of the devil. He anointed me like seldom I had experienced, and I felt so in debt to the Holy Spirit for this word from God. We were thankful indeed. When I finished speaking, the pastor, who is an excellent scholar, told me he felt it was a masterpiece. I was preaching before I even realized it and had no notes to go by.

That afternoon I knew I was to go to Thomas and Shirley Dolin's restaurant. We made our way there, and upon our arrival I was amazed to see the sign which read, "Welcome, Brother Helm." We had quite a precious time of sharing there, especially with their son-in-law, Todd. This time of sharing was worth more than the meal, and that was wonderful.

That evening Roger, Robert Allen, Edward and I went to Maranatha Fellowship for the evening service. There were four hundred and fifty in attendance and we began the meeting feeling so inadequate and feeble. I thought maybe we could have some singing, but knew I was to ask if there was a scripture on someone's heart. A man in the balcony arose and quoted: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." I began to preach and spoke for one hour. Rev. Wright said that many came to the altar bringing their burdens to God. Even after the service had officially ended, twenty to thirty came to pray. We were so in debt to God for how He helped, guided and directed.

On Monday evening we made our way to Fayetteville Christ Fellowship, and the Lord, the Holy Spirit gave guidance and direction. My wife was helped as she played the prelude, and the Lord helped in prayer, in singing and in speaking. The service was so dear as different ones reviewed the previous meetings. And oh, how the Lord helped us as we reviewed the Nigerian trip. I then spoke for a while on St. John, chapter three, and felt so in debt to the Lord for His wonderful help and mercy to us.

The next night we went to Pearisburg, Virginia, to be with Ronald and Peggy Hogue. The welcome was so dear and the Holy Spirit so precious to guide in those three to four hours. The Lord helped me to speak from Ephesians, chapter three--on being a "dear child", "husbands love your wives", and the "Glorious Church". Going into the fifth hour, the Lord came in a wonderful way that cannot be explained. A number of souls were at the altar, and dear ones were helped and encouraged.

Then we left Pearisburg to travel on to Clarence and Nancy Pribble's church in Lynchburg, where God worked and led and directed. Two years ago the Lord led me to love

the man there who parks the cars. He said that when I loved him, the power of the Holy Spirit went through his being and he has not been the same since. The doctors told him four years ago that he would not live two years, but God has been helping him and only through the Lord, the Holy Spirit can this be. Different ones shared that they could not explain what a great time we had together in fellowship. God helped and anointed Florence as she played the piano.

After a while we began to have testimonies and singing, and then I began to preach on the eighth chapter of St. John, verse two, concerning the adulterous woman. God gave such wonderful help which I had never been privileged to have before in this text. We owe it all to Jesus, knowing it's nothing in us, but everything in Him. People came to the altar and there was victory and help. All the while I kept looking for Jeannie Light and her daughter, who, together with Jeannie's first cousin and her husband, were lost for two-and-a-half hours trying to find the church. The service had ended, people were at the altar praying and the congregation was singing, "Just As I Am", when Jeannie and her dear ones walked in. Daniel Light (Jeannie's brother) then came forward and sang, "Ordinary People," and I asked Roger to go share with Jeannie to get ready to sing number three on her list. After Daniel had sung this beautiful song, Jeannie came up and began to sing, "When I looked into His eyes, I knew I was forgiven." This song was about the adulterous woman! Jeannie didn't know what the sermon was or anything about the service! She had been lost for two-and-a-half hours and had just walked in! Only God could help like that! Jesus is to be thanked, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost to be praised! Everyone there was shocked and amazed. Daniel said it was about as graphic an illustration as had ever been. I thought how wonderful it was that the Lord would allow that revelation for song number three. We owe it all to God, in Jesus' Name for His help, His guidance and direction. Amen.

We went on from there to Chimney Lane in Asheboro, North Carolina, and God worked again as He had in years gone by. The Hickory Choir sang under such an unusual anointing, and only God could help a choir to sing as they did. The Chimney Lane choir also sang beautifully. All of our precious singers were under a sweet anointing as we met there together. We were all most grateful to our Heavenly Father for such help and encouragement. We are not able to convey the wonder of it all, or explain how God worked there. We want to thank the Lord for victory in the Holy Ghost.

From there we traveled on to Hickory Christ Fellowship at Hickory, North Carolina, where God helped us in sharing. Jesus then helped me to preach on "Honor thy father and thy mother". He helped me in such a realm that the precious pastor there was deeply stirred. He would chuckle and say, "If I gave you a summary of the situation of our people, you would be amazed." Of course, I knew nothing

about any situations, but God came and gave help and victory. Thomas Mullins has told me now for six years that it was as though I were in counseling sessions with him the night before. We want to give Jesus all the praise and honor, for only through Him can this ever be.

On Sunday morning we went to Pigeon Forge Christ Fellowship, Sevierville, Tennessee, and God helped so preciously there also. The prayers and singing were all so wonderfully anointed of God. My wife was weary and not able to attend this service. Michael Benjamin was at the piano as we had asked him to prepare to sing. We reviewed that years ago God revealed to me he was to sing a certain number on his list and he sang "In the Garden" under such an anointing we had not heard in four to five years. After this time of review Michael began to sing "In the Garden." We did not know the title of the song he was to sing! We just knew it was a certain number on his list! We can't thank Jesus enough for His wonderful guidance and direction, His help and anointing. We were all amazed, surprised, helped and encouraged. We give God all the glory and praise, for it is only through Him this could ever be again. We give Jesus all praise and glory for what He has done, what He is doing and for what He will do. Praise the Lord.

From there we traveled on to Clinton, Tennessee, to be with Rev. and Mrs. Paul Cox. While we were praying in the pastor's study, the Lord revealed He would sanctify souls that night. I spoke one hour or more on first Corinthians, chapter one, verse ten, and many came forward to pray at the altar. Eight persons came all the way from Asbury College to attend the service, and one young man came to the altar to pray for sanctification. A lady was there who had been away from the Lord twenty-three years, and that night the Holy Spirit drew her. There was such a light on her face. What a victory! The pastor was so happy because God was blessing and reclaiming and sanctifying lives! We were experiencing a time of rejoicing. The singers were under a special anointing. Robert Allen and Roger were anointed time and again. We want to thank Jesus for what He has done, what He is doing and for what He will do. Praise the Lord.

We are thankful for all the prayers of God's people for us. We try to help a mother and her children a few thousand miles away from us. Some days ago I asked Kathleen to take some money we had saved and express mail it to this mother and her children. Recently she wrote: "Oh, Daddy and Mother, my children and I were hungry. How did you know my children and I were hungry?" I didn't know, but felt like we were to take from what we had and send it to those in need. We are so thankful for God's mercy to lead, guide and direct, for it's only through Jesus we can make it day by day, moment by moment.

We feel so unworthy, but deeply grateful for all your prayers, your sacrifice and fasting for us. We are thankful for how the

Lord helped Son Jon feel such joy in editing the last newsletter. A music teacher from Rochester, New York, shared with me that three to five days after receiving the letter, he was able to read it and the message was just what he needed that day. Jack Hurst shared that a few years ago he was reading a newsletter and I was praying in that letter for prostate gland trouble. He claimed that prayer and was healed. We give Jesus all the praise and honor, for only in Him can this ever be. We want to thank Jesus for what He has done, what He is doing, and for what He will do. We thank each of you for all your love, care and sacrifice.

We are thankful to our staff, our treasurer, our financial secretary, our secretaries and assistants for their holding on and believing. We must deny ourselves constantly from the second of conversion on, because if we don't deny ourselves instantly, then we are backslidden and just existing rather than following. We must deny self and praise the Lord as Jesus, the Holy Spirit, leads us to do. May the Lord encourage, help and strengthen each of you as you follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

Loran W. Helm

p.s. The Waiting on God at Cincinnati was so precious, and we are very grateful to the Lord for how He helped us there. A dear one was telling me that one person was privileged to lead someone to Jesus there in the hotel, and he got so happy he ran over to another person and said, "Come here, this woman will take you to Jesus."

We appreciate your writing thank you notes to the various ones. We especially would like you to write a note of appreciation to John Bruffy for his time, equipment and knowledge, for his ability in working with the hotel's computer system to broadcast the meetings on Channel 7. This was all such a wonderful help to us. Their address is: Mr. & Mrs. John Bruffy, 6465 Royal Palm Blvd., Margate, FL 33063. We want to thank each of you for your notes and letters of encouragement of how God helped. We would like to share the following letter with you, as it, like many, was a wonderful report.

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Helm,

How can we praise God enough for how He helped during the Waiting Upon God. It was such a glorious time in the Kingdom. The message on the heart and leaning not to our understanding was tremendous. We praise God for how He helped you to give us such rich food. We were privileged to ride down on an elevator with a young black man by the name of John who was working when you arrived at the Omni. He asked us if we were with Revival For Our Day, and when we said, "Yes," he lit up. He shared that he had met you and had even received a copy of your book. We shared with him a while and he was so touched

by Jesus in your lives. He said that you made work different that day.

Thank you for your consistent obedience to every leading of the Holy Spirit. (It's by God's grace.) We are praying for you and are trusting to take care of every need and situation. We love you both very much.

Love,
Timothy and Rita Harman

----- ISRAEL PILGRIMAGE NOVEMBER 3-12, 1990

The Holy Spirit has directed that we once again journey to Israel to love all the peoples of that great land. By God's grace, mercy and protection we depart November 3rd and return home November 12th. In speaking with Tina Brazil, our travel agent, she has informed us that El Al airline is willing to give us a considerable discount, which is \$252.00 less than another airline. Tina is very excited, because she has never had an airline give her two hundred seats at once with Non-Refundable Tickets and a promise of as many seats as needed up to the entire airplane.

SPECIAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS: The price from New York is \$2,000.00, plus domestic air fare to New York. Your name and a deposit of \$100.00 must be in by September 28th. The additional \$900.00 must be in by October 5th, after which the price goes up \$200.00. Tickets must be written by October 5th in order to get the discount. Balance due on October 15, 1990. PLEASE CALL TINA BRAZIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE: 317/842-5906.

We are trusting Jesus for the wisdom, the knowledge and the anointing to be upon each one who feels called of the Lord to make this sacred pilgrimage. Please pray morning and evening for all to be protected as they travel, for hearts to be cleansed and sanctified, that our witness for Christ will be pure and undefiled, and under His holy anointing in all that we say, in all that we do not say, and in all that we do.

----- A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS ON CASSETTE

It is with joy, thanksgiving and anticipation of God's blessing that we make this announcement of the book, A Voice in the Wilderness now being offered on cassette. Rev. Daniel S. Light narrates this pilgrimage of God's servant, Rev. Loran W. Helm. These cassettes have been done professionally with hi-tech equipment, giving them superior quality. There are eight cassettes which are in a beautiful vinyl album with front and back slip sheets printed by Harmony Press, which are identical to the book. This makes a very attractive album and the spine is printed as the book so that it works nicely on a book shelf. The initial offering of the VOICE CASSETTES was at the Waiting Upon God in Cincinnati, Ohio, where two-thirds of our

stock was sold. The price of the album is \$35.00, plus postage, handling and tax where applicable, and can be ordered from Evangel Voice Publications, using the enclosed order form. You may make your check payable to Evangel Voice Publications or we will be happy to invoice you with your shipment.

The responses to these cassettes have been that of joy, help, healing, guidance and thanksgiving. Many are purchasing these for Christmas and other gifts. We want to thank all who have already gotten their sets and encourage those who have not to order as soon as possible. The anointing of Rev. Helm's message and pilgrimage comes through Rev. Light in the narration. We praise the Lord for this.

We want to thank Daniel for all the hours of work and dedication in the narration. We thank David Dunigan for his proficiency in producing the cassettes and David East for all the technical engineering he performed. These men spent some fifty studio hours in this production. We thank Edward Helm for all the arrangements, organization and hard work in getting these completed for the Waiting Upon God. We also thank Sally Ullom for the beautiful oil-painted poster advertising A Voice in the Wilderness on Cassette. We especially thank Rev. Jon Cullum for the vision he has had over the years for the Voice cassettes, for the burden he has carried, for the prayers he has offered to God concerning the book, the cassettes, and all the cares and concerns for Evangel Voice Publications, and for each of you.

AUDIO AND VIDEO CASSETTES OF THE WAITING UPON GOD

Both audio cassettes and video cassettes are available from the Waiting Upon God held in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 11-13, 1990. A number placed their orders for these at the meetings, but others may have not had opportunity to order as yet. We have enclosed an order form for your convenience.

There are 21 90-minute audio-Cassettes recorded monophonically. They come in two book-size albums which store conveniently on your bookshelf. The approximate cost will be around \$40.00 for the complete set, plus postage, handling and tax where applicable.

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Thank you.

Revival For Our Day, Inc.

September 17, 1990

Dear ones in Jesus our Savior, the Rock of Ages, the Rose of Sharon, the Bright and Morning Star; greetings,

Jesus is the Christ at the right hand of God Who is soon to return to the earth; and the Holy Ghost revival, the awakening, the work of the Holy Spirit is so needed in all countries, in all churches, in all homes.

The second chapter of first Corinthians beginning with verse fourteen reads: "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him. 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? But we have the mind of Christ." Then the first verse of the third chapter reads: "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ." Now I have just read to you of three different types of people in the church and in the world--the natural man, the carnal man and the spiritual man.

The first one includes all peoples of all races, of all tribes, of all colors, of all educational experiences. The natural man is the person who has never known Christ or God. The natural man is the person who loves the things that he loves. He loves the world and the things of the world. He enjoys the worldly system. The natural man is the unsaved soul who doesn't know anything about the abiding of the Christ, of God. He has never experienced conversion, the new birth, and doesn't understand the things of the working of God. Every man and woman born since Adam needs to know Jesus as Lord in order to leave the natural man to go to conversion and on into the saved life.

Now, the natural man tries to reason and work out a system for himself. Adam tried to reason and figure things out and he fell. Lot chose to leave the place God wanted him to dwell and brought chaos to the world because he made the choice of his own natural mind. When Jonah chose to go to Tarshish it wasn't God's will. God's will was for him to go to Ninevah. He made the choice in the natural mind to go to Tarshish and a tragic storm arose. The natural mind always prevails in the natural life.

Since the Fall of Adam the natural mind has caused problems, and Jesus Christ came to solve them. God sent the prophets, but Israel wouldn't hear them. Israel said they wanted a king. God didn't want them to have a king, but Israel said, "We want a king like other nations." The natural mind always wants something he sees that he can pattern himself after--popularity, possessions, esteem, accumulation, station in life. I want you to know this comes out of the natural mind, not the spiritual mind. Israel got their king and he stood head and shoulders

above all Israel. Did you know that this man prophesied? The power of God came upon him and he prophesied! But he made a choice in the natural mind. He chose not to obey God when God sent him to slay the Amalakites. He chose to bring back the king and the best sheep and oxen. Because Israel CHOSE to have a king, even though he prophesied, he made the wrong choice. He leaned to his own understanding in the natural mind.

Verse twenty-seven of the fourth chapter of Galatians says: "For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband." There are so many more in the natural mind who have never found their way from carnality on to the spiritual mind. Verses twenty-eight and twenty-nine read: "Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now." So, you see, it says right here in the Word of God that all those in the natural mind put pressure upon those who walk with God. Jesus had all power in heaven and earth, and when He came, of all the elders and scribes who knew the pentateuch and the prophets, not one of them knew Him Who framed the world.

So there is the natural man, the carnal man and the spiritual follower of Jesus Christ. The only way we leave the person of the natural man is through a door. "I am the door," Jesus said. "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Jesus Christ, born of the virgin Mary, is the way from the natural mind. The instant we are converted, (when we ask Jesus to forgive us of all our sins and apply His precious blood to our hearts and to come in by faith) that instant we leave the natural mind. But we have a principle within that we were born with resulting from Adam's choice. It's called the carnal state, the double mind. Our sins are all forgiven, but the inner sin of jealousy, spite, anger, wrath--all these hidden evils--are in the carnal mind. It is called the SIN PRINCIPLE.

As soon as Jesus saves us we are on our way. Oh, we have such joy and victory, but in just a few seconds the power of self comes in and cools us down. It says, "Don't witness. Don't testify. You don't have to obey every leading." I was so happy when I was converted. When I went to the altar, even though I had prayed for fifteen to sixteen years, it took me a while to pray through. I was saying, "Jesus, I'm too little to preach. I can't do it." He said, "I've called you to preach." I didn't know how to preach then and I still don't know how. Oh, but then the light came in above me and I left the natural mind. I was so happy that I thought I would surely take off! But still I was carnal.

I am talking about leaving the natural world to come into the next sphere called the

carnal mind. We are born with a carnal heart. When Jesus saves us, He saves us from all our SINS, but we still have the SIN PRINCIPLE that came in when Adam and Eve chose to disobey God. Many people are kept from victory because they disobeyed two seconds after conversion. Now you can always tell whether someone has the victory or not by the way they look. Have you ever heard of a school teacher who couldn't tell when the children had their lessons? Do you know that every school teacher can tell who has their lesson done by the way they look? Everyone, of course, will act like they've studied, but those who have studied have a certain look, and those who haven't are trying to get that look. A teacher can quickly tell who has and who doesn't have their lesson prepared. Those who do have their lesson done have a relaxed look. They have the answer. When a student doesn't have the answer, they have a certain look, and they work so hard to get the right look that it's obvious.

The carnal mind constantly wants to be what it isn't. The carnal mind will not let a heart obey and that is why it must be denied. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself." Self denial is the first step after conversion. After Jesus has come and forgiven you of all your sins and your heart is filled with the joy of salvation, the Holy Spirit then says: "Give God the praise and the glory." Self instantly rises up and says, "You be quiet." A lot of people wonder why they aren't led of the Holy Spirit. It's because at conversion they didn't obey the leading of the Holy Spirit. The carnal nature (self) will put up such a battle to keep us in the carnal state because the devil knows that as long as we are in that state the fire isn't going to fall.

Salvation is received by faith, not by feeling. A lot of people go by feeling, but you can't trust your feelings. After my conversion the Holy Ghost told me to go to my coach's home for prayer. It was late at night, but I knew I had to obey. If we do not do what the Holy Spirit says to do after conversion, we do not have another revelation until we repent of that disobedience. But as soon as we repent of that failure to do God's will, we are immediately back on the way. Where are we going? to become a spiritual man. What's the way? Jesus, the Word of God. And the only power that will get us there is the work of the Holy Spirit through obedience. The only way to go from the carnal man to the spiritual man is to obey every leading of the Holy Spirit, and then the blood of Jesus Christ brings us from death to life.

We must realize that that old SIN PRINCIPLE, which caused Israel to choose a king and Jonah to go to Tarshish, will try to rise up in our lives as soon as we are converted; and we experience the battle of the carnal nature. We all have it. Paul said he had to die daily. Now when we cease dying, carnality is back on the throne. That is why Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." It's a continual dying. The

early church thought the cross was the putting on of black robes, eating bread and water and living in seclusion. That is the exterior life. The interior life is where the secret is. As long as we are carnal, we make the carnal choice. David was a man after God's own heart, but he made the choice of the flesh. He didn't need another wife, and neither did Solomon. Carnality always reasons things out to try and make wrong choices seem attractive.

Now the way to leave the carnal nature and the sin thereof is through Jesus Christ, by His blood and power. To be cleansed from the carnal life is to obey the Holy Spirit by inner denial and the cross. Many people think the cross is the trouble they have with their children, with their parents, with their neighbors, with their work. That is not the cross. It is a result of a wrong choice made in the flesh from the age of eight to twenty. This carnal nature, as long as it is dominant, will only allow us to obey the Lord occasionally. This is why we don't live a consistent life of victory.

To leave the carnal life we must deny self continuously. Jesus talked about it and prayed about it. In the seventeenth chapter of St. John He said, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." Verse eighteen and nineteen reads: "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." He is already pure. He is already perfect. But He said, "...for their sakes." He said, "I'm going to come to this place so that they might also be sanctified through the truth." Verse twenty continues: "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one." This means to leave the carnal nature. "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."

The reason the world has been so discouraged with the church is that so many people are still living in a sinful way, a selfish way, a jealous way, a critical, fault finding and judgemental way. Every time we find fault with someone, we set ourselves up as a judge. Jesus said in the seventh chapter of Matthew, verse one: "Judge not, that ye be not judged." Until the Holy Ghost came into my heart in 1942, I didn't know it was a sin to find fault, murmur or judge people. He showed me that I was to never again speak to my wife about anyone's faults.

Now the carnal man reasons that it is alright to find fault just a little. In the carnal life you can do just about anything you might want to do. Of course, you don't drink or smoke or commit adultery or fornication. Anyone who is yet carnal knows that is wrong. But the carnal nature will keep us from the continual life of obedience because the devil knows that if a group of people will deny self and obey every leading, they

will finally become one. They will become sanctified, as Jesus said, and be one as the Father and Son are one.

Disobedience is why there is sin and death in the church. The natural man is full of discord. The carnal man is full of upheaval. The spiritual man has great battles, but they come from without. He has to fight the devil constantly because the carnal nature wants to return. We stay in the carnal nature unless we deny self continually day after day, week after week, month after month and year after year. Then in God's time, if we are faithful, He will bring us to a cross of inner death where we will come to the spiritual man, leaving those things which are behind and being filled with the Holy Ghost. Only a few in the ages have been willing to do it. That is why there is very little glory in the church today.

I heard Billy Springfield preach one time: "I believe there are more things in the church causing people to be lost than there are in beer joints." He was a great evangelist. He meant that carnality in men and women in the church (disagreements and carnal opinions) does more damage than what goes on in the bar. The trouble is inside the church. If there are carnal men and women on church boards, there is no agreement. There is no harmony. But if there are spiritual men and women on a church board, there is perfect harmony. Jesus said that they all speak the same thing. They are perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgement. There is no division among them. He was describing the spiritual man, the spiritual life.

Jesus describes the carnal man in the third chapter of First Corinthians: "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." That tells the story, doesn't it? In the carnal mind there is envying, strife and division. That is why, unless everyone in the church makes restitution and becomes cleansed of the carnal nature, there is not quite the light there should be or could be. And Jesus touches my heart on "could be".

The carnal man knows he's not to sin. He knows that, but has an awful warring inside himself. Paul said in the seventh chapter of Romans: "For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do." So when we try to obey, self rises up and that's what holds us back. We have to die to self to obey God. I want you to know that the carnal nature reasons. Do you know what the spiritual man does? he follows. How does he follow? by dying. He has to die to his own opinion, and not look at the weaknesses of others. He doesn't dwell on that, for if he did, he would be carnal in seconds. Self always wants to come back in and that is why the church needs encouragement.

The greatest battle against carnality comes just seconds after conversion. It determines whether we are going to be carnal or spiritual. If we listen to self and don't praise the Lord, we lose the fire. I have visited churches who had great victory. When I would return, they didn't have any testimony at all. Self-assertiveness had stepped in and people didn't obey and give God the praise. The result is darkness and shadows, and this takes place all over the world.

Carnality is our foe. It is called the inbred sin nature. My greatest concern is that if people do not deny self after conversion, they will go into a backslidden state and remain carnal. Carnality has strife, division, analyzation and evil. It is camouflaged and saying, "I'm not too bad. I'm as good as anyone else." The spiritual man will say, "It's only by the grace of God I can make it. It's only by the help of the Holy Spirit that I can live victoriously and not fall back into the judgemental life." One of the true signs of a carnal life is the judgemental spirit, murmuring, complaining and the love of the world.

Jesus said that we are to become one as the Father and Son are one. That is the spiritual life. We cannot do this ourselves. It's through Jesus as we deny self and take up our cross. The cross is unseen. It is where we are cleansed and sanctified. Everyone can have this life through Jesus, through the help of the Holy Spirit, through the blood of the Lamb and the Word of God as they follow in humility. We try to detour self denial to get to victory. Since the Fall of Adam, man has been trying to find a shortcut to spiritual communion. There isn't any. The carnal nature has tried to bypass the cross life. It works constantly to bypass the very things that have caused trouble. This is why there is no harmony in the church, in the work place, or in the home.

The spiritual man must go by faith in the midst of darkness, battle, struggle and storms. It's in simplicity and in victory. The natural man doesn't receive the things of God. They are foolishness to him. The carnal man doesn't want to hear it. He doesn't want to know he has to die to self to become spiritual. Jesus said, "If ye abide in me." What is the secret of that? The secret is simple. The second after conversion obey and witness, or do what Jesus tells you to do. The secret of abiding is prayer, reading the Word, witnessing, self denial and assuming the cross. This is the way to victory. Now when self is denied, it wants to come right back and make the choice. But Jesus is there, (and that touches me) and He can't live in the heart where self is assertive.

Some years ago I shared this with Happy Hill and he said, "Please come to my church and tell us because we need it so badly. I've never heard or read this. I didn't know that if you found fault with someone you've grieved the Holy Spirit." He wept like a child. He said, "Please come and tell our congregation what God has shown you. We need

to get out of this thing we're in; this conflict and our own opinions." He was in dead earnest. Some time later I was able to preach this message at his church, and when I finished preaching the bishop arose and said, "This is the sermon that we needed today."

Jesus said, "Sanctify them through the truth." Jesus is the truth. The Word is the truth. We are sanctified by faith, and when that begins we're on our way. Don't expect manifestations. Expect only what God wants to give you. Whatever you expect you seldom ever receive, but what you don't expect you get. The spiritual person says, "I don't know what God's plan is, but what He has is better than what I can think of." My father always wanted to own his father's farm. When he finally owned the farm, it was one of his greatest burdens and he couldn't get rid of it fast enough. If you will walk in the spiritual mind and forsake everything and deny yourself, Jesus will give you a better experience than can be told. Even though we've been in severe trials, the Lord has been so precious to bring us step by step from conversion through this carnal path to the road of self denial and the cross, following Jesus moment by moment, breath by breath.

Now when we follow Jesus that is as far as we see. Most people want to follow and know where they are going. When you follow Him you are flying blind. You are going by the instrument. What is it called? "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." Most of us don't want to trust with all our heart. We want to trust with just part of it. If Jonah would have trusted with all his heart, he would have gone immediately to Ninevah. If Israel could have known, they would have said, "God, You're our King. We're not going to make a choice." Israel's choice finally led to the northern and southern kingdoms--the division.

In the carnal nature everything is divided and you have a spiritual disease. An appendix is not very big, but when it's infected it will put you in the hospital. If you have one carnal man or woman on a church board or in a congregation, that church is hospitalized. Just one carnal mind can stagnate and bring everything to a halt. "For as the body is one and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many." (1 Cor. 12:12-14) This scripture continues on concerning the foot and parts of the body. When we are converted we are somewhere in His body. Now the carnal person is going to try to figure out where they are and how it's all going to turn out. The spiritual man just follows and keeps His eyes on Jesus. He witnesses when God leads. He waits when God leads. He gives God the glory and Jesus all the praise. He knows there is nothing in him, because everything is in God and His Word.

If we live in the carnal life we are blinded. But as soon as self is denied the blinds are gone and we obey. If self makes the choice, the blinds return. Jesus said many times, "We have eyes to see and we see not. We have ears to hear and we hear not." This is because of carnality and the self-assertive life, which brings spiritual blindness. But you see, we've got to die to this old nature and we can't do it ourselves. It's only through the work of the Holy Spirit, through the truth of Christ Jesus.

Those of the natural mind love the world and the things of the world. The Word says: "Love not the world, neither the things in the world. For if any man love the world, the love of the father is not in him." The world is constantly going to try to get a hold of us to get us to love something to keep us from being a spirit-filled person. But take hope! Read the Word! Rejoice! Pray! The spiritual life is full of praise. A spiritual person is endeavoring to give God the praise and glory. The spiritual mind is leaving everything to God, and the carnal mind is always in the examining business. We are born that way. Isn't it something that for two thousand years the carnal nature has tried to defeat us from the will of God? Even people who are born again and transformed wonder what in the world is wrong. It's because self-assertiveness will not allow us to obey the Word of God and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

The eighth chapter of Romans, verse fourteen says: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Now the secret of that is right after conversion when we must deny self to obey the leading of the Holy Spirit. Is this simple enough? Oh, if only we could convey this. When Jesus was here He cried for the people to hear Him. He knew what was in man and He knew they weren't hearing very well. Does this message clarify and answer some questions? We need to have courage and hope. We know the remedy. It's all through Jesus, through the Holy Spirit. We must yield ourselves to Him and let Him cleanse and sanctify us, because carnality is that sin principle which is still not cleansed and sanctified.

In the spiritual life Jesus has preeminence. This only comes by inner denial after conversion. The longer we do not deny self, the longer we stay carnal. But if we deny self and take up the cross, then He comes and cleanses out this old man, this old inbred sin nature and His presence comes in with such sweetness and compassion. Carnal people are not compassionate. Spiritual people are compassionate with all peoples. There is no pressure. There is no pointing of fingers and saying, "You're this or that." If it wasn't for Jesus, by the grace of God, I would be terribly lost. It's only through the blood of the Lamb and the mercies of God that I'll make heaven. Did you know that it's a constant battle? Within every human heart the self pulls and the Holy Spirit says, "Follow." Self tries to lead us into the ideas of man and the love of the world.

The Holy Spirit is trying to lead us to higher ground.

You will find great understanding in the spiritual life, but in the carnal life there is no understanding--only questions. The carnal life is full of questions. The spiritual man is following the One Who has all the answers, and the questions don't even have to be asked. When you are trusting you are not asking. You are following. It's only by God's grace we can make it. There is no strength in us, but everything is in Jesus. Without God, without Christ we are just tinkling cymbals and sounding brass, but when He lives in us we have a song. There is romance, thrills and adventure. It's only through Jesus this can be. It's through the blood of Jesus, for we have nothing to boast about, save on the cross of Christ to glory. We haven't anything in our hands to bring.

We cannot get to the spirit-filled life by figuring, or by something we think or merit. We only arrive there by the grace of God and the blood of the Lamb as we deny self, assume the cross, become cleansed of the carnal nature and follow in humility to childlike-ness. The only way we get through the path of the carnal nature is by humility and obedience, the Word of God indwelling. We have to lift the shield of faith and believe, because carnality will not let us get out of that place. It's worse than a prison, and our deliverance is being willing to pray, believe, have faith like a little child, deny self and become filled with the Holy Spirit. And Jesus is the only One Who can help us through.

It's encouraging, isn't it, to know we don't have to be carnal? to know we don't have to find fault or judge or press people? The church is supposed to be compassionate, loving, understanding, helpful, hopeful and full of faith. There is a lot of work to be done and the fields are white to harvest. But the laborers are few. Who are the laborers? They are those who will deny self, take up their cross and follow. It's a wonderful land to explore, isn't it?

We want to thank each one of you for praying for us, for we need your prayers so much. We are thankful for our staff, our treasurer, our financial secretary, our secretaries and assistants. We want to express our gratitude to each one at Harmony Press for their labors in the printing of our newsletter. We feel so unworthy, but deeply grateful for all your financial help, sacrifice and fasting on our behalf. We sense ourselves to be very little servants of God, simply the least of Jesus' children. For those who are carrying the financial burden and the prayer burden, we are so grateful, unworthy, needy and thankful. Only in Jesus, in His sacred blood, in His holy Word, through the power of the Holy Spirit can we be delivered moment by moment, step by step, breath by breath.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm
Loran W. Helm

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We wanted to share this encouraging letter with you:

Dear Rev. Helm and Florence,

Well, we are back in Florida after some of the very best times we have ever had in our lives. First, it was being with and seeing family and friends that we still have in Michigan City and La Porte, Indiana. Then Norm's fifty-year reunion. This was really good, especially to see his friend Jack who he had gone through prison camp with. We had been told he had died, but the wrong name was put in the paper. At the reunion in he walked. What a reunion!

All this, but more wonderful times ahead. The good, relaxed time spent with your brother, Terrance and his wife, Martha, who made us feel so much at home and like part of the family. The time spent with you showing all the special things and places that have made up your life was like a beautiful book of memories to see and hear about. What fun the pony rides were and what a dinner we had. We have never had better or don't think we ever will. What a great time we had.

Our time in Cincinnati will always stand out as a most important time of our life. Maybe especially for me since I had never seen or felt so close to God before. Norm always came home on cloud nine after being with you or your church, and now I see why. What a beautiful, wonderful time that has not left us or will never be forgotten.

As for myself, I have never felt the presence of Jesus like this before. He was always there, but not like now. I am so much happier now and so is Norm, as our love is much stronger toward each other and all around us. On a scale of 1 to 10, your talk on the "cold heart" would have to be a 10+. It was wonderful!

Juanita Reeg

----- ISRAEL PILGRIMAGE NOVEMBER 3-12, 1990

SPECIAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTION REMINDER:
The price from New York is \$2,000.00, plus domestic air fare to New York. Your NAME and a DEPOSIT of \$100.00 must be in by SEPTEMBER 28th. The additional \$900.00 must be in by OCTOBER 5th, after which the price goes up \$200.00. Tickets must be written by OCTOBER 5th in order to get the discount. BALANCE DUE ON OCTOBER 15th. Please call Tina Brazil as soon as possible: 317/842-5906.

We are trusting Jesus for wisdom, the knowledge and the anointing to be upon each one who feels called of the Lord to make this sacred pilgrimage. The Lord has blessed us with the opportunity to take four to six hundred people to Israel through the years. May we mention that we will not be able to take as many dear ones on this journey because the finance is not available? I know there are precious individuals who are hoping for a way to be provided, but since the finance is less we will not be able to take as many as we

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have in recent journeys. Please pray morning and evening for all to be protected as they travel, for hearts to be cleansed and sanctified, that our witness for Christ will be pure and undefiled, and under His holy anointing in all that is said, all that is not said, and in all that we do.

A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS ON CASSETTE

It is with joy, thanksgiving and anticipation of God's blessing that we make this announcement of the book, A Voice in the Wilderness now being offered on cassette. Rev. Daniel S. Light narrates this pilgrimage of God's servant, Rev. Loran W. Helm. These cassettes have been done professionally with hi-tech equipment, giving them superior quality. There are eight cassettes which are in a beautiful vinyl album with front and back slip sheets printed by Harmony Press, which are identical to the book. This makes a very attractive album and the spine is printed as the book so that it works nicely on a book shelf. The initial offering of the VOICE CASSETTES was at the Waiting on God in Cincinnati, Ohio, where two-thirds of our stock was sold. The price of the album is \$35.00, plus postage, handling and tax where applicable, and can be ordered from Evangel Voice Publications, using the attached order form. You may make your check payable to Evangel Voice Publications, or we will be happy to invoice you with your shipment.

The responses to these cassettes have been that of joy, help, healing, guidance and thanksgiving. Many are purchasing these for Christmas or other gifts. We want to thank all who have already gotten their sets and encourage those who have not to order as soon as possible.

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Both audio cassettes and video cassettes are available from the Waiting Upon God held in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 11-13, 1990. A number placed their orders for these at the meetings, but others may have not had opportunity to order as yet. We have enclosed an order form for your convenience.

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Revival For Our Day, Inc.

October 3, 1990

Dear ones in Jesus our Savior, greetings in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost,

I would like to review with you, dear ones, that upon our arrival in Cincinnati for the Waiting Upon God I was suffering in my throat so much that I said to my precious wife, "It will be by the mercy and gift of God that I can make it through the first session tomorrow." Early the next morning we began the first session and I was so aware of my need and my littleness, for I know not how to preach or pray. But remember, dear ones, how merciful Jesus was, through the Holy Ghost, to come and help us there? Jesus helped us through all nine sessions and it was a wonderful gift from God. It would be quite something to try and give a synopsis of all that God did for us there, wouldn't it?

In one session the Lord burdened me for the stomach area, and I didn't know that at that very moment a dear lady from Salt Lake City, Utah, was in her room with severe pain in her stomach. She was watching our meeting on channel seven, which was being broadcast on closed circuit television throughout the hotel. (You may recall from a previous letter that it was through the help and expertise of John Bruffy that this was possible.) Rev. Doyle Helbling told me later that the Lord touched this precious woman and took that awful pain from her. We want to give Jesus all the glory and honor, all the praise for healing this dear one.

In another session the Lord burdened me for a certain place in the back. A dear person from Indianapolis, Indiana, was in such pain and didn't know how much longer they could stand it. I didn't know about this, but Jesus did, and through the Holy Ghost, revealed it and healed this precious one for His glory and honor.

David Anderson shared that a friend, whom he had graduated from seminary with, was in the meeting. He had been going from church to church trying to find a place where he could sense Jesus working. He told David that when he entered the overflow room at the Waiting Upon God in Cincinnati, he could sense and feel that Jesus was working in his heart. I don't believe he was in the main meeting room anytime during the Waiting because he was having such a great time in the overflow room. He was also with us in Greensboro, North Carolina, where the Lord led us after the Waiting Upon God. We were so thankful for how Jesus worked there with Pastor Whittington and his dear flock. It was so precious and wonderful that it cannot be told or conveyed to you how it was.

We went from Greensboro to Louisville, Kentucky, where God blessed so marvelously and worked so preciously with Gregory and Cynthia McBride and their dear people. Again, we cannot convey to you how precious Jesus was to us, or how sweet the fellowship.

We then went to St. Louis, Missouri, to be with our dear ones there. The evening we arrived in St. Louis I called the pastor to ask about our friends, Glenn and Evelyn Shaver. When James told us they were in Florida, I immediately phoned Glenn and Evelyn, for they have been with us in the St. Louis meetings for twenty to twenty-one years. When I called, I learned that Evelyn had a situation in her back; a crack in the cartilage. She had been bent over and in considerable pain for I don't know how many days or weeks. I called to God, to our Heavenly Father, in Jesus' Name, to apply His healing stripes to Evelyn's back and heal her there. When I ceased praying she asked, "Do you believe we should get on the plane in Miami and come to be with you for the service there tomorrow night?" I replied, "Oh, I would be thankful if you could, for you've been with us here now for twenty to twenty-one years."

Prior to our conversation, Glenn and Evelyn had called their pastor there in Florida, and declined an invitation for that evening because Evelyn was just not able to go. So after prayer was made and Jesus came and applied His precious stripes to Evelyn, they again called their pastor and asked him to take them to the airport in Miami the next morning so they could come and be with us in services. And, oh, what a blessing they were to us! On Thursday of that week the Lord showed me we could be at their home for a meal. Of course, I knew Evelyn was not well, so I sent five or six of our precious sisters in Christ to help her. We had forty-one dear ones together to share a meal, and what a camp meeting we had! Rachel Goers, a stewardess for TWA, was so thrilled, as were many others.

On Tuesday evening, (the first night of the meeting) I felt so needy and my throat was hurting to such an extent that I did not know if I could speak. You know, dear ones, Jesus came and helped me speak for one hour and fifteen minutes. I want to thank Him and give Him all praise and honor and glory, for I know it was only through His mercy this could be or ever be again. During the altar call persons were drawn to Jesus. They were seeking Christ, seeking to be sanctified and bringing their burdens to Him. Roger shared with me that he thought it was equivalent to some two weeks revival. It was a time that I cannot explain, dear ones. Only Jesus could ever give such a meeting again.

On Friday evening my precious, precious brother, Glenn Shaver, who has been my friend for twenty-one years, came up into the pulpit during a time when the Lord was working so marvelously. I couldn't tell you and there is no way to convey to you how God worked in that meeting. Glenn was so happy that he took hold of my arms and shook me in a certain spiritual way that said, "It's been worth it all." We were happy in Jesus.

We went from St. Louis to Fair Haven Christ Fellowship in Cynthiana, Indiana, and the Lord helped there in a wonderful way. A doctor who had come to be with us from Kentucky said it was a very encouraging time for him. I was so glad to see Timothy and Rita Harman there. Timothy had been having thyroid trouble and was so weak at times he would have to go to bed between seven and seven thirty to be able to get up for work the next day. Timothy is so needed at Harmony Press, and it would be very difficult there without him. I later learned that God miraculously healed Timothy at the Waiting Upon God. We want to praise the Lord and give Him all thanks and glory and honor for this wonderful and much needed healing.

We returned home for a few days, then prepared to go to Oilton, Oklahoma, where the Lord led for us to hold a meeting there with Rev. and Mrs. William Ryan. We thank the Lord for each one who traveled with us and helped us: Rev. and Mrs. Oliver Hogue, Rev. and Mrs. Reimar Schultze, Rev. and Mrs. Forrest Richey, Rev. Daniel Light and Jeannie Light. Jefferson Todd Mullins worked hard and made many calls in obtaining the best prices for our flight schedule.

The meeting in Oilton was so precious. We can't remember having such a meeting in the twenty years we have been going there. The Holy Spirit worked in such a way that we cannot convey to you how it was. Rachel Goers and her brother, John, who is a minister of a little group of people on the north edge of Tulsa, told Roger, "In all the churches, there is no message of the urgency for a new convert to testify on his own after conversion. The message is not there to deny self seconds after conversion." Rachel's brother, John, said that as far as he knew this has seldom been preached. Hundreds and thousands and millions are saved, but they are not taught how to deny self; which begins within two to four seconds after conversion.

Self will not permit us to obey, but self has to be denied. Obedience is only experienced when self is denied. If we testify on our own within seconds after conversion, we have denied self and obeyed. There is a blessing then, and in seconds or minutes we will be prompted to give Jesus the praise for the blessing we received with our first obedience. If we do not obey that leading, we begin to backslide and instead of living the life of self denial, we begin living the life of self-assertiveness. Rev. 12:11 says: "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony."

Lot was not to go with Abraham, but he did. Lot asserted himself and left the place where he was to abide, and went with Abraham, a man of faith and love. Of course Lot wanted to go with his uncle, but Abraham's kindred was not to go. So when Lot asserted himself, he caused a great upheaval among the herdsmen and things didn't go well. You also remember that because of this self-assertiveness Lot's wife was turned into a pillar of salt. To the natural man it would look like it would

be nice to be with a man of faith, but it wasn't God's will.

Self has been asserted since the Fall of Adam, but self must be denied before obedience is experienced. If we don't deny self immediately after conversion, we live the life of self-assertiveness. We will be the same as Lot and choose our own way. But when a person will deny himself and witness, a blessing strikes their soul and within seconds or minutes the Holy Spirit will prompt that person to acknowledge the blessing. If we don't witness when we should, we lose the victory. We only overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.

When we live the life of self-assertiveness, we turn people, not into pillars of salt, but into pillars of disappointment, into pillars of hurt, into pillars of trial and conflict, into pillars of storms. When Jonah asserted himself, he put those he was with into a terrible storm. Everyone who asserts self and does not obey the Holy Spirit by witnessing, by reading God's Word and winning souls, creates storms wherever they are: at school, at work, at home. When we live the self-assertive life we complain, find fault, get angry and do not praise the Lord very much, if any. But all those who deny self praise the Lord. The Word says: "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (I Th. 5:16-18)

In the self-assertive life we simply go ahead with our own plans, but in the self-denying life we follow. The spiritual law of following is death, and self is opposed to it. So many of us live the life of self-assertiveness and allow self to make the plans. This is what Lot did, and it caused trouble. Furthermore, he had children by his own daughters and his descendants are scattered throughout the world in trial, trouble and upheaval. Self-assertiveness always leads to spiritual adultery; which is the love of the world, the love of doing what we please.

In the life of self denial you have no plan. The One you follow has the plan, but you have to die to obey what He says. You then see the results of soul winning, soul sanctification and people striving to become one as God and Jesus are one. But in the life of self-assertiveness there are no revelations of God. There are spiritual adulteries which lead to chaos, trouble, conflict, bitterness, complaint, anger, strife and stubbornness; which are the fruits of the self-assertive life. The fruits of the self-denying life are peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, which is the Kingdom of God. There are no pressures in the life of those who deny self. The self-assertive life is full of questions. But when we die to follow Jesus, all our questions are answered in God's time. We must not try to work things out or we will violate the law of self denial.

The self-assertive life is the life that is not in God's will. Only as we deny self will we get to our Ninevah. Self will always arrange everything great and beautiful in the city of Tarshish, but we violate the special law of self denial when we let self make the plan. The self-assertive life is full of figuring. The life of self denial is following. The spiritual law of following is to die out to self and be cleansed and crucified of the carnal nature. Carnality never gets enough answers. You can give the greatest of answers to the carnal heart, but they are never good enough. The self-denying heart is happy with nothing. The self-assertive heart always seeks to be better than someone else. Jesus said that he who seeks to save himself shall be lost. He said in Mark 8:35-36: "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

But, you see, the revelation of God is given to those who fear Him and love Him. And they who fear and love the Lord are denying self to obey every leading of the Holy Spirit. They are doing God's will instead of their own. Romans 8:14 reads: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." The only ones led by the Holy Spirit are those who deny self from the moment of conversion. When we fail to deny self and let self become assertive, we have to ask God to forgive us and then make a new start. And from that moment there is going to be a battle with self, because self will want to come back and take over, crowding Jesus out. Self must be denied, for Jesus also said, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." The self-assertive life is trying to save his life, and in so doing, never finds his cross. Self will not assume the cross, neither will it allow obedience, which always follows self-denial.

The self-assertive life wonders why they are not led by the Holy Spirit. It is because self is in dominance and God cannot give revelation until we repent and forsake self, forsake the world and put Jesus first. Everyone who has lived faithfully the life of self denial and obedience, who has given God all the praise and glory, are led of the Holy Spirit. They who love the life of self denial are tender, gentle, kind and long suffering. They are as tender with their enemies as they are with their friends. The self-assertive life loves to complain, find fault and see the weaknesses of others. They love to investigate and find out about the weaknesses of others and correct them and put pressure on them. The self-denying life leaves all that to the Holy Spirit. We cannot work anything out, but simply follow Jesus. Those who live in self denial die to let the King of Glory have full preeminence. You know, even those who have denied self for fifty years still have to battle self. Self will always want to come back to make the arrangements and plans, to keep us from obedience and doing God's will. The fruit of

the self-assertive life is disappointment. The fruit of the self-denying life, even though it may look like everything is lost, is inner peace, happiness and joy. The self-denying life will have battles, but it has a satisfying portion of peace, love and joy in the Holy Ghost; and the love flows through the obedient heart to everyone.

If we allow this love to flow through us to everyone by way of self denial, the Lord could use us to win souls. But in the self-assertive life, if we seek to win souls, those souls will be brought in by pressure. They will be born with a trustless, questioning heart. But if those in the self-denying life will live faithfully and give Jesus all the glory, the Holy Spirit will send conviction and they will become soul winners; and souls will be drawn by the Holy Spirit and born with a childlike heart. They will be willing to follow and hold on to the Father's hand, not asking questions, but just following. The self-assertive life wants to know what is going to happen. The self-denying life wants to leave it all in the hands of the One they are following--Jesus, the Lamb of God, the Holy Spirit.

The self-denying life simply follows and tries to be faithful to one soul. We cannot win souls, and if we try on our own, they are born by cesarean birth and with a trustless heart. The state of that person is very complicated, and they create problems all around them. But if we follow and the Holy Spirit draws, that person is born with a childlike heart and brings healing and harmony to those around them. This comes only through the Holy Spirit. No man or woman can do it--only Christ within you, Christ beside you. If He is not within you and me, we will cause a storm like Jonah did. Isn't this a wonderful message? I didn't read this after any man, but it's in the Word of God.

We went from Oilton to Denver, Colorado. The enemy fought me so severely that day, but I had to resist the enemy and trust Jesus. In the beginning of the first service when my wife began to play the piano, I started up and up and up and up and up! We were in an area that cannot be described. It was different than any other meeting we've been in in any place in the world. The joy we shared as we tarried there, none other has ever known. If you think about it, it will be a beautiful thing and will open up to you as a flower in a garden. The Holy Ghost began to lead and tell us what do. It's by God's grace we would ever know again, and we want to be sure to give Jesus all the glory and honor for what He's done, what He is doing and for what He will do.

There is a precious sister who has been in Denver for one year. Her work has been very hard and she has been in trials and battles. She wanted to go back to Oilton, Oklahoma, but couldn't go. At the end of the meeting the first night, she shared that the meeting was worth all she had suffered in trials and loneliness in the year she has been in Denver.

The second night I was with the ministers when the door opened and I saw a family come in. I left the men and went right over to shake hands with these folks. I said, "Go right up and be seated." I didn't know who they were and the pastor didn't either. I usually go immediately to the pulpit, but here Jesus had me shake hands with this precious lady. She later shared that she had been given our book fifteen years ago and that Lori Evans had taken her to visit Scott Depot. She said that Jesus showed her twelve to thirteen years ago: "One day Rev. Helm will meet you." She said, "Just think, God told me years ago you would meet me, and you shook hands with me on my birthday!" By God's grace could this ever be. It just seemed like He took us up somewhere in the realm of joy. We felt like we never wanted that meeting to end.

At the beginning of the third meeting Rev. Schultze testified. He shared that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. I began to preach on this subject, and the Lord helped me speak from one to two hours. Eight days ago Brother Schultze stood and said, "All my questions are now answered." Now Brother Schultze is one of the most brilliant of men and Jesus has helped him wonderfully. Only through Jesus can this be. Only through God can anyone be encouraged. We want to give Jesus all the glory and praise for how He has worked through anyone who will do God's will.

We flew from Denver to Salt Lake City, and oh, what a time we had there. The Lord helped us so much in the services. Brother Mark allowed us the privilege of driving his black cadillac and we felt so unworthy. Sister Priscilla gave us the privilege of eating at the Alta Club, where her father was one of it's first members many, many years ago. When I took my wife and Robert Allen there on that Saturday evening, Robert thought it was one of the most wonderful dining experiences he has had in his life; and Robert has eaten in Washington D.C., where the presidents dine.

On one of the days we were there I wanted to take Roger and Robert with my wife and me for lunch, but could not take them. As my wife and I started out, the Holy Ghost began to deal with me in the area of trouble, so I pled, "Oh, God, deliver us from trouble!" After we had finished lunch, my wife wanted to go to a nearby boutique. We started walking toward this shop, and instead of taking her hand, I took hold of her arm above the wrist not knowing she was going to fall. I had no more idea she was going to fall than you know what's going to happen to you in the next minute or second as you read this letter. I had no idea of the coming fall, but what if I hadn't had hold of her arm? We started to descend some steps and she began to fall backwards. As she started to fall hard, the Holy Ghost came upon me and helped me to go down with her holding her weight, and she fell softly. Now if you fall down cement steps, it won't matter what age you are, you could crush your elbows and hips.

Florence arose very beautifully and didn't complain. Her little chuckle was so kind and gentle. We stood there and tried to praise the Lord for His mercy to help us. How marvelous that He would reveal trouble was ahead and would allow me to pray. If I would have just had hold of her hand, I couldn't have held on to her and she would have fallen hard. I don't know what the result would have been, but she could have been in the hospital for many months with broken hips and elbows. It was wonderful how the Holy Ghost came and gave us help from on high. It's through His mercy we can make it the next second, that we will be well in the soul, mind and body.

We returned to the hotel just as Robert Allen and Gregory McBride came into the lobby. When I saw their faces I knew they were exhausted, but I said, "I want to take you to the mountain overlooking the city." Robert later said that he didn't really want to go, but his reply to me was, "Daddy, if you want me to go, I'll go." I said, "I want to take you both." So we went to our rooms which the Helblings and the Schultzes worked so hard to arrange for us, and I helped my wife prepare to rest. We were so thankful she could walk and she said she was only sore in just a few places. We tried to leave then, and couldn't leave in two minutes, five minutes or eight minutes. But in twelve minutes we could leave and so we started out. At about two hundred feet from the top of the mountain there is a place to turn around, and there we saw this precious lady walking up the mountain. We wondered who this person was. The three of us had gotten out of the car, and looking toward this dear person I said, "This is such a beautiful day, and the Lord has allowed us to see such beautiful sights from this point on the side of this mountain overlooking the city." I told her how the Lord has helped my wife and me for fifty-seven years and how Robert Allen was converted and brought to Jesus from perversion and drug addiction, from nightmares day and night for so many months that the doctors said there was no hope for him. But at the foot of my bed on the twelfth day of February seventeen years ago, Jesus healed him and by God's grace, he has never had another nightmare. When Jesus came into his heart, he had peace. After I had told her about Robert's conversion, she said, "You know, I saw Jesus and two angels, and I was so frightened I pulled the covers over my head. I am a model from New York City and I want you to pray for me." I prayed for her in such a way that if she followed me in the prayer, she could have found Jesus as her Savior. I said to her, "You know, it is so wonderful that God timed us right here."

This precious dear one was preparing to go to London the next day or so and then to Vienna. While we were sharing with her, she asked, "Do you have a book?" Robert Allen replied, "Oh, yes, he has a book." She then asked us to take her the short distance to where she was staying and while we were all together, I called my secretary, Kathleen. Jo Anne, who helps at our office, answered

the phone and was so delighted and happy to talk with us. Kathleen then shared that she feels as though she has been in a dream these almost six years of working for us. This dear one said, "These are happy people!" I said, "Yes, they know Jesus." I asked Kathleen to send her a book by express mail and this dear lady asked, "Would you dedicate my book?" I prayed a prayer of dedication and she looked at me and said, "Believe it or not, but when I saw you I knew you were here for me." What if we hadn't denied self and pressed to go when we were so weary, and then to be timed to be there at the right moment? We owe it all to Jesus, for only through Him can this ever be again.

We want to thank Jesus for each answer to prayer, for each soul victory. We were trying to dismiss one of the services which had gone into the fifth hour, but the Lord showed me there was someone there with something on their heart. April Westfall, this dear, dear daughter who has never testified in her life, arose and said, "I want to thank the Lord for this instruction we have just received. I'm glad that someone will instruct us like this and the church had better get hold of it." There was a light on her face. She had to persevere to come to the meetings, but the Lord worked it out and she was a light. There was a man there whom I had never seen before. He got up after about three hours and said, "I came in here skeptical, but I want you to know I've never felt such love in any place, anywhere in the world, in my life." We were so in debt to Jesus for His love to be in evidence and that this precious man would witness to it.

We went on to Killeen, Texas, and the Lord worked there so wonderfully also. During the service, Jesus showed me someone was having trouble in the hip. Walter Dunn shared that he had been in an awful accident thirty-four years ago and has suffered since that time. He could hardly sit in a chair for even an hour. Walter didn't ask me to pray for him, but God, through His mercy, revealed it to me and healed precious Walter. He was able to sit through the whole service and our meetings lasted anywhere between five and six hours. Don Swartner's father came. He is a backward man and has seldom testified. I didn't know him, but as he came through the door, I loved him. He arose weeping, and gave a summary of the service. He said, "When you loved me tonight as I came through the door, I felt as if I were cradled in my mother's love." We felt so in debt to Jesus for allowing us this wonderful privilege, and to share this precious time with the pastor and his people.

As we were traveling back to Dallas for our return flight home, I said to Rev. Ryan's sister Kathleen and her precious husband, "I am burdened for someone in the stomach and they are within three hundred feet of us." Upon the Ryans' return home, Rev. Ryan entered the hospital with a blocked colon. Later, as Rev. Ryan's wife, Donna, and Kathleen were sharing with me on the phone, Donna said, "We were three hundred feet behind you when you

were burdened for the stomach." As we traveled from Killeen to Dallas we had a wonderful time in sharing and the time went so quickly. Kathleen said she didn't want it to end. She said, "My father has been dead for twenty-four years and I have seldom felt the love of my father. My brother is very loving to me, but I've never felt my father's love until today." We want to give God all the praise, for it's only through the help of the Holy Spirit this could be, or can ever be again.

We returned home and attended service in Parker City last Sunday morning. There were about a hundred and eighty-one in attendance, for which we were very thankful. The two hours and forty-five minutes went so fast and the Lord was helping so wonderfully. Dear ones said, "Oh, why couldn't it be that the time wouldn't go so fast?" We needed to end the service to be out on time so others could use the building. We meet together in our local Lion's Club building and we need to be careful to be out on time and have the room prepared so we won't be an imposition or a disappointment to anyone. Those in the self-assertive life bring disappointment, but those in the self-denying life bring harmony and helpfulness even though they may be in a battle. This can only come through the help of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for praying for us, for we need your prayers so very much. I know that as we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, all our needs will be met. There is a financial need, but I've said very little to you through these years. I do not claim to be a writer, but when Rev. Emory Reece suggested I try to write you each month, I endeavored to trust Jesus for His help. Each time I think, "How can I ever give another letter?" but God has helped, and we are in debt to Jesus for this. We are so thankful for all those who carry the burden. We pray for each one, that they will endeavor to do God's will. We are thankful for each one who has helped--our staff and secretaries, our financial secretary and treasurer. Thank you for praying for my wife and me.

I want to praise Jesus for each one who has sacrificed and held on for us. We thank the Lord for all who has given, for the widow's mite, and Jesus says "I am with thee." So even though there are needs, we praise the Lord and give Him glory and honor. We want to give God praise for each soul victory, for every healing of the soul, mind and body. When we are servants of the Lord and are supported by God's people, we should do what ought to be done in obedience and faithfulness, in purity and holiness; unspotted from the world by His sanctifying power. And this is a wonderful truth for all of us. We trust all of God's servants will be encouraged to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, with clean hands and a pure heart.

Thank you for praying for all the ministry and workers in the church, and for Revival

For Our Day, that we will be childlike and faithful in every area, for we have a great and sacred trust. By the help of God and the work of the Holy Spirit can this be, as we trust with all our hearts and lean not to our own understanding, but in all our ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct our path. Thank you again for praying for each one of us, that we will be found faithful in our hearts, our lives and our work; wanting to do God's will and not our own. Thank you for providing and making a way for us. We are grateful and in debt to God for this.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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p.s. I would like, if I may, to give a wonderful report, sharing a portion of the letter I received from the Kimball Piano Company, from where Jon Light was able to obtain the grand piano we were privileged to use at the Waiting Upon God.

Dear Dr. Helm,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, your staff and all the members of Revival For Our Day, Inc., for your generous acknowledgment of thanks for the Kimball Grand Piano we were able to place at your disposal at the Omni Hotel August 11th through the 13th. To date we have received more than 140 letters of thank you and two

phone calls. To my knowledge we have never had such a gracious response from any other group, though we have helped many through the years.

Thank you again for your expressions of thanks and for your recommendation to your people that they look in our direction. It was indeed a pleasure to be a part of your "Waiting Upon God".

Sincerely,
Dan Wehr, General Manager

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October 18, 1990

Dear ones in the blessed Name of Jesus our Savior, Who has redeemed us by His precious, shed blood, Who sitteth on the Rock that is higher than I: Greetings.

We are thankful for those of you who are praying, fasting and holding on for our deliverance, for victory, for souls, for revival, for God's guidance and protection in Israel, as well as for good to excellent flights on the third and twelfth of November. We pray that while we are in the land of Israel, we may be, by the help of the Holy Spirit, able to love people and not press anyone; that the Holy Spirit may woo and call and draw. We are so thankful that the Lord is able. As we trust Him and press to do His will, He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think.

As I was meditating on the scriptures, I recalled the story of Joseph. When he went to take provision to his brothers, he was placed in a pit. But because of his willingness to submit, he was lifted out by cords of love. In the life of self denial, giving to others and doing what God would have us to do, we know that there would be cords of love extended to help those who are willing to lose their life to save it. We are so grateful for this precious man who denied himself, and was so given to others that he received a revelation from God that was going to save, not only his own people, but those of the land of Egypt. We know that this can be only as we deny ourself and give to others, give to God what is His, and be faithful and obedient.

Obedience is experienced as we are willing to deny ourself and take up the cross to follow. Then we can be lifted out of the pit experience. And even though there are places of temptation and trial in the life of self denial, God always makes a way of escape. In the way of suffering, of giving over and denying self, there is guidance, deliverance and revelation; which comes by the grace of God. We are thankful that Jesus is mighty to deliver those who trust Him.

We see the opposite is true as we look at the life of Lot, who asserted himself and went with Abraham--a man of faith and love. We can see that in Lot's desire to go with his uncle, he disobeyed what God previously told Abraham--that Abraham's kindred was to stay behind. But because of Lot's self-assertiveness, want and desire, he brought great trial to his family, as well as to Abraham and his family and workers. We see that Lot's wife was turned into a pillar of salt.

Every one of us who live the life of self-assertiveness place people into positions of hurt and disappointment, into positions of pressure and situations that come as a result of doing our own will instead of God's will. When we trust in the Lord with all our heart

and lean not to our own understanding, we do not seek to do what we want. We seek to do that which would be pleasing in the sight of the Lord and follow--that we might be helpers and soul winners, that we might be gatherers instead of scatterers. The self-assertive life scatters, the self-denying life gathers.

We know that it's by the mercy of God we are able to press and persevere toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Hebrews 12:1-2 says: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking 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 set down at the right hand of the throne of God." When we do what this scripture says we try to take care of the poor and the needy, we try to visit those in prison and jail when possible, we try to look after the orphans, the widows, and the saints of God; encouraging them and praying for them.

St. Paul said, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." The saints are those endeavoring to go with God and who have battles and struggles. We know that as we yield ourselves unto God and become children of righteousness and holiness, then He is able to deliver the Godly out of temptation and present us faultless and blameless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.

We surely desire that you all continue to pray for the upcoming journey into Israel--that all the precious ones will be encouraged, that each one will know just how to help and pray to be pure and holy in our lives together. We want to thank each one who is helping to carry our financial burden, our burden for souls to be saved and for Holy Ghost revival. We know that by His mercy and grace all things are possible, for His glory and honor. "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." (Heb. 3:20) Praise the Lord.

We want to thank each one of you for praying for us, for we need your prayers so very much. We are thankful for our staff, our financial secretary, our treasurer, our secretaries and assistants. We want to express our gratitude to each one at Harmony Press for their labors in the printing of our newsletter. We feel so unworthy, but deeply grateful for all your financial help, sacrifice and fasting on our behalf. We sense ourselves to be very little servants of God, simply the least of Jesus' children. Only in Jesus, in His sacred blood, in His

holy Word, through the power of the Holy Spirit can we be delivered moment by moment, step by step, breath by breath. We owe all things to God, in Jesus' Holy Name.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W Helm

Loran W. Helm

p.s. We would like to share the following letters with you, for they were so encouraging. We know we owe this all to Jesus, for only through Him could this ever be.

Dear Father in the Faith,

What a privilege it has been to accompany you in the ministry to the churches this past summer! I am confident that our church is better for the experience and that my personal relationship to our Lord has been enhanced. Your calling within the Kingdom of God becomes increasingly clearer to me in proportion to the opportunity accorded me to observe you in action as you yield yourself to be an instrument through whom the Spirit can administer His will.

I tried to appreciate the degree of individual discipline necessary to deny the ever powerful pressure of personal opinions and desires in order to remain constantly and consistently subject to the Master's will for the moment. Isn't it mind-boggling to recall how so many of the incredible demonstrations of God's guidance in the meetings this summer could so easily have been missed, except for specific, perfectly-timed promptings of His living Spirit to depart from the obvious or to the conventional, and to trust His voice! You have paid a price that has been remitted in thousands of installments spanning over half a century in order to be on target at any given time. And although this fact is beyond my limited power of comprehension, I do realize enough to know that in places that are obscure to this world, my dazzled eyes, astonished mind and overwhelmed heart have witnessed heaven touching earth.

It seems redundant to me to tell you that I can never be the same after the experiences of the past three months because I have expressed the same sentiment on previous, similar occasions; but thanks to God, this walk with Him is not static, but dynamic, and He can keep on changing us--from glory to glory.

I realize that the ebb and flow of your walk with God brings alternating experiences of sunlight and of shadow. You and Mom Florence have contended and are now contending with challenges that would have broken lesser hearts long ago. This is all the more reason that your lives are a steadfast inspiration to us. You are not insulated or isolated from the "nitty gritty" hurts and harms of this fallen world, but you are able to maintain your bearings in spite of "stuff". Hallelujah!

Jenny and I agree in grateful thanksgiving that the Lord provides you with strength and determination through Himself that reaches beyond mere human endurance and continues to equip you with the sensitivity to His voice that transcends mere human capacity. Our prayer is that you will be endowed with even greater strength and discernment in the days and years ahead. With deep appreciation and heartfelt affection, we remain your "children" in the gospel.

Daniel and Jenny Light

Shalom, love to you,

It is with much interest that I have read your newsletters concerning your travels and the Waiting Upon God. I can tell you that my heart has been with you each step of the way.

It was terribly hard on me to miss the Waiting Upon God. I wanted to be there so badly. In fact, it was the only time all year that I longed to be in America. I am thankful that Jesus helped you in such a special way and I'm especially excited that He is leading you to Israel. During the entire summer Israel was full of tourists. Every time I called home I would ask, "Have you heard of a trip?" I must admit that I prayed you would come to Israel. I believe, by God's grace, that before I came to Israel last year to study, I had great love and respect for you and your years of sacrifice, obedience and ministry. But after my studies of so many religions and leaders in Israel and around the world, my vision of you is greater, by God's mercy, than ever before!!!

When I look into your faces and hear Mrs. Helm play the piano and you speak, I feel such hope and I feel Jesus. The other day I was walking through the streets of Jerusalem at dusk, and all of a sudden, I could hear Mrs. Helm singing: "Oh, What A Beautiful City". When Iraq invaded Kuwait just before the Waiting Upon God, the tourists started to immediately disappear. I told Paul and Dina that the Lord would send Rev. Helm now. They said, "Oh, no! Now with the threat of war, the group won't come this year." I replied, "I'm waiting to hear of the revelation. It is when most others desert Israel that God sends Rev. Helm to comfort His people." In a few days, I heard about the trip. I knew that in your own heart and mind you would never plan a trip, because the responsibility is too great. But I also knew that if God would talk to you and tell you to do something, you would endeavor to only listen to the revelation and not go by the popular opinion of men.

Since September there have been very few tourists in Israel. The Americans have especially stopped coming. Your visit this year will be a great witness. Two weeks ago was the Jewish New Year and normally the hotels are full. This year the Jerusalem Hilton only had about fifty guests!!! Can you imagine! In August, I started trying to

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sell souvenir items on the street to give me a little finance. Now there are no tourists to sell to, and this should be an extremely busy time of year.

The reasons you are coming to Israel at this time in history mean so much. I believe that this could be one of the most important trips of your life. Needless to say, I can't wait to see you and be in the meetings. I long to watch you lead the singing at the Church of St. Anne and to hear the words that God speaks through you. I pray that God will help in all the preparations and travel. By God's grace, at this time next month we shall be in Israel together. I love you.

Debbie Hill

When she finished, I felt Jerry should lead us in one verse of "Just As I Am", and with no emotional plea, people began coming to the altar, filling the altar and coming to the front steps. Then they kept coming and coming. The move was so great that my heart is rejoicing this morning. I just wanted to share with you how wonderfully God used your writing and her sharing to move upon so many hearts to seek help from God. I know there is no way to describe the wonderful working of God's Spirit, but I just wanted to share with you that you might rejoice with us. I trust you will have a good day.

Yours in calvary love,
Forrest & Mary Jane Richey

Dear Brother Helm,

Greetings in the precious Name of Jesus. I am writing to give you a wonderful report on last evening's service. Mary Jane read the newsletter of September 17th in which you shared the message of "The Natural Man, the Carnal Man and the Spiritual Man". I just want to share with you that the anointing on your writing was so great and the anointing upon Mary Jane also was so great that it stirred hearts in a very special way. It seemed to me and others that it was you speaking to us and not a person reading a newsletter. There is no way to describe to you how great the way the anointing was upon her and upon your writing.

ISRAEL PILGRIMAGE NOVEMBER 3-12, 1990

For those traveling to Israel with us, we trust all arrangements have been finalized. We are trusting Jesus for the wisdom, the knowledge and the anointing to be upon each one who feels called of the Lord to make this sacred pilgrimage. Please continue to pray for all to be protected as they travel, for hearts to be cleansed and sanctified--that our witness will be pure and undefiled, and under His holy anointing in all that is said, all that is not said, and in all that we do.

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November 14, 1990

Dear ones in Christ Jesus, the King of Glory, the Ancient of Days, the Everlasting Father, the Counselor, the Mighty God, the Lamb of God Who taketh away the sins of the world; Greetings,

The Holy Spirit was so merciful and Jesus so precious to reveal that we were to go to Israel on the third day of November and return on the twelfth. This precious leading came last August while we waited before God at the Omni Netherland Plaza Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio. We were very thankful for God's mercy to take care of all our people as we gathered into New York from twenty states on November third. It was so precious, blessed and wonderful to have protection and direction from Jesus, from the Holy Spirit, from the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

I believe that the sixty-first crossing of the Atlantic was one of the smoothest we had ever had, and we arrived safely in the land of Israel. I knew that if the sixty-second crossing could be anywhere near that wonderful, it would only be by God's grace and mercy. When we arrived in Israel, the Lord helped us so much that we did not feel exhausted. As my wife and I, along with our daughter, Joyce, Dr. Strauss, Amnon and Joseph drove from Tel Aviv to Tiberias, we had a wonderful time sharing how the Lord had helped, led, protected and blessed.

God led so miraculously in our services in Tiberias. We were very grateful indeed for how He directed in songs and exhortations. The Holy Spirit was preciously present, and we were so thankful for God's love and direction. We felt very unworthy and deeply needy for healing, protection and blessing.

When we went from Tiberias to Caesarea, to the amphitheater, we were in a wonderful experience of timing and God's guidance. We had a wonderful time singing together. A group of Russian Jewish immigrants were on the other side a distance away from us, and when we would finish each stanza they would cheer and clap their hands. Dr. Strauss was with us, and we learned later that his ancestors came from the same place in Russia that these precious immigrants were from. My brother, Warren, wanted them to come over so we could have our picture taken together. It was marvelous to see their response, for they came so quickly and delightedly; which deeply touched Dr. Strauss. I asked him to speak to the group for us, but he replied, "I'm sorry, I'm not able to." That evening he came to the meeting to say, "I want to apologize to Rev. Helm for the fact that I was not able to respond and speak to the Russian Jews today. But I was just so choked up, so touched and moved that I wasn't able to be collected enough to do it." He said, "How this was ever arranged is a marvel."

There was also a group of psychiatric children who had come to the amphitheater at

the same time. The leader came over where we were to request that we sing a prayer song. We sang "Amazing Grace," and when Dr. Strauss talked with them, they said, "We wanted to share with you that we received an unexpected healing during the stanzas of that song." Dr. Strauss was very touched by their response (as we all were) and wondered how this could ever have been arranged and timed. The Lord led and got us there on time to have this precious experience with these two groups. It was a very unusual and dear time we had there with these dear ones from Russia and with this special group of young people. We were very thankful for God to take care and guide and direct as He did. We want to give Him all the praise and glory for it.

In Jerusalem, we were scheduled to be in the same meeting room at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel as we were last year. The Holy Spirit helped in that first meeting so very much. We know it's only through God, through Jesus, by the help of the Holy Spirit. Before the second service the hotel informed us we would need to change rooms because a wedding was scheduled in the room we were in. The Lord helped our men to make the change, and God helped us in that room in the realm of the miraculous. He helped me to speak on finding the pathway to obedience, which is by knowing Jesus--through conversion, through transformation, through being saved from our sins, through our transgressions being blotted from us as far as the east is from the west.

When we repent, Jesus immediately comes into our heart and we are prompted to give God the praise and Jesus the glory for saving us and giving us His peace, joy and love. This presence of Jesus is so sweet that in seconds following that experience, we are to deny self and give God the praise and Jesus the glory for coming and giving us victory. The first step towards obedience is to deny self and praise the Lord, to give Him the honor, glory and thanksgiving for saving us. When we obey, the life of obedience begins. We find our way to obedience and doing God's will by following Jesus and being faithful in the little things; being cautious as we are led by Jesus, by the Holy Spirit to follow whatever the Lord would reveal.

At the close of this message on obedience, Robert Morey arose and gave a summary. The words he had to say were most encouraging, and the sharing of his joy as we were preaching was inspiring. We had a blessed hour of rejoicing and waiting before the Lord. In the second or third hour, Tina came in to share that in the room we moved from where the wedding was taking place, the pipes to the septic lines burst and the ceremony had to be postponed. Tina and Joseph were very stirred with the fact that we were not in that room when this unfortunate situation occurred. And here we were in the midst of this wonderful message about obeying Jesus

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and following Him. Oh, we were having such a sweet and glorious time. There was a sweetness and a blessedness that we cannot express. The presence of the Lord was there in such a manner that we cannot convey, only to say: "The joy we shared as we tarried there, none other has ever known." We were very grateful and deeply unworthy and humbled for God to lead and direct.

In the last service in Israel I spoke on: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." Brother John shared with me that he felt like (to Jesus' glory and honor) it was one of the best sermons he has ever heard on the first part of the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians. God is to be praised and Jesus thanked, the Holy Spirit given all the glory for His help and mercy to us. We were in a very high place in the Lord's presence, and I would be very in debt to Jesus to be privileged to be in His presence again like that.

After the meeting, a dear one came to share with us about a young Jewish couple who had come to be with the Richeys. When Paul and Sarah Spasic were in Europe last summer they found this very dedicated servant of Jesus who suggested to them that they contact this Jewish couple in Jerusalem. I was able to pray with them and he wanted me to pray that he would have more love in his heart. I said, "That is what I need. I need love. I need wisdom. I need deliverance. I need God's mercy and Jesus to help me." After I finished praying, I felt the presence of the Lord as I looked into his eyes. His precious and beautiful wife was so stirred. She said, "You know, as I came into the meeting room this evening I began to weep, and I wept off and on until the service closed. In all my life, since I was saved ten years ago, I have never been in any room where I felt such love as this." Her face was shining and she was rejoicing. We felt God's love in the room so sweetly. I shared this with Dr. Strauss (this precious man who speaks fourteen languages and is dedicated to help people) and he said, "That's the way I feel about it." I was so in debt to Jesus for this very learned man to tell me that he felt love in a measure that only God could give again, through Jesus and for the glory of the Jesus, by the help of the Holy Ghost.

Our time in Israel was so precious and we were protected in every way. No one threw rocks at the buses, no one fell or was hurt. God's help and anointing was felt at various places of sight-seeing, and Jesus was very merciful to direct and protect, to lead and watch over and deliver. My wife read in the Jerusalem Post that on November twelfth, gas masks were to be given to the people (as well as to those staying in hotels) for protection if anything were to happen. And here we were on that very day, returning home as the Lord had directed when He gave the revelation in August. We made our way to the airport in safety and were thankful for His guidance and direction. Joseph said to me as we were preparing to leave, "All three hundred and

sixty-five days of the year I think of you. Every day of the year I think of you and God's people." We loved him and he loved us and shared how thankful they were that we came. Paul and Amnon, and the families and guides were also thankful. We want to give God praise and glory for the way He helped us there in the land of Israel with our dear ones.

We had a wonderfully precious time with Nicola and Ermina Canavati. Ermina said that listening to my five brothers sing was one of the most beautiful pictures she had ever seen. It was a very unusual and wonderful experience for six brothers to cross the Atlantic, European countries and the Mediterranean to go to Israel; the land where Jesus walked, the land where Abraham, Isaac and Jacob dwelled. Seldom has there been six brothers (three in their seventies and three in their sixties) privileged to go to Israel. We know it's only through the mercy of God sparing us, through the prayers of the people, and because our father and mother prayed for us as we were growing up, that we would do God's will and be delivered. We want to give God all the praise and Jesus all the glory for what He has done for us.

We made our way back across the ocean and arrived in New York safely on the right day. We learned that on the day before we came, the winds were up to sixty-five to seventy miles an hour and one plane was damaged by the severe winds. We arrived during that beautiful fall morning, with the sky and sun so beautiful and the temperatures in the thirties. (I later saw on the Weather Channel that there was a high pressure system nearly all over the United States on November the twelfth.) God protected all two hundred and some people to arrive home safely, and we want to thank Him for His protection. Jesus was merciful to help us, by God's grace.

Our flight from New York to Miami went smoothly, for which we were thankful to Jesus. As we were coming down the coast of Florida towards Miami, I was watching the coastline and it was a beautiful sight. I didn't realize there were so many harbors and indentations into the land. I have seen some, but not to that extent. The visibility was so clear that I could see this beautiful picture as we traveled along Florida's coastline some thirty thousand feet in the air. I had not realized what a picture this made and was amazed at it. I had the desire to fly low up and down the coast so I could see more perfectly and clearly the various arrangements of the earth and land, the beauty of how the ocean was touching the land and the land was touching the ocean. Even though I had been up and down the coast, I felt like I hadn't seen it before. It was very inspiring and somewhat of a surprise to me.

When we were coming into New York I had the privilege of seeing the lighted cities along the coast for a long while before landing. It was quite an unusual, unexpected pleasure for me to enjoy, and I was thankful for it. I was so thankful for the safety of our

people, for the beautiful things we saw, and for God's mercy that we might have help and be encouraged and protected. We've seen so few souls saved and believers sanctified; and yet God has done so much for us. Dr. Strauss told Thomas Mullins he had seldom ever met such a humble group of people, and we know we owe this all to God. We were very grateful for the Lord to bring us safely through and give us such help together.

We were met at the airport by Mark Donnelly, Thomas' wife, Donna, and their son, Jefferson Todd. As I was driving Mark's car from the Miami airport towards Ft. Lauderdale, I knew we needed to stop for provisions. As Mark and I got out of the car at the grocery store, I couldn't tell that I'd been on a journey of twelve thousand miles. God gave me strength and help, by His mercy. When we arrived at the condominium, my wife retired and slept wonderfully for three hours. I retired many hours later after family prayer and scripture. God was so wonderful to help us to love the people. We were surely unworthy and needy servants, and very thankful for His blessed presence. Praise the Lord.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We have been in financial need each month, and are grateful for the Lord to make a way for us. We know God is able to lay it upon someone's heart to help. Thank you for your sacrifice. We are trusting for it to be returned and given back, blessed and sanctified. We are trusting for His mercy, because we know we are needy. Thank you for your prayers for us for the soul, mind and body, for the precious Holy Spirit to lead and for the Awakening.

We are trusting for the Holy Ghost to lead, for souls to find Jesus and know Him in their hearts; to follow Him and be like Him. As Jesus is, so are we to be in this life. Romans 8:9 says: "...Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." If we have love for everybody--love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance--we have all nine of these fruits of the Spirit. When the fruits of the Spirit are in evidence, foolishness and finding fault cannot be. Wherever these fruits are in evidence, there is no murmuring or foolishness, no teasing or judgmental spirit, no love of the things of this world that would sidetrack us. We have to resist the evils that are around us--adultery, drugs, gambling, drinking and divorce. It's God's will that we be pure and holy and stay true to the companion we took for life. By God's grace can it be. We cannot do it ourselves, only trust to be obedient and faithful, giving Him the praise and glory for it all.

Thank you again for your love gifts and cards, for all that has been done for us. We are trusting for wisdom to know how to proceed and for the direction of the Holy Ghost, for without God's guidance and the Word of God indwelling, we can do nothing. I would like to include two letters that we

received since our return from Israel. We know that we owe all things to God in Jesus, for without Him is emptiness.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

Loran W. Helm

Dear Rev. Helm,

Thank you for your obedience to the Holy Spirit's will in 1937, which resulted in finding my wife and me. Leticia and I were privileged to be with you in Israel. By God's grace, it was my fifth trip and Leticia's first. It could not have been better, nor could we have dreamed that witnessing and experiencing in immensity love, Holy Ghost fellowship, revelation and divine appointments. Our hearts were well-fed and continue to be edified by the messages Jesus gave you. I was particularly astounded because I Sam. 15:22-23 had been on my heart hours before you preached the tremendous sermon on obedience. Likewise, the sharing on the responsibility of love was better than excellent.

Rev. Helm, I have never heard two sermons that apply entirely to the whole of the universe and everything within it. That obedience and love, along with hope and faith go beyond the universe is something I am still attempting to review. Trusting for a continuation to flood into my heart. About two hundred and thirty people were given a gift so priceless that apathetic consideration of it could leave us rejected as kings. For Luke 12:48 tells us that to whom much is given, much is required. And to whom much is entrusted in him, much more will be asked.

Thank you for sharing these secrets of the universe, as I know in my heart that the God of Israel is well-pleased with your sharing of His Word and revelation. Leticia and I are praying for a greater capacity to love, understand and obey these vital communications so that we can continue in service and growth in Him. We love you and Mrs. Helm dearly. Love in Jesus. We are your servants.

Gerald and Leticia Tempton

Excerpts of a letter from Marcia Schultze, who took the following notes when the Minister of Tourism addressed our group:

"Your Excellency and people, I want to commend you for your courage. Many people have booked passage to come to Israel, and many have canceled. You know by being here that this is a safe place. We are going through difficult times, but happy times. We are hoping to have peace with our neighbors. We gave back to Egypt the Sinai, all the villages, all the oil wells and the artillery. What did we get in return? Just a piece of paper. We seek peace. We know, with the blessing of the Almighty, there will

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be peace and happiness for many generations. The situation in Kuwait is bad. We would like to settle it peacefully, but it takes two parties, and one is not around. The USA will help.

The collapse of the Communist Party was a great thing for our country. One thousand immigrants come here daily from Russia. One-and-a-half million have come this year. They need homes, schools, hospitals and jobs. We will overcome these difficulties.

The city of Jerusalem welcomes you. The people of Jerusalem welcome you."

**Victory reports about:
"A Voice in the Wilderness"**

"I read your book A Voice in the Wilderness and felt immediately that God wanted me to read it and that it was not just a "chance"

or "coincidence." Thank you so much for writing it. I plan to read it again soon."

"Greetings in the precious Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I am a pastor of a local church and a dear saint of God gave me a book. He said, "Pastor, be sure and read this book." I did, and it was and is such a blessing. The title of the book is A Voice in the Wilderness. The Lord has in this church some key men who would, I believe, really benefit in reading it. Thank you."

"I have purchased a set of A Voice in the Wilderness on cassette and have appreciated it so much. I listen to the tapes while preparing the evening meal, and am helped and encouraged. I plan to give a set to a niece and her husband who both have eye problems. I thank God for the anointing on Daniel Light and on these tapes. Love in Jesus."

Revival For Our Day, Inc.

December 3, 1990

Dear Ones in Jesus our Savior; Greetings,

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (Jn. 3:16) We are coming now to the time of year when we especially think of the promises of God, and of His prophets, who would prophesy that Jesus, the Messiah, would come. The prophecy that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem of Judea is in Isaiah, as well as in other scriptures of the Old Testament writings.

We read about the wise men coming from afar because they could see the heavens declaring the Son of God was born. They followed that star and came all the way from the East. No one knows what distance they traveled, but they came to find Him, to worship Him and to bring Him gold, frankincense and myrrh--financing His trip into Egypt where Joseph and Mary were to flee. So they came and saw Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary. They marveled and worshipped Him, and were warned of God to return home another way.

When we have Jesus in our heart, we go another way. We do not go the way of selfishness and the way of the world. We go the way of truth and the way of holiness, the way of compassion. We do not go the way of criticism and murmuring or the way of the love of the earth. Rather, we go back a way called "...the way, the truth, and the life."

At this Christmastime we pray that each of us will have a quickening and renewing in our heart, knowing that it is God's special gift to us. It is holy and wonderful. It is because of God's great love for us that He gave us Jesus to save us from our sins, blotting out our transgressions from us as far as the east is from the west; to give us peace and joy in our heart and love for our brothers and sisters.

Jesus said, "A new commandment I give unto you, That you love one another; as I have loved you." We know this only comes by the Holy Spirit and that the carnal heart does not know of this love. We have to be cleansed of carnality so that the love of God can flow through us to all people. We know that it's through His grace and gifts, by the help of the Holy Spirit, that we are able to be victorious and walk in the light as He is in the light; to have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin. St. Paul said, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." He also exhorted us in the twelfth chapter of Hebrews: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking 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 set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

We want to praise God and thank Him for the fact that He loves us and gave us Jesus, that we, through His precious blood, through the work of the Holy Spirit, can resist the devil and all deceptions and darkness. The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, who can know it; and we can only resist the devil by the help of the Holy Spirit. God knows how to deliver us from every evil, sin and deception unto holiness and righteousness; not to be discouraged, but to obey as He leads. We just trust and wait for His guidance. We follow His Word to do as He would tell us to do. May the Lord encourage your heart, for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Matthew, chapter eighteen, verse three reads: "...Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." We receive the kingdom of heaven as a little child--with gratitude, spontaneity and enthusiasm. A little child is enthusiastic. When he receives something, he's excited and wants to share about it. We receive the kingdom of heaven with thanksgiving and we want to share about it. Chapter one of the book of Acts, the latter part of the eighth verse reads: "...and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

We desire this letter to come to you out of our heart. We know we are very needy, and it's only by God's grace we can make it. It's through the mercies of God and the blood of the Lamb we can make it to glory. From the days of John the Baptist until now, it is a battle and a pressing into the kingdom of God. The kingdom of heaven is preached, and every man presseth into it. We must put on the whole armor of God and have our loins gird about with truth. We must put on the breastplate of righteousness and be shod for the preparation of the gospel of peace. Above all, the scripture says, we must take the shield of faith by which we are able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. We must take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. We must pray with all prayer and supplication for all saints.

We need to pray for the saints of God, for they need encouragement. They need to be lifted and helped. They need strengthened. The devil accuses and we have to resist the accuser of the brethren. We need to plead for mercy, for we know that it is through Him we can be a sanctified people. John 17:17 says: "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." We know that He is able, through His holy truth, to cleanse out of our heart that which is defiling, and to purge us and fill us with His Holy Spirit that we

might become one as God and Jesus are one; and that the church may be in harmony rather than in conflict.

We praise, thank, glorify and honor God for the work of the Holy Spirit. We praise Him for the life of obedience, for when we obey, our prayers go through. If we have been obeying the guidance of the Holy Spirit with a pure heart, our prayers are heard before we start to speak them. They are heard as soon as they begin in the heart and before they can get to the tongue. But if we haven't obeyed, our prayers don't get very high. The life of obedience is following and doing exactly what Jesus says, what He leads to do. It's important to take care of the little things He guides us in, and it begins in our home with our companion and children. Fifty years ago I preached that the real test of a Christian is the home test--not growling or getting upset or yelling and lifting our voice. If a child hears a father or mother lift their voice, it stays in their mind. Only the Lord can cleanse that out of us, and it is kept out by living the life of obedience.

In the life of obedience there is cleansing. In the life of obedience there is communion. In the life of obedience there is hearing and seeing. In the life of obedience there is the coming revelation that pivots on the present guidance in the Word or from the mind of God revealed to the hearing, listening, heeding heart. In the life of obedience there is continual heeding (with devotion) in humility and exactness. In the life of obedience there is attentiveness and compassion. Obedience comes as we love God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, with all our strength, and as we love our neighbor as ourself. And as we obey and live in the life of obedience, there comes a victorious sweetness as refreshing as the coming of the sun, as the dawning of the morning, as the rippling of a stream, as the singing of a bird, as the fragrance of a garden of roses and beautiful lilies as the perfume comes by and they all mingle together in a melody of song and inspiration.

In the life of obedience there is harmony. In the life of obedience there is such sweetness that you want everyone in on it. But if you tell them that, unless they've obeyed, they say "That's nice." In the life of obedience there is not only harmony and communion, but there is fellowship and understanding with compassion, and it interlocks like chains. It lifts the load of the lost. It bears before the Throne a burden for the Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven. "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken, than the fat of rams." (I Sam. 15:22b) It's stronger than chains. It's higher than mountains. It's farther than the universe. It covers everything. It yields that which you long for and brings you to the way called straight. It brings you to the City Celestial, which hath foundation through the Builder and Maker, God Eternal; Who holds in His hands that child who obeys and follows and rejoices and bends. For

unless we bend, we break to our own will. There must be flexibility, not rigidity. Rigidity is in the life of disobedience, and disobedience is everything outside the realm of obedience. I have never said that in fifty-seven years. In all the universe and in all humanity, there is either the life of obedience or the life of disobedience.

The obedient heart is the heart called 'kept'. Jesus said that we are to keep our heart with all diligence, for in it and through it come the revelations and issues of this life. And the issues and revelations come through the kept heart as we go where Jesus leads, where God sends, and where He holds us in a place of trust. Trust lives and breathes in all areas of the obedient life. Obedience is so sweet and so precious that it never spoils and never dims. It seems like the generator never ceases, even in the darkest of places. As we obey Him, our Heavenly Father brings us into a place that we cannot explain. How can we tell it, for it cannot be told. The life of obedience is beyond explanation, but within it is the secret of God. He reveals His secrets to the obedient heart. The trusting heart is the heart that is waiting for the next leading in order to experience obedience again.

Because of disobedience in the Garden man is born in sin. But when we lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily besets us, to run with patience the race that is set before us, we begin the life of obedience. And that life is following as He guides us and directs us into His likeness, and loving each other as He loves us. God is always present and is always there when we need Him, for He lives in the obedient heart. That is why Jesus said, "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth...That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee." To be a sanctified people is to obey God faithfully, continually and steadfastly; pressing on in what He wants us to do--to love one another as He loves us. When He leads, it's such a joy and delight. We are then partakers of the fruit thereof, and it's wine creates a thirst and quenches it.

We're so thankful for God to lead as we obey His Word, His will, His truth, His revelation. It is in this that we have our dwelling place, for the obedient heart dwells near to the heart of God. The obedient heart is submissive. It is not callous. Neither is it rigid. It is willing to follow as God bends it and leads it and directs it. We want to praise Him for His great love, for we only obey as we love. We only obey as we fear. The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. The beginning, the edge, the start of the alpha is to fear God. We only obey God as we fear Him and love Him. Love and fear go together. They are inseparable. You can't dissect fear and love, for if you do, it ends in a hard place, a desolate and lonely place. We need to fear God and keep His commandments always, that it might be well with us and with our children forever. Praise the Lord.

This is the solution of the ills of the day--to come to the Savior Who is able to change the heart from resisting to submitting. There isn't anyone who can do that by talking or by some idea or doctrine. It takes the Holy Spirit in the heart of a man or woman. And when God has preeminence, He is the solution. To obey Him has been God's will since the Fall of Adam, but man has been prone to disobey. We either live in the life of obedience or in the life of disobedience. There is no neutral ground. We are either living in obedience and hearing the voice of God and following, or we are living the life of disobedience and following the self-life. Because of the first disobedience, there have been such hard places, conflicts, troubles, criticism and judgemental spirits. The life of disobedience is never satisfied. It can have the best of everything, and it still isn't good enough. The obedient heart has the littlest things (it seems like nothing) and think it's so great. (And that touches my heart!) This is quite a field of tremendous revelation! Ever since the Fall of Adam, every one of us is either dwelling in disobedience or obedience. We sing, "Open my eyes that I may see, visions of truth thou hast for me." He did. He has.

The life of the obedient heart is kept by the power of God as we become childlike. In the life of obedience there is attentiveness to the voice of God. He gives His revelation to the obedient heart, and whenever He gives His revelation, that heart is so happy, so thrilled and overjoyed. Now the disobedient heart thinks that person is a little strange and gets perturbed with them. It is not always visible. It is usually undercover. The obedient heart doesn't notice, though, and goes right on rejoicing. The obedient heart doesn't ask, "Why don't you understand me?" It just skips along the hillsides of praise and has a great time with nothing. The disobedient heart is trying to find pleasure in everything. It is trying to find enjoyment in anything it can get hold of to obtain what it would like. The obedient heart has so much, and if you look, you can hardly see it. It's hidden from the eye of the disobedient heart, but revealed to the lowly, to the humble, to the prayerful, to the submissive, to those who sing in the choirs of His Majesty in going forth like lights in the world. Oh, what a wonder! Glory! Amen! Aren't we unworthy to have God help us like this? Praise the Lord.

After the Lord helped me to share this message during a service on our recent journey into Israel, Robert Morey was immediately to his feet and gave the following testimony, which I wanted to share with you:

This is one of the greatest things I've ever heard in my life. You have just given us a system of philosophy. Philosophy tries to describe the nature of the universe, and you said the nature of the universe is either obedience or disobedience. You said that not only people, but also things, are in the realm of obedience or disobedience. Well,

you just described the whole universe. Philosophies are trying to help us to know how the universe is described so we can walk realistically in the universe. You told us how to walk realistically in this world--walk in obedience. And look at all these things that are happening. I wish that Russell or Whitehead or Hegel could have been here. I wish these great philosophers could have been here tonight.

People are attempting to explain reality and the nature of the universe. You explained it tonight in a way we can all understand. It is simply that all things are either in the realm of obedience or disobedience, and that obedience goes farther than the universe. You said that. I don't know whether you remember or not, but I wrote it down. It's sort of like ducks flying over--you've got to shoot one to get it down. You can't write it all down fast enough. You've just got to pick one and paddle. You said that disobedience is everything outside the realm of obedience. This encompasses all mathematics and all science. Mathematics operates by law. It is obeying. One and one always equal two. Science and the physical universe operates and obeys God. The heavens declare the glory of God is another way of saying it.

Now, when are we going to do it? Obedience fits in with the way God created the universe--how to live realistically and responsibly in this world. This is one of the greatest things I've ever heard in my life. Some people have a philosophy and they call it idealism or naturalism or existentialism or who knows what other else ism! You name it, they've got it. This philosophy is God's wisdom, God's nature of reality--obedience or disobedience. We have received something very great here. You said that God will give the revelation to the obedient heart. And indeed He does. Praise the Lord. You don't have to have a doctor's degree to learn about it either. We've just received it in ten minutes. It will take a lifetime to work it out though--perhaps eternity. I said to myself, "What a philosophy! What a world view!" You also said that this will solve all ills. Well, it's because it understands the entire nature of all things--how to put them together, how they relate to each other and how they operate. Glory to God!

It's in the realm of obedience or disobedience. It's so great it even goes beyond the world's view, because obedience goes farther than the universe. I just had to write it down. It doesn't mean I understood it. How powerful is obedience? You said that it's stronger than kings. It's higher than mountains. It reaches farther than the universe. Glory to God! The best man can do is send a satellite to another planet. What you told us here tonight goes farther than the universe. You made a statement that obedience 'reaches' and I want to get hold of that. The obedient heart has a great time with nothing because it is in harmony with Almighty God. Our philosophies center in on a few things and get part of the picture, but

God's philosophy encompasses all things because it has Christ at the center. You own nothing yourself, but yet everything is yours. At least, you finally get it in your head how to comprehend all things in obedience or disobedience. One or the other. No matter where you go in life or whatever happens or whatever you read, see or hear, it's all under obedience or disobedience.

We feel so unworthy of Robert's testimony, but deeply grateful for God's mercy and help to us, for only in Him and through Him can this ever be. We can do nothing in ourself, only trust to be obedient and faithful, giving Him the praise and glory for it all. We know that we owe all things to God in Jesus' Name, for without Him is emptiness.

We also wanted to share with you about an experience we had when we went to Diana's Restaurant last Saturday night. It was so crowded that Florence and I had to sit in between many people, and we were very close together. It was quite noisy, and after a while, Pearl, the waitress the Lord helped us to take to Israel three years ago last August, came up to my left side and said, "Oh, when I read your book, 'A Voice in the Wilderness', last night I was weeping. I thought how needy I am and how nothing I am." She talked so softly that I didn't know whether Florence could hear what she was saying, and after she left, a lady got up from the other side of Florence (the second one over) and asked, "What book was this lady talking about?" Of course, I had never seen this woman before, and in a low tone I whispered, "A Voice in the Wilderness." She very loudly said, "Oh, I've read that book! How honored I am to meet you. This is a small world." I asked her where she found it and she replied, "It's in our Breezy Hill Library." I asked, "How did it get there?" and she said, "I don't know." We were astonished and stirred, because if Pearl hadn't witnessed to me of how Jesus had helped her and how the Holy Spirit had encouraged her, (She has had the book now somewhere between seven and eight years.) we would never have known about this other lady having read the book. We were very stirred over the fact that we were in this busy place and not sitting where we wanted to sit at all, but were where we needed to be to meet a woman who had been encouraged with this humble, needy writing. It was a precious time of thanksgiving indeed.

Yesterday morning, at Palm Beach Gardens Christ Fellowship, the pastor began the service with exhortation and prayer. Then he turned the service over to me and I began to share how the Lord had worked with me on the 'gospel shoes'. When I entered the pulpit, I hadn't any idea what I was going to say. I had a thought that the Lord might help me to speak on the second chapter of Luke, but here I was exhorting on the 'gospel shoes'. I didn't know I was going to mention so many different experiences of these last forty to fifty years and I must have spoken about twenty to thirty minutes before reaching for my Bible. I was not aware until the pastor

shared with me after the service that what I spoke on for those twenty to thirty minutes was the very thing they faced the past week. He said it was with pinpoint accuracy. The Holy Spirit is to be praised and God is to be thanked for covering the conditions they faced during the week.

After speaking, I felt I should reach for my Bible which was on the floor beside my chair. When I reached down and brought it up, it opened to Malachi, chapter three. I said, "Instead of preaching on the second chapter of Luke, I will trust Jesus to help me with Malachi, chapter three, verses one through four." I didn't know until I reached for my Bible and it fell open to Malachi, that I would be speaking on this text. I began by quoting the scripture: "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me." I had no outline, but began to speak on who may abide the day of His coming, on who will stand when He appeareth and about the refiner's fire. I began to share about putting the ore into the furnace and turning up the heat. Then how we bring out that part of the gold and look at it. The dross is still not separated from the ore. It is like it was, so we turn the heat up and bring out the plate and then continue turning the heat up and bringing it out to see if the dross is separated from the real metal, the gold. And after it's refined to the place where we can look and see our reflection, then it's true gold.

After I finished speaking, Rev. Howe's wife stood and shared, "Last Thursday the pastor asked us to read Malachi, and when I got to the third chapter I prayed and said, 'Oh, Jesus, I don't understand this. Please give me more understanding on chapter three, verses one through four.'" She had prayed and pled with God, in Jesus' Name, to have that preached on and here it just occurred! We were all amazed and rather startled. I had no idea I was going to preach on this text. I asked the choir to sing number four on their list and the song was, "More than Gold." It was so precious. Only the Lord Jesus, the Holy Ghost, could ever help in any meeting like this again.

I also asked the pastor, Thomas Mullins, to share from his heart about this wonderful meeting:

The service this last week was so gloriously wonderful from the standpoint of how the Holy Spirit had led Rev. Helm to address, with pinpoint accuracy, the many situations with Gospel solutions; and along with that, such overwhelming encouragement. I know God helped him, because this past week we undoubtedly faced the most challenging week of our six-and-a-half year ministry. I had not shared any of this with Rev. Helm, yet as we have seen time and again, the Holy Spirit so directed. When the service began, Rev. Helm was tired and his throat was hurting. He felt utterly empty at that moment, but then all of a sudden, within seconds, the Holy Spirit came upon him and he began to exhort and talk to us about the importance of

putting on our 'gospel shoes'. There was such a spirit of joy and excitement that hit the place, that if he had not taken a small pause in his discussion of the 'gospel shoes' I believe people would have been up and running. I could hardly stay in my seat. It took everything within me to stay put as he talked about the 'gospel shoes' and the beauty of them--how we keep them shined by doing the will of God--how, when we look inside to see what they're lined with, it's with all of heaven. It was glorious.

Rev. Helm shared that when we put on our 'gospel shoes' it will make it possible for us to be able to get where God wants us to be. And, in being there, we will be in a position to reach out and serve and care for others. This entire past week Donna and I had been praying about the very reality of the great need in our church--of people being sensitive to one another's needs and being willing to reach out and minister to one another. Rev. Helm addressed the importance of it so beautifully with practical suggestions on how to approach it. It could not have been more blessed than if I had sat down and given him a list.

Then we were so excited when he reached down to pick up his Bible and it opened to the third chapter of Malachi. He began sharing from the first verse which reads: "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me." And he started sharing from Malachi about God going before us and preparing the way before us in all situations. God helped him with such beautiful illustrations and teachings. He shared that God is already before us, and if we will continue on by faith, we will get to where we need to be and He will have the help waiting on us. He went on to share about the refiner's fire, which is mentioned in the second verse and talked about what it does when you refine gold. It was just so beautiful and wonderful. Later in the service the Lord witnessed for the choir to sing, and the title of their song was, "More than Gold." It fit perfectly and said that God's love for us is more than gold.

Rev. Helm shared through the fourth verse of Malachi. He did not know that I had shared from Malachi the previous Thursday and had challenged the people to read the entire book. He did not know that Rose Howe had it on her heart for him to share on the third chapter of Malachi, verses one through four. This is such a marvelous thing. We were so excited and thrilled about how this happened. To me, Sunday morning was one of the most glorious times of watching the Holy Spirit work with such pinpoint accuracy to meet the needs of our people. Everyone was so encouraged by the service. The Lord helped to lift and encourage us. He helped us to keep our focus and to realize that He has gone before us. He will prepare everything, and our concern is simply to walk in the guidance of the Holy Spirit and be concerned about reaching out and loving others in practical ways.

Thank you for praying for us. We know it is important to pray for the lost to be saved, for believers to be sanctified, for the church to be obedient, for the leaders of the world to be convicted and converted, and to know Jesus intimately. At this Christmastime, as we review the Light of the world and the beauty of His presence, we want to give away the gift of knowing Jesus, of how He saved us and how He can keep and change the vilest of sinners. We are trusting for that deliverance and for the help of the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord.

Thank you for sacrificing for us. Our need is great and we know that even though there has been difficult times, He is able to deliver and provide. We know we're unworthy, but He is able. He is mighty to save, to sanctify, to provide and protect. We need His guidance and protection. We need His indwelling. The indwelling of Jesus, of the Holy Spirit, of the Word of God, is so paramount and expedient. Without Him we can do nothing.

May the Lord encourage each of you as you pray. We pray for the healing of your body, for encouragement to your soul and mind, that you may abound in the work of the Lord Jesus Christ; for only those things of the Kingdom of God are going to stand. All other things will pass away. We are trusting for help for each one, for those who are hurting in various parts of the body--that You, Jesus, will lift this suffering out of the head, out of the stomach, out of the various parts of the joints. You know how to heal, deliver and apply Your precious stripes to the infections, the inflammations, the poisons that have accumulated. You are able to obliterate them. You are able to deliver in all parts of the body. You are able to give the soul victory and the mind wellness so that we may abound and remember and know what to do and what not to do. We are trusting, in Jesus' Name, for our boys in Saudi Arabia and for all those in Israel and the Arab nation.

We surely wish and desire you to have a wonderful, precious, victorious Christmas Season and a Happy New Year. We appreciate all the Christmas cards, prayers, helps and gifts. We feel so unworthy, but deeply grateful for God's people. Please pray for us, that we may be, by God's grace, delivered through Jesus, through the precious Holy Spirit, the Mighty God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

In Jesus' Name,

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