

Revival For Our Day, Inc.

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Dear Ones in Jesus our Savior; Greetings,

"And he went forth again by the sea side..." (Mark 2:13) This scripture says that Jesus went forth again. That means he had been there before. "...and all the multitude resorted unto him." Now a resort is a place of pleasure. A resort is a place of getting away from stress. A multitude may be from five hundred to four thousand people. He was there by the Sea of Galilee and the whole multitude resorted unto Him, which means they clave unto Him. They pressed to be close to Him. They wanted to hear Him. How much can you hear? You always hear as much as you die to self and obey the Holy Spirit in your life. Mark 2:13 says the whole multitude pressed to be where the Lamb of God was, where the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star, the Everlasting Father, the Counselor, the Mighty God was. The whole multitude went to be with Him. They wanted to look at Him and hear what He had to say.

The scripture says 'all the multitude'. That means there wasn't one person lagging. Have you ever seen a lagger? There wasn't a lagger or a leaner there, which means they were rather enthusiastic. They were happy and wanted to see Jesus. Here was a multitude, and they all had a desire to be where Jesus was. They left their businesses and plans. How many plans do you leave to press to be with Him? They left their arrangements. All the multitude resorted unto Jesus and found a place of rest, of joy, of satisfaction. Do you know if you're satisfied? The multitude who resorted unto Jesus was. They were as satisfied as when He fed them with just a few loaves and fishes.

All the multitude resorted unto Jesus. They were listening to Him. What were they hearing? They were hearing the words of life. They were hearing the secrets of time. They were observing the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley. They pressed to touch His garments. They pressed to know what the mind of the Spirit was. They resorted. I want you to see that not one of them was in a strain. There was not one under pressure. They were in delight. The whole multitude resorted unto Jesus. No one told them they had to do this. They did it because something within them brought them to this great place of enjoyment, to this great place of listening to the Master Teacher.

All the multitude looked upon Him and said, "Never any man spake like this man." When He talked it seemed as if the birds would hush their singing and such a quietness would come into the restless heart that they were able to just be at home. Isn't it great to be at home? And when you are at home, you feel it. Home is a place where you rest and are cared for. They resorted unto Jesus. They wanted to listen to what He said because they knew that a lot of their distress would be gone if

they could get as close to Him as they could. They realized their burdens would be lifted. They realized that maybe some of their problems could be solved.

"...and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them." He taught them of life. He taught them of prayer. He taught them of faith. He taught them of light. He taught them of grace. He taught them of mercy. He taught them of purity. Blessed are the pure in heart. How great is His faithfulness to save us as we repent of our sins and follow. The Holy Spirit purges us as we resort and yield ourselves unto Him. He taught them of love. "Oh Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, That in Thine ocean depths it's flow May richer, fuller be."

Now when you have love, you are always giving. I recently said to Kathleen, "Write a check and give it to this one. They need something today." They said to me later, "Oh, Dad, I didn't know how I was going to live. I didn't know when I was going to get a check." When you love, you give. You give to the waiter, to the helper and to the clerk. When you give love, you give something so expensive, so sweet and full of grace and beauty that it's like a sunrise. He taught them of love. When you love someone, there is light. He taught them of love, of mercy, of grace, of sweetness, of faith and joy.

Jesus said in Mark 12:30-31, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these." He taught them of this great love. Oh, to have love like this. What is love like this? You can't match it in the earth. You can't put it on, because it's hollow. What is the love of Christ? It's full. It's resilient. It's tender. Love is full of tenderness. Love is full of gentleness. Love is full of understanding. Love is full of compassion. He taught them to love God with all their heart.

When you love God with all your heart, you love everybody else. And when you love everybody else, you don't find fault with anybody. You don't criticize anybody. You don't judge anybody. He taught them of judgment. "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" (I Ptr. 4:17-18) The house of God means the apostles, the prophets, the pastors, the teachers and laymen. "...and he taught them." Isn't this great!

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When the Holy Ghost fell upon me on April 4, 1942, every wave was love. I shouted and shouted and shouted and shouted. Rebecca Pumphrey was so taken with the fact that our three-year-old daughters were not frightened of me. It was because every shout was full of love. Love never scolds. Love always instructs with tenderness. Scolding doesn't come out of love. It comes out of the carnal nature. Information and instruction comes with tenderness, sweetness, care, compassion and understanding. The love of God is so great that if you start writing and let the sky be a scroll, and let every man be a scribe and let the oceans be ink...after the oceans are drained dry, you wouldn't have all the story told. Love comes from the heart of God, for Jesus said, "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." That thrills me! I know there are trials, but oh, what healing comes from the heart of God.

He taught them of love. He taught them of mercy. He taught them of His Word. He taught them of judgment. He taught them of faithfulness--being faithful in prayer, in praise, in witnessing, in being still and listening. How much can you hear when you are quiet? What do you hear when you are still? He taught them of wonder. He taught them of miracles. He taught them of little children. He said we are to receive His kingdom like a little child.

I walked into a church one time and a little four-year-old boy said, "Look at my shoes." I replied, "They're nice." He said, "What do you think of my trousers. They're new." He was so thrilled over his trousers and so happy over his shoes. Little children are excited when they get something new and want to tell about it. We are to receive the kingdom of God like a little child receives what is his or hers. The word 'receive' holds delight, happiness and appreciation. Except we receive the kingdom of God as a little child, we will not enter. One scripture says, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven." He taught them of conversion. He taught them of the blood. He taught them of the grace of God. He taught them of the Word of God, the love of God, the great and marvelous gift and wonders of God.

What do we teach? We teach what we are. We teach what we have. You never teach anyone anything you don't have. And if you teach what you have and teach it in the right spirit, they can get a little lesson and make a 'B' average. Do you ever get in the 'B' business? If you do, you are soon in the honey, and if you get in the honey, you become sweet. He taught them of sweetness. He taught them of grace. "But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." (Rom. 5:20) "Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!" He said that sin is an abomination and the wages of it is death. If we do anything that is not holy, it is sin and

destroys. When you come to Jesus and do that which God wills, then it brings you up into the place called a gladsome land.

It is wonderful to be taught of the river of life, of the special love He has for you and for me. It's wonderful to be taught of the sacredness of His Word and the infallibility of it. It's wonderful to be taught that God's Word is a lamp to the feet and a light to the path. "...and he taught them." How much can you receive from teaching? The whole multitude resorted and He taught them. How much did the multitude receive from His teaching? How long did it last? How long did it stay with them? His teaching was so special. It was so wonderful in its presentation, but how long would they hold it in the library of the soul? How long can you keep what you're taught? How much do you practice what you've heard? How far do you follow to receive what is yours? How strenuously do you labor to hold fast that which you've been taught?

He taught them of kindness. Did you know that kindness comes out of love? Did you know you are just as kind as you love? How does anger and wrath go along with kindness? Do they mix? Are they enemies? Are they opposites? He taught them of kindness. He taught them of His faithfulness to man. The Holy Spirit is faithful. His promises are faithful. Our faithfulness to Him is holding fast to what we've been taught so we will be able, not only to be recipients of it, but to go forth as examples. You are an example of what you've been taught. What? You are an example of what you've been taught and have kept in your heart. Jesus said, "Ye are the lights of the world." Who are the lights of the world? The person who has heard what he has been taught and has kept it and treasured it. How much of this multitude who resorted unto Jesus was going to keep His teaching? Were they able to hold it without it spoiling? Were they able to keep it without it leaking out of the book of memory?

You are what you've been taught. You become what you've been taught. When you are converted and saved, when you are transformed and changed and have been taught of the Word, you've been taught of behavior. You behave as you are taught. Your behavior is your reactions. When you are disappointed and your reaction is hostile, it tells about your heart and what you've found in earth's teaching. As I shared this scripture with my wife in family prayer, I said, "Honey, I've seen this and read this to you. How many hundred times do you suppose I've read this in fifty-some years? Look at this! The multitude resorted! Look at this word 'resort'!" I said, "Honey, there is so much in this phrase, '...and he taught them'!" And we receive this teaching with what? Hearing with appreciation. If you appreciate what you have been taught, do you lose it? or apply it?

How many could hear what He said? Later the scriptures say that they all forsook Him and fled. How much are we going to keep to

hold us so we won't run away? They all forsook Him, but, you see, He taught them the words of life. He taught them of behavior. He taught them of sweetness. He taught them of knowing how to assume responsibilities. Many people don't know how to assume responsibilities. He taught them how to hear what He said so they could be obedient servants, which is to assume the place of their rightful station by following in praise and submission to become like a child. When we keep what we are taught, we are happy. We have joy in our souls when we are taught of the kingdom of God and of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. He gives us joy. He gives us peace. He gives us rest. He gives us something and we hold it fast to our heart to be holy unto God, to be holy with those we labor with.

He taught them of behavior, judgment and mercy, of love and faithfulness, of obedience and prayer. Jesus said that as we pray, pray, "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." He taught them of prayer. He taught them of blessing. He taught them of light. Those who are lights in the world are the men and women, boys and girls who follow. What is following? Following is denying self, dying to self and obeying every leading of the Holy Spirit.

How much are you going to retain and maintain in your soul as He has taught you of His holiness, His purity, His compassion, His love, His grace and Word? The whole multitude resorted unto Him and found peace, rest, happiness, jubilance, enthusiasm and delight. Isn't it a delight to be taught of His will and to be delighted with it? He taught them of the will of God, for He 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."

In 1941, when we forsook all to go with God, we had to obey Him and leave everything. We didn't know what we were going to eat. We had to trust. And when we know about trusting, we don't ask for anything. When we ask for things, we aren't trusting at all. I didn't ask my father for anything. He told me in the month of February, 1943, "Son, you can't live by total faith. I've never seen anybody live that way. You'll ask me to help finance you within two year's time." I didn't ask my father for anything. My father was one of the great men of God who preached under the anointing. I thought that if I could get hold of my father's hand, I could go anywhere. He taught us about stability. He taught us about reliability. He taught us about steadfastness. He taught us about being thankful for nothing. My father asked me, "How are you going to live? You have a wife and three children. How are you going to have bread?" I replied, "I'm going to just trust and follow." "How are you going to pay your rent?" "I'm going to trust." "How are you going to get another car?" "I'm going to trust."

Well, the old car began to rust. The bottom rusted out. The top rusted out. There was a hundred and sixteen thousand miles on that car and I didn't have any income. We lived like that for eight years. Finally, one day, a pilgrim said, "When I was praying, God told me to get you a car. I've got twelve hundred dollars in the bank." I got on my knees real quick and said, "Oh, Jesus, here's that car! Oh, my, my, I didn't know where it was coming from!" (...He taught them of provision. He fed the multitude with a little of nothing and satisfied every one of them.) I didn't ask this gentleman for a car. I didn't say, "Would you loan me a car?" No, no, for in the life of trust, you just trust and don't ask. You follow. Every one who follows, receives. This gentleman said to me, "You know, that's all the money I've got, but my wife is a school teacher and has a few hundred. If it costs more, I'll just borrow from her. You look for a car."

I went from place to place and finally found the car at a Ford garage in Fort Wayne, Indiana. A man had had a sad experience. His wife died and he had to let his car go back. It was a 1949 Ford and had twenty-nine hundred miles on it. Mr. Munson said I could have it for seventeen hundred and fifty dollars. I told him that my old car wasn't much good and didn't run very well. He said, "You're painting a pretty black picture here. I had better drive it." I said, "It's better for me to tell you it's worse than it is." He took a little drive and said, "It's not as bad as you think. I think it's worth a little more." You might build yourself up to get another fifty to a hundred dollars, but if you do, you'll get what doesn't belong to you. And if you get that, you won't have any joy and you've lost what you've been taught. It's been misappropriated. I told Mr. Munson, "This car has carried me to see Dr. Carver. I went to tell him that God was looking for a people who would really obey Him." He didn't say anything, but I knew he knew that was right.

I asked, "Would you let me pray?" And if they had never had prayer in the office of the Munson Ford Garage in Fort Wayne, Indiana, they had it that day. I tried to tell Jesus how needy I was. When you've been taught, you feel like you are needy. If you feel like you are pretty good, you still have a lot of lessons to learn. How many lessons have you received from His teachings?" The Word says, "...and he taught them." Are we in kindergarten or grade one? Have we gotten to the second class yet? You only get to the next class as you receive and maintain what you've been taught. I was on my knees praising God for a car that people said we would never have.

The night before we were to meet Claude at the Munson garage, my heart was so heavy. I said, "I'm so unworthy of a new car like this with only twenty-nine hundred miles on it." I cried out to Jesus and said, "I don't know what my burden is, but oh, it's such a heavy burden." The next morning, as my wife and I

were driving to Fort Wayne, I said, "Honey, my heart is so heavy. This precious brother and his wife are going to sacrifice seventeen hundred and fifty dollars for us on December 7, 1948. My heart has ached all night, and there is something about this car transaction. God is talking to me about something, and here they are sacrificing for us." How pleased and thankful are you for those who sacrifice and make a way for you? How appreciative are you? I said, "This man and his wife are sacrificing for us. Oh, Honey, there is such a responsibility on me."

When we arrived I said, "Claude, my heart is so heavy. I've got such a burden. How are you?" He replied, "I'm as happy as can be." I said, "I'm glad you are." What God was telling me about was the situations He was going to work out with this car--where I would travel, situations of protection and soul winning, and about this couple's sacrificing and how faithful I was going to be to pay it back. He was telling me that possibly the salesman's or owner's salvation was involved. Here was this man who was called to the ministry, and I was supposed to encourage him. Here was this soul under conviction who had wandered away and was disobedient and forgot what he had been taught. I was supposed to be there to love him. How many do you love when you make a transaction? How encouraging are you to help those who are in need or disappointed or hurt or crushed? We praised the Lord, sanctified that car and went out of there happy! God had made a way!

He always makes the way if you receive what you are taught and are faithful with what you've received to give Him all the glory, all the praise, all the honor and all the thanksgiving without pressure, scolding, remorse or carnal things in the mind to bring deceit. "...and he taught them." He taught them of nobility, of uprightness, of righteousness, of truth. Have you ever opened the volume of truth? How many pages are in this volume? How many pages have you turned in this volume of truth? What is truth? Where is it lodged? Where is the wind? Where does it come from? Is truth something you touch and reach and hold in your hand, or is it something that you live? Truth is that God so loved the world. Truth is that Jesus is Lord. Truth is that the blood will never lose its power. Truth is that though your sins be as scarlet, He will make them white as snow. Truth is that whosoever will, may come. "...and he taught them."

Is your spiritual stomach about to burst? or have you had a fragment yet? Have you received a crumb? or a feast? All the multitude resorted unto Him and were satisfied. A resort is a place of beauty, rest, surprises and flowing streams. It's a place of adventure and fascination. It's a place of fulfillment and satisfaction. The multitude wanted to be near Him that He might feed them in the inner man. And they were filled. He taught them of love. But before His love can flow through us, we must deny ourselves and obey. His love only works through the obedient heart.

The second verse of the second chapter of Ephesians says, "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." Only as we deny ourselves and take up the cross to be cleansed of the carnal nature, can His love flow through us. His love flows through a clear and submissive heart, a heart of love and yieldedness. Otherwise, we are the children of disobedience. That spirit is the spirit of self-assertiveness--those who make the choice of Tarshish, or make the choice to go with Abraham when they should stay behind. When we are disobedient, we cause conflict, anxiety, hurt and wounds that only the blood of Jesus and the power of God can heal.

Being the children of disobedience takes us by the way of separation and darkness. The spirit of disobedience brings hurt, conflict and discord. The spirit that worketh in the children of disobedience is the love of the world. That spirit lets self be dominant and leads to the prison. It leads to the disobeying of human responsibilities and the sacred trust of doing what we should be doing. The spirit of disobedience will not let us witness. Only the spirit of love and following will give us the strength to witness about how thankful we are for Jesus to help us and how we need the Lord.

When God, in His mercy, brings forth the rain drops which moisten the soil, it brings forth the seed. But if the rain drops don't fall, there is barrenness, desolation and famine. This is the spirit that worketh in the children of disobedience. Therefore, "...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." (Heb. 12:1-2)

The Holy Spirit works in the children of obedience, and they love everyone and are skipping on the hillsides of praise. The fruit of the children of obedience is tenderness, love, sweetness, understanding, compassion and going the second mile. The children of disobedience are in great distress and loneliness. The fruit of the children of disobedience is distress and heartache. They are not going the second mile, but want to be carried along. They are not satisfied with anything. It doesn't matter how much good is done for the children of disobedience, they feel like people are against them and they simply travel on without appreciation, and don't assume their rightful responsibilities with integrity and accuracy, with joy and helpfulness--being careful in the little things.

Love flows through the life of obedience with spontaneity and without any effort on the part of the person. It flows through without limit or requirement, and is full of

compassion and understanding. It goes farther than the first mile. The ability to love is not in the life of disobedience, but instead, there is resentment, self-pity, harshness, impatience and criticism. Criticism lives in the judgmental spirit of the heart.

The children of obedience may have someone oppose them, but they don't register it or dwell on it. They may have a little of nothing, but feel as though they have everything. The children of disobedience always want more and cannot fathom all the wonder they have experienced, which can only be by God's grace. I feel so little, so needy and so inadequate on this journey; but Jesus brings help and delight by His presence, by His Holy Spirit, His sacred holy love. I need Him every second, every hour, every breath, every heartbeat, every step, every inch, every movement by air or land.

We want to thank you for praying and sacrificing for us. We thank each one of you for your Christmas greetings, cards and gifts. Each one was so dear to us, and we feel so unworthy, but deeply grateful, for all your prayers, care and support. Thank you for your financial help and for your interceding before the Throne of God on our behalf. We pray for souls to be saved and believers to be sanctified, that we may become one as God and Jesus are one that the world may believe. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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We want to thank each of you for your notes and letters of encouragement of how God helped you on the Israel journey. We would like to share the following letters with you, as they, like many, are wonderful reports.

Dear Father and Mother,

Shabbat Shalom! April and I want to thank you for once again providing our way to be with you in Israel. You have lavished love and care and finance upon us, and we find ourselves very deeply in debt to Jesus for your gracious supply. May the promise of II Cor. 9:8 be yours: "And God is able to make all grace come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need, be self-sufficient--possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation."

We have both been quickened in needed moments on this journey. God has helped April Marie to assist me in so many ways. I miss Martha very deeply and have had her in my heart in prayer often. She was so sweet to send two cards to each of us through each other. She included a dollar and two sticks of gum in each card.

The Holy Spirit has helped you in the realm of the marvelous during the services. We are

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believing for a miracle to my heart and to others. We love you! Your children,

Jon & April Marie (Cullum)

Dear Dad,

Praise the Lord! How He has protected, delivered, directed, led, convicted, consoled, wooed and won! Glory to God! He has inspired, blessed and convinced us once again of His sovereign love--as He has demonstrated to us through you.

I am in debt to God and seemingly become more deeply indebted upon each tick of the clock. How could a sinner such as I, who is being saved, sanctified and eventually glorified, NOT be awfully in debt to God for His Blood, Holy Blood, Shed Blood, Redeeming Blood, Cleansing Blood? There's power in the Blood! PTL!

The Holy Spirit has led in the services--each different in such a way that could only be described by faltering attempts, rendering descriptions impotent. Stupendous and magnificent...hardly scratch the surface. It is marvelous in my sight...because...God did it. I love you,

Son Kenneth (Dunigan)

Dear Brother Helm,

This trip to Israel was more evidently like Moses taking his people to the Sinai, IN THAT it was clearly a journey uninviting to human reason. The circumstances and reasons for not going abounded, but yet, that same pillar of fire and that same cloud that led Israel of old, said to us, GO.

Hence, it clearly set apart your ministry and modus operandi from that of all other religious organizations. This precipitated an immense witness to the Israeli government. And it is indeed only a good witness that lends credibility.

My life has been changed through the work of the Holy Spirit on this pilgrimage. As I walked where Jesus walked, I found myself walking more as Jesus walked. I was able to apply and succeed in the lessons learned in Killeen, Texas. Victory and joy is mine, and there is yet more to come. Thank you,

Reimar (Schultze)

Dear Brother Helm,

Praise our great God for this new day! His mercies are new and everlasting. Hallelujah for the shed Blood, the finished work of Calvary, the sufficient and acceptable sacrifice of our Lord!

Thank you for your prayers last evening. I appropriate them by faith, and give Jesus all the praise! Renee and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the privilege of

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joining you and Florence, your family and staff, and this company of pilgrims on this journey. We are deeply grateful for the provision of finance made by persons for our trip. We are thrilled to be able to travel together as a couple.

We are so thankful for the work and presence of the Holy Spirit during these days of traveling and waiting upon God. My heart and mind are most at rest when I am with you. It's a fact. It is a great privilege to me!

May our holy Savior strengthen, heal, quicken, succor, anoint and guide you this day and throughout this journey. May the hand of Israel lead, instruct and work in you each moment, granting wisdom and discernment for every situation and decision.

Please kiss Florence for us. She seems to grow more beautiful each time we see her. How dear she is to us! With God's love, your son and daughter,

Guy and Renee (Young)

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Dear ones of Revival For Our Day, beloved in Christ, in Jesus our Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Greetings,

Great has been God's faithfulness to all generations, all people. He is never failing and always able to deliver to the uttermost. "...and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." (Jn. 6:37) We are so thankful for each of your prayers and supplications. We are thankful for your waiting before the Lord and obeying the Holy Spirit. We are thankful for your willingness to deny self and take up the cross to be cleansed of the carnal nature, to be a cleansed vessel, sanctified meet for the Master's use to bring forth help, and to love one another as He loves us.

Jesus never fails. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. We are thankful for the way the Lord has worked to make a way for my wife and me for these fifty-seven years. The first time I was with my wife was on April 14th, fifty-eight years ago, and we have been married fifty-seven years this May. In a few days I will be seventy-five years of age, and the Lord has been so merciful to us and has helped us through His people, through the Holy Spirit, the sacred holy Word of God. Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins and to deliver us from all unrighteousness unto holiness. We are grateful to those of you who have sacrificed and held us to the Throne of Grace in prayer. We are very needy and grateful for the direction, leadership and help of God in Christ Jesus.

The Lord gave us a precious time at Palm Beach Gardens Christ Fellowship last Sunday. We were speaking in Colossians, chapter two, verse one: "For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh." St. Paul said, "I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you." He was very concerned for them. He was burdened for them. He was anxious for them, that their hearts might be comforted.

Now when we come to the Lord Jesus Christ and confess our sins, (every one of them) we need to make restitution. We need to take back what we have stolen (the towels from the hotels, the forks and knives from the restaurants, the wires from the garages, that which was not ours in that locker) so we can get out of our hearts those things which keep our prayers from going through. If I were to talk to my wife critically about anyone or anything, I would need to make restitution so my prayers could go through. If I were to find fault or criticize anyone to her, would that hinder my prayer? (My wife and I have been together for fifty-seven years and she knows more about me than anyone else. She knows what happens when things go wrong and

are difficult, when things look black.) Would that prevent my prayer from getting through to heaven? You can put yourself in that same place. We need to really praise the Lord that the blood of Jesus can cleanse us from all sin, for He is able. One of the tendencies of the human race since the Fall of Adam is to find fault and criticize, to judge and murmur. This will keep us from being knit together, and from becoming one as God and Jesus are one.

The desire of the evil things of this world will prevent us from doing what we are called to do, which is to love each other, win souls to Christ and have fellowship with and encourage precious new converts. One of my burdens is that the church is not teaching these new converts how to deny self. I have asked men who have been through theological seminary if they have any courses on how to teach converts to deny self. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself." (Matt. 16:24) Why? "That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love." (Col. 2:2) Our hearts are comforted (knit together) when we humble ourselves, pray and obey the Holy Spirit. When He says to go over and pray with a certain person and we do that, we are knit together.

While a person is ironing, the Holy Spirit may say, "Go over and pray with this dear one." Self will say, "You are just too busy." Being too busy will prevent us from being knit together. Prayerlessness, disobedience, the love of the world, carelessness and foolishness will prevent us from becoming one as God and Jesus are one. This comes through the truth. Jesus said, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." (Jn. 17:17) The truth of Jesus cleanses us from all things that would prevent us from being knit together, and to have love in Him, (to be grown up in Him) and He in us, that we may be true followers of Christ.

I want you to know that this thread that knits us together is love. This cord is love, and is knit together through love. Love comes by the grace of God in the life of obeying the Word of God and the leading of the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit leads, we are knit together in love. Colossians 2:2 reads: "That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance..." This love of God comes to every heart that repents of sin, makes restitution and then follows Jesus in inner denial. Lot did not deny himself. He asserted himself and figured he'd better go with Abraham even though God had said that Abraham was to leave his kindred. Because Lot wanted to be close to Abraham, (which wasn't God's will) Abraham's herdsmen were separated. They weren't knit together. When we do what self wants, there is separation and division, but when we obey what the Holy Spirit says to do, we are knit together in love. This is not a make-believe love or a

sensual love or a manufactured love or an active love. It is the true love of God which is in Christ Jesus.

The true love of God only flows through the self-denying heart. It does not flow through the self-asserting heart, as we see in the life of Lot or Saul or Demas. This love flows through our hearts and knits us together as we obey what Jesus says to do. Oh, it's wonderful to be brought together in love in a heavenly, spirit-led manner. The need of the church is to be knit together in love, and this only comes by praying and obeying every leading of the Holy Spirit. Now if I don't obey what He says to do, then my prayers are ineffective. If I don't do what the Holy Spirit tells me to do, my prayers don't get any farther than my lips. But if I obey what He leads me to do, (and if I really love as He loves) then my prayers are instantly heard and He knows what I am praying before I start.

Jesus said, "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you." Now anyone who loves like that hasn't any problem with loving everyone. When you have the Holy Spirit in your heart and He has sanctified you by the truth, you just love people regardless of who they are or how they are. You love them because Jesus is indwelling you. When He loves through you, then there is that grace and power that gives you the strength to follow and to be a lift to your family and to your fellow workers. We are knit together in the love of Christ, not the love of man.

This scripture says: "That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love." This means there is the possibility that their hearts MIGHT be comforted. Hearts that are knit together in love are close and there is no division. There is no question. There is no analyzation. Instead, there is harmony and thoughtfulness, and we are thinking what we can do to be helpful. How much time do you spend in prayer and meditation and praise, saying, "Lord, what could it be that You would work through me to help someone? to help the widow? the orphan? the poor? the hungry?" When you begin to eat, do you think of the millions on earth who do not have anything to eat today? Do you dwell on that quite a bit before you eat? There are millions in India, in China, in the Far East, in the Middle East, in South America, in Africa and in America who haven't anything to eat. If we are knit together in love, we are going to think about praying for them. We are going to ask God to have mercy on them.

Mercy flows out of His love when we are knit together. If we are not knit together in love, there is hardly any mercy, but only faultfinding and criticism. When we are knit together in love, our appreciation of what we have grows and grows. Do you consider how wonderful it is to breathe? to get one breath? Have you ever thought how great that really is? Have you ever been in a place where you couldn't get your breath? It's a tremendous thing to be knit together in the

spiritual breath of His holiness, His understanding, His compassion and indwelling. The scripture says to be knit together in love unto all riches. How many riches are waiting for those who aren't quite knit together in love?

Verse two continues on to say, "...of the full assurance of understanding." The answer to this great secret is in following Jesus. How do we follow Jesus? We witness. We obey what He says to do. When we are following Jesus we are witnessing to this person about how the Lord has helped and blessed us. My wife and I were in a hotel room in Jamaica and a precious maid came in to see if we needed anything. I began to tell her how He has helped us and what all He has done for us. Within twenty minutes she gave her heart to Jesus. Witnessing leads to salvation. As we follow Jesus, He helps us to bring in the sheaves. Two days later the alternate maid came in, so I began to share with her about the Kingdom of God, about how Jesus saves, how He changed my life fifty-eight years ago the twenty-second of this month. I told her how Jesus helped my wife and me when we were first married and would have our trials. I would say, "Honey, let us pray." I shared how we would get our arms around each other, and when we would begin to pray, our troubles would be solved in a few minutes. The alternate maid was converted two days after the first maid was saved. When we are knit together in love unto the full assurance of all these riches in salvation, He is then able to bring in the lost and to bring these precious souls to understanding.

When we are knit together in love, we are brought to the understanding 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. This comes by witnessing, obeying and loving, which flows to the follower from the heart of God through Jesus Christ. You cannot follow Jesus without love, without compassion, without joy. The joy of the Lord is our strength. You only have joy as you obey, and your joy is not any greater than your life of obedience. The reason we are not enthused about the Kingdom of God (many times) is because we haven't obeyed to receive the joy. When we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts together, we become a band of little children, and we have such harmony that the symphony we sing causes all the others to say, "Teach me of this life. Teach me the secret of this great joy you have. Teach me of this rest you have."

There remaineth therefore a rest unto the people of God. Who are they? They are those who are comforted, "...being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of the understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God." This is a wonderful dwelling place. It answers all questions and relieves all pressures. In this dwelling place there is wisdom and a spirit of long suffering, and we don't get upset or perturbed with people. There is compassion, insight and understanding to know

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how to lift us to the full assurance in this blessed way of trusting and having faith, of loving one another as He loves us.

Have you ever noticed this spiritual thread called 'knit'. Knitting requires needles and thread. What brings that needle of truth through to get us together? What is that material that brings us together? Wherever you have a knitting together, you don't have conflict or discord. You have such sweetness that there is harmony even in silence. There is harmony in activity led by the Holy Spirit. There is a symphony. There is a melody. These are the secrets that hold a body together. The Word says that their hearts MIGHT be comforted. This means, then, that it MIGHT NOT. What does that hinge on? The MIGHT NOT means our disobedience, our doubting, our questioning, our analyzation. MIGHT goes by faith and obeys every leading of the Holy Spirit so we can be made pure and have no deceptions or faults or love of the world that can so easily get in to the passions of an individual and bring disharmony, hurt and wounds.

Can you see this little thread that is knitting us together in love unto all riches? It is God's will that we are knit together in a relaxed manner. We are never knit together by haste, disobedience or pressure. We are knit together by obedience, prayer, praise and the sanctifying power to cleanse us from those things that MIGHT take us to the life of disobedience. But as we yield ourselves in the life of obedience, we are knit together and brought into the orchard where the fruits are. We are brought into the vineyard where the grapes are. We are brought into the banquet hall where the meats and vegetables are. We are knit together to all the riches of the full assurance of the understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God. It is supernatural. You see, Christianity is supernatural.

When we were in Israel last November, we met a couple whom Rev. Richey had gotten in touch with through Paul Spasic. (Paul had taken his lovely wife, Sarah, to Germany for medical treatment. While they were there, they met a great Christian from Austria who said to them, "When you get to Jerusalem, please contact this Christian couple who pray for the saints in Jerusalem.") This precious couple came to be with us and the wife said to me, "In all my life, and I found Jesus ten years ago, I have never been in any room where I felt love like this." The husband also said, "In all my life, I have never felt love like this." While in a meeting in Utah some time ago, a man stood in the third hour and said, "I came in here skeptical. I came in here just wondering if this was really real, but I have to admit that I feel love in this room as I have never felt love before in any place in the world." It is called being knit together in love.

Are you knit together in love? You ask, "How am I going to be knit together in love?" All you have to do is follow Jesus and obey every leading of the Holy Spirit, and you

will be knit together in love. Does this encourage us? Hallelujah! Glory! Do you feel those little threads pulling? When we are knit together, there will be little waves and winds of time that will come to try and pull us apart. But this thread never breaks. This cord never breaks. It holds us together in love and holy faith, in the Word of God, in purity, in righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. This cord will not hold us together, though, if there is speculation, bewilderment, wonderment, analyzation, separation or doubt. Do you see? Can you see? How much are you seeing? As much as you like. As much as you want.

If we are knit together in love, there is vision. Where there is no vision, the people perish. This vision of harmony and togetherness comes by light and is the gift of God as we are knit together in love. If a band of believers will pray and obey, there is no suspicion and nothing between them. Do you know what suspicion will do? It will cut the thread. Analyzation will cut the thread. Doubt will cut the thread.

I've been preaching for fifty-eight years and I've never preached on this verse before quite like this. I can't remember preaching on this aspect, this particular area and hemisphere of thought, of truth, this continent of the wealth of wonder in the holy mystery of the grace of God to reveal the questions and answer them. Praise the Lord. God wants us to be knit together and we're only knit together in love as we follow Jesus, follow God in Christ by the Holy Ghost. We cannot be knit together when we feel we are able to do it. We are knit together when we know we're not able, and simply let Him do it through us. We need to be so knit together in love that we will know how to teach the new converts how to deny themselves, how to take up the cross and be cleansed of this old carnal nature that prevents us from being knit together. That which prevents believers from being knit together is carnality, sin, the love of the world, dissension, criticism and a judgemental spirit. One evidence that we are not a Christian is that we are quick to judge. One evidence that we are a Christ-like follower is that we're compassionate and do not look at the weaknesses of others. If we look at the weaknesses of others, it is quite evident that we need to be cleansed of the carnal nature.

As we are knit together in love, our comfort comes by following, by leaving all, forsaking all and obeying what the Holy Spirit leads. If we can get this, it will be worth all the gold, all the silver, all the diamonds, all the pearls, and all the stocks and bonds. AND IT IS FREE. You may have it, but the powers of the air will take it. You must seal it fast by the grace of God and by obeying what He says to do.

Robert Allen and I were sharing with Donna June Gregory and her son, Christopher, on the phone recently and they were telling us about an accident in which God had delivered

Christopher. The headlines in the newspaper read, "Car spun like a top after struck by train!" Christopher did not see the train and drove in front of it. The train hit the car, causing it to spin around in the air like a top almost the height of the train. There was a black brother who came by and looked inside the car to see if the driver was alright. Christopher waved at him and the man started going among the crowd saying, "God loves this boy! This boy is blessed! I tell you, God loves this boy!" He kept telling the bystanders this over and over and Christopher would reply each time with "Amen".

Christopher was taken to the hospital and released with only three scratches on his face. Donna June said it was truly a miracle of deliverance. The only two places in the car that was not crushed was a part of the trunk and the seat where Christopher was sitting. His school books and binder were on the seat beside him, as was his grandmother's Bible. The math book was torn in half and much of it was shredded. The metal part on the binder was rolled up and looked as though a tornado had struck it. His grandmother's Bible was not harmed and was across his knees when the car landed. Robert Allen said, "Oh, Daddy, remember the burden for deliverance you had last night?" Oh how happy we were that the Lord would give the burden for needed prayer and then deliver Christopher at 11:00 a.m. the following morning! We want to be sure to praise Jesus and give Him all the glory, all the honor, and all the thanksgiving for this deliverance, for what He has done, for what He is doing and for what He will do as we give thanks and follow.

We are most grateful and in debt to God for His help, and want to give Him praise for every guidance, every direction, every blessing, every healing, every salvation, every sanctification, and for the winning of souls. We want to again be thankful for each sacrifice, for each prayer and supplication on our behalf. We feel unworthy but deeply grateful and in debt to Jesus for each one. 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. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board wishes to announce the following personnel changes:

James Flora has tendered his resignation from Revival For Our Day, Inc., and the Board of Directors has accepted his decision with regret.

Through 1990 our fixed monthly expenses for salaries, taxes and insurance was \$36,196.66. This included monthly support to Rev. and Mrs. Loran Helm, Rev. Robert Morgan, Rev. Jon Cullum, Rev. John McAdams, Rev. Roger Yoder, Rev. James Flora, Rev. David Miller, Rev. Robert Helm, Rev. Paul Hill, Vera Wagner, Jane Langdon and Kathleen Hecke.

Because of the continuing financial pressures the Board of Directors found it necessary to look for ways to reduce the fixed monthly expenses. John McAdams, while continuing his responsibilities as secretary of Revival For Our Day, will begin to receive compensation from Parker City Christ Fellowship. John has been pastor in Parker City since the inception of the local church, but through these eight years has been supported financially by RFOD. The Board wishes to express it's appreciation to Parker City Christ Fellowship for being willing to take on the responsibility of this support.

Roger Yoder has taken a position in Springfield, Ohio, where he and Virginia will be moving in the near future. This was not something Roger preferred to do, but because of it's availability and the financial pressures upon Revival For Our Day, he graciously consented to take this position in order to help Rev. and Mrs. Helm and the ministry financially. The Board wishes to acknowledge the years of effort and sacrifice on the part of Roger and Virginia, and to thank them for the help and blessing they have been to all of us.

The following is a letter Rev. and Mrs. Helm recently received from Roger and Virginia:

January 17, 1991

Dear Forever Friends,

Thank you so much for your prayerful support, interest and concern as we make this transition. We are so thankful God could tell you He is in this move and will bless it. We cover that with Jesus' precious blood. Our families are delighted that we are returning and are doing all they can to help us. We told them we are coming back because of lack of funds, and they understood that. You have had far too many responsibilities for far too long. Jesus knows best. We feel your love and prayers at every turn, and it is partly why our lives are blessed. We will continue to love and pray much for you. We are praying for God to continue to bless your ministry and surround you with His love, help, healing and keeping power.

We have a family who wants our home and are praying that God will help us sell it and make all right decisions in Ohio. My broken arm was not healing properly and the doctor had to set it again. If ever I needed my precious Roger, it is now, and he has been faithful to be there for me. I am glad God is using this hard place to prepare our hearts for the Kingdom. We will always love you.

Virginia and Roger

Revival For Our Day, Inc.

March 5, 1991

Dear ones of our Heavenly Father, greetings in Jesus the Christ, our only Savior and Hope for victory through His precious, sacred blood. We give God, the Holy Ghost, all praise, glory and honor for the way the Lord leads, guides and directs.

We are thankful to the Lord for the guidance He gave when we found a brother riding along a narrow street on a riding mower. What a meeting we had! A week ago last Sunday he and his wife came over to be with us when the land was dedicated for Palm Beach Gardens Christ Fellowship. As we were dedicating the ground, I reviewed the scriptures where Solomon was praying and dedicating the temple. He had twenty-two thousand oxen and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep he was going to sacrifice. The ground which Palm Beach Gardens Christ Fellowship was able to purchase, by God's grace and provision, is approximately five-and-a-half acres. How many plots would it take to encircle twenty-two thousand oxen and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep? All the animals would lose their lives in the sacrifice, yet obeying God and doing God's will is better than all of that. In the days of old some of the servants obeyed and did what God wanted them to, and some did not.

I asked this precious brother to sing, and he sang, "Amazing Grace" under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. His wife had mentioned to me that she wondered why they would come all the way across the state to be with us. She said, "I didn't know why until you began to preach." We give God all the praise and glory for the way He led and directed during our time together there.

He will lead those who humble themselves, obey the Holy Spirit and become like a child. For as many as are led by the Spirit, they are the sons of God. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." (I Jn. 3:2) This is only through the precious blood, through the work of the Holy Ghost and through the mercies of God. Praise the Lord! "Rejoice in the Lord alway; and again I say, Rejoice." (Phil. 4:4) In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (I Th. 5:18) Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." (Ps. 127:1) "Oh, that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children forever!" (De. 5:29) "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." (Ez. 22:30). We know that He is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him, to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or

think, according to the power that worketh in us. He said that whosoever will, may come. "...but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Lu. 13:3) "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." (Mt. 16:24) Amen. Praise the Lord.

I Samuel 15:22 states: "...Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." It says here that obedience is better than sacrifice. There is fire and death in sacrifice. Before Jesus came, the people sacrificed before the Lord. The Apostle Paul said: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice..." If we are going to be a living sacrifice, it is from the new birth to death. Through the fire, through the power, through the Holy Spirit, through the sacred Word, He has besought us to become a living sacrifice. We must die to become a living, yielded life. Obedience is better than sacrifice. Have you ever used the word 'better'? We don't say 'lesser'. We say 'better'! He didn't say 'more'. He said 'better'. Obedience is 'better'. The word 'better' is a little rich, isn't it?

Have you ever eaten something and said, "Now this is better than that"? I'll tell you what I like better than most things, and that is corn on the cob. To me, it's better than canned corn. I have a struggle trying to eat canned corn because I have been spoiled with corn on the cob. If you happen to get a perfect ear of corn, it's not hard or tough. And when you get that which is better, you don't want to do with the lesser.

Obedience is better than sacrifice. It's better to do God's will. It's better for a heart to say "Amen" to God's will than it is for self to assert. It's better to humble ourselves than to plan or arrange. It's better to yield ourselves than it is to steer our own vehicle. It's better to obey God. He said to Saul, "You go down and slay the Amalekites." The carnal mind would ask, "Why?" It's better to do what God says than to ask why. Those are hard orders. It's a big order to be cleansed of this old enemy of carnality and deception, because the heart is deceptive above all things. Our heart is desperately wicked and who can know it. None of us know how desperately wicked our heart is. He told Saul to go and slay all of the Amalekites, because they were the enemies of the children of God and were causing a lot of trouble. We've got to eliminate the trouble. What is the trouble? The trouble is sin. But when we obey, God will help us to escape the snares of sin. If we don't obey, we're going to fall into the pit of sin, and the wages of it is death. How costly is that? What is the cost of sin? It is fierce and terrible, and can only be paid for through the blood of Jesus as we come to repentance and confess our sins.

Saul began the battle, but he looked at the king and said, "He looks pretty good. I believe I will take him back with me." He began to reason. When you begin to reason about your walk with God, you will cease to walk with Him and cease the life of obedience. Saul then looked over the flocks and herds and said, "I'll also bring back the best of the sheep and oxen to sacrifice." **LOOK AT THAT! OBEDIENCE IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE!!** But Saul said, "These are fine specimens and we're going to bring them back. **SAUL WAS THINKING OF SACRIFICE, BUT GOD WANTED OBEDIENCE.**

Well, you know the story. Saul brought the sheep and oxen back with him, and in the night, Samuel got word. He could hear the bleating of the sheep and the lowing of the oxen. He was hearing that obedience had been forgotten and sacrifice had been enthroned. He made his way towards Saul and said to him, "What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?" **OBEDIENCE IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE, AND TO HEARKEN THAN THE FAT OF RAMS!** Because Saul did as he liked and sacrificed where he ought not, he was disobedient. We must do exactly as the Lord directs. Saul sacrificed where he ought not, and brought Agag the King back. He did that which displeased God and the kingdom passed from him. **OBEDIENCE IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE.**

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." This scripture says to present our bodies a living sacrifice. If it's a living sacrifice, there is fire, yieldedness, death, giving over, the slaying of the Amalekites in our hearts and lives. We are then humbly walking before God. The heart is saying "Amen" to God's will, and a sweet savor, flavor and aroma comes before God when He sees a person who will obey Him and do exactly what He says.

Now I want you to know that we can't carry our baskets in the life of disobedience. If you have a basket and you haven't obeyed the Lord, look inside. Lo and behold, it's empty. When Jesse sent David down to see his brothers on a battlefield, David was obedient and submissive to Jesse. He was obedient to take his basket of provisions to his brothers. Those who are obedient have their baskets. Those who make the sacrifice in their own choice have baskets, but they're empty. There are no provisions in the basket of the disobedient heart, but provisions are abounding and falling out of the basket of the obedient heart, and they are falling to the poor and the hungry. Those who are obedient have their basket filled with the sandwich of love and the ear of care. When you get in the cornfields of truth, you have so many ears to pluck. And they are all ripe and tasty and tender. When you get a bite of this, you'll get a vitamin of glory and be living on Hallelujah Avenue! Glory to God.

God laid it upon the heart of Jacob to send Joseph down to see his brothers. I'm so glad

that Joseph had an unseen basket. He was carrying unseen provisions. Can't you just see Joseph when he went down that day? Here he was, a young man who had integrity, holiness and submission. He was obedient to his father, and was going down to see his brothers who were busy with the flocks. Joseph's brothers saw him coming with his basket full of love. Do you know what else was in his basket? faithfulness. He was faithful to God, to those about him, to witness, to pray, to believe for the victory. Joseph submitted and was obedient to Jacob before he went to his brothers. **OBEDIENCE IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE.**

When Joseph approached his brothers, they saw him and said, "Here comes that dreamer." I want you to know that when you obey, there will be many people who think, "Here comes the dreamer. Here he comes and we'll just put him to the test." (Now the test you have been in sometimes comes by circumstance and situation.) When Joseph's brothers saw him they said, "We'll see if his dreams will come true. We'll see if the revelations he's had are going to really be authentic." They had a little meeting among themselves and said, "We'll just put an end to it." And they found a pit. Now when you go down to take what is needed, sometimes the powers of hell and those around you will find a pit for you. But hold on to your basket! Hold on to obedience! Don't complain! If you read Joseph's account, you will find that he didn't complain once while they put him in the pit.

A pit is a big hole that you can't get out of. But Joseph had his basket of care and it was full. If he hadn't obeyed his father and if he hadn't cared for his brothers, he would never have gone down to see them. But he went down by the way of obedience. When he arrived, his brothers said, "We'll put this dreamer in a place of darkness." I want to tell you that every pit is dark even though the sun is shining. It's a terrible thing to be put in a pit not of your own choosing. Joseph didn't make the choice for the pit experience, but because he obeyed and submitted to Jacob, he was headed for a pit--placed there by those who resented him.

Joseph was not murmuring or complaining. He was looking up. Do you think he was smiling? What would you and I do in such a pit as that? Would we smile much? Do you see the submission of Joseph? Do you see the yieldedness of Joseph? Do you see the faithfulness of Joseph? Do you see the willingness of Joseph? He was in a pit, but was looking up. There was no way out by his own maneuvering. Here he was in the midst of loneliness, but he was still submissive. He came to give and to share, and they put him in a pit.

Joseph sat down and saw immediately that the best thing he could do was just wait. So he waited and trusted in a pit. He was faithful in a pit with provisions on the arm of trust. He had a song in his heart because he was clear with God. Whenever we're placed

in a pit by those who don't understand us, the banner of His love will be right above us. The rainbow of His love will be right up there too. The Son of Righteousness will arise, strength will come down and the sun will hit that little bit of water in the pit and put a rainbow in the sky. Joseph was in a pit because he obeyed, submitted and cared; without murmuring, without complaining, without foolishness, and without thinking that he was in an awful place and might die. We come to life through death. Joseph was in a pit with his basket and the light was above him. But the walls of the pit were black and ragged and he couldn't see anyone or anything. When you are in a pit, all you can see is what is above you. If the sun is up, there is light. If it is not, there is darkness. And when it's dark, you have to remember that the Son will come after a while. He will arise with healing in His wings.

Joseph was faithful and submissive. He was committed and yielded because his heart was pure. And because of this, Joseph's brothers put him in a pit and took a walk. But you know, the pit didn't spoil Joseph's basket of provisions. There was an unseen refrigerator there that kept the provisions fresh. If you have your basket down in the pit, if you keep the victory and commune with God, if you obey what Jesus says, what you have in your basket will never spoil. The provisions of those who have a submissive heart are always fresh and helpful. They never diminish or wither, deteriorate or rot. How is it possible for the provisions to be kept without spoiling? There is an unseen hand. I want you to know that the person who goes to help and assist will have a basket of provisions that will be as fresh as morning. Hallelujah! OBEDIENCE IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE.

Look your basket over and see how much encouragement and tenderness you are carrying. How much do you think Joseph had? If you will look into his basket, you will see that there is revelation there. Revelation comes to those who have been faithful and who fear the Lord. Unto them is the secret of the Lord given. Joseph had a heart full of the love and fear of God. He had faith in his heart. He had love in his heart for his father and brothers, and for his neighbor. Everyone who obeys the Lord has his basket of thoughtfulness for his neighbor. Now this is rich. This is nourishing and strengthening. This will help us climb the hill of difficulty. And if we stay sweet, the rope of deliverance will come down into the pit.

Look up from the pit where you are! Look! Here comes the cord of deliverance! You can only get out of the pit by the cords of love, care and deliverance. Obedience will make the call to the cord, and the cord will touch the compassionate heart. Compassion lifted Joseph from the pit. He obeyed and his provisions were not spoiled. He had no complaints, and when that cord came down from the top of the pit, he took hold of it. Hold fast to the cord! Hold fast to the rope when you are in the pit! It will hold you because

the power on the other end is without limit. Our need is so great, but all we have to do is hold to the promise. That precious rope of promise will come down, and if we will hold on to it, it will lift us out of the mud and muck and mire--the unloveliness--and it will lift us up into a holy place. How do we hold fast? by obedience, by yieldedness, by the Word, by the truth, by humility, by walking with God, by putting God and Jesus first. Compassion and great love is on the other end of that rope. OBEDIENCE IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE.

Joseph was no longer in the pit. Praise the Lord, he was free and didn't have to look at the walls of the pit anymore. He was out where the promise was, where there was air to breathe. If we will just be obedient to carry our provisions, we will be able to get the victory. Ah, but there was another plan! Joseph's brothers said, "We'll sell him into slavery." OBEDIENCE IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE. Joseph came down to help his brothers and they put him in a pit. He was lifted out by the rope of promise, love and compassion, and his brothers sold him into slavery. If you carry your basket in the life of obedience, you may be put into slavery, into persecution and misunderstanding. You may have struggles and criticisms around you.

Joseph was now a slave and in the control of the person who purchased him. All he could do was smile, pray and trust God to make a way. But his basket of provisions was still there and it hadn't spoiled. In fact, his provisions were kept so sweet that when he gave them out, even the people around him asked, "What is it about you that we like?" God gave him favor wherever he went because his basket was full of trust and love, of care and gentleness. Joseph had to yield to slavery, and he did so without complaint. Is it possible to live the life of slavery without complaining, without saying, "Poor little me. I'm having an awful time here and I'm forgotten and in a struggle."? When you are in slavery you are in a struggle, but Joseph didn't act like he was. His basket was full and his heart was light. Joseph took slavery and turned it into a small palace of resting and waiting and trusting. Are you with me? Where have you been? Where are you? Are you in the village of prayer, the village of observation and assurance?

When Joseph entered slavery, he walked the corridors of it. Perhaps he found a spring in those corridors because he was able to get to the fountain by faith and humility. If we are humble enough and dig low enough, we can find a flowing spring. Joseph made slavery his home and did not ask when he would be able to take a vacation. There are no vacations in slavery. Now if you place this in the library of your soul and meditate upon it, (in that place where you keep all your treasures) it may keep you for a while or for a long time. Slavery took Joseph into a strange land. I want you to know that slavery never keeps you in your homeland. It will always take you where you are unknown. Joseph was in slavery, but he kept marching

and those around him said, "This man is like a light. How can he be so cheerful in slavery?" ...And he found favor.

There is light in the life of trust. Joseph's heart was saying "Amen" to God's will, and he was walking in humility. Obedience was in his heart, in his life, in his behavior and in his manner. Finally, Potiphar saw him and said, "I believe he can help me. I'll put him in charge of what I have." The one who is faithful will always be found. Even though you are in slavery, you will be promoted. There is promotion in slavery! Do you see it? Joseph still had his basket of love, faithfulness, care, obedience and joy, so Potiphar said, "I'll make him the head of my whole business. He can have control of everything except my wife." If you are faithful, people will see you have something they need. They will see a smile. They will see a light. They will see the joy.

Joseph was in bondage, but he wasn't. He was a slave, but he wasn't. It's a mystery, isn't it? (We need to remember that he had to leave his father, whom he loved so much. How much do you think he missed him while in this high assignment?) Joseph had the confidence of Potiphar. Do you have the confidence of a Potiphar while you are in slavery? Joseph began to prosper. He became handsome and strong. He became a prophet. Whenever we are in similar circumstances, the devil will arrange something beautiful to try to take hold of us and steal our provisions. A beautiful person noticed him and said, "I want him. I'll take him." Joseph was in slavery, but he was obedient to God and still had integrity. Integrity is faithfulness, and you can rely upon it.

Sometimes when you hire someone to do a job for you, you can't count on them. Their break time may be longer than it should be, and when you ask, "Where are they?" you find they are on a break. There are no breaks in slavery. There are quite a number of spiritual vitamins in this which will help your spiritual digestion to flow, and can lift many burdens, by God's grace. Joseph was enclosed by slavery, and he was so beautiful and handsome, so attractive and able that someone wanted to steal him. Do you see his obedience, his faithfulness, his integrity, his reliability, his steadfastness? His trusting heart was pure. Potiphar's wife put her hands upon Joseph and tried to subdue him, but he was able to resist and overcome. The person who walks with Jesus in slavery overcomes the pit by the grace of God, by the Word of God, by the truth of God, by the love of Jesus, by repentance, by witnessing, by sharing, by yielding and going forth with a tender and gentle spirit, a compassionate spirit.

Joseph pulled his garment free and ran. You will always find the faithful running to holiness. You will always find the faithful running to purity. And in her hand was a piece of the garment of a man with provisions. One provision was the precious nugget

of truth, of devotion, of dedication to God that protected, helped and delivered him from the hand and the pit of temptation. Because Joseph ran from her, she was humiliated and said to Potiphar, "Look at this. Look at what he tried to do." She turned the situation around. When circumstances and situations are turned around, don't lose your balance. Joseph refused to spin. He held on to the Word, to the promise, to purity, and he ceased to spin. Situations and disappointments will spin you, but the accuser is the spinner. Potiphar's wife accused Joseph of that which he had not committed, and because he was faithful, he lost favor.

Joseph was no longer a slave to Potiphar, but a convict in prison. But look! He still had his basket, and his heart was pure! **OBEDIENCE IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE!** He was submissive to God, to the guards, to the walls, to the bars. He was pliable. He was waiting. He was praying. He was communing. The communion you have with the Father will sail from your heart to God, to the Throne. Joseph was in the prison, but he was still looking up in his heart to the stars above, to the Throne of the mighty God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. And the Father was watching Joseph all the time. The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and pure in heart. You may be in a hard place, but you are not forsaken. Joseph was not forsaken. He was trusting. He was not taking a vacation! He was not murmuring and screaming, "Get me out of here!" He was simply resting in the symphony and harmony of the place of trust. He was being faithful and obedient to God in heart communion.

What you have in your heart can be used beyond the wall of misunderstanding and hardship. You can commune in your heart and still have your basket. When the guards come in, you can give them a sandwich of love and an ear of care. In the midst of darkness, misunderstanding and hardship, we can walk and talk with the King, through obedience, through submission and God's presence. Hallelujah! Glory to God!

Outside the prison walls there was something happening. The king had a dream and couldn't understand it. He brought in all the wise men, but none could interpret the dream. Then a butler remembered a man he met while he was in prison some years before. (Look back with me now to the submission of Joseph. Look at the faithfulness and obedience Joseph had to his father. Look at the trust he had while he was in the pit, in slavery and in prison.) Joseph had said to the butler, "When you are delivered, don't forget me." But the butler forgot him until there was a mystery, until the king's dream could not be interpreted. He then said, "I remember that while I was in prison, I met a man who interpreted our dreams which turned out as he said. I believe he has what you need."

Don't get weary when you're forgotten. Where are you? Where have you been and where are you going? When you are in a prison, you

aren't going anywhere, but you may become what is needed outside the wall. What happened? The cell door opened and Joseph was called to the king. When Joseph looked into the face of the king, he saw that he was disturbed. And when the king looked into Joseph's face he saw serenity and trust. He saw sweetness and tenderness. He saw a light. Whatever is in your heart will show on your face. Joseph's communion with the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob showed on his face.

The king shared his dream with Joseph and the Lord revealed to Joseph what was going to take place. Revelation was found in the heart of Joseph! He knew how to interpret the dream! The Lord told Joseph that there was going to be seven years of plenty and seven years of famine. Joseph told the king to put up stores during the time of plenty so that when the years of famine approached, there would be something to eat. The king was startled and astonished. He rested. He said, "I have found a man who has communed with God. I've found a man who is faithful and true. Where can I find anyone else I can trust better than this?"

Joseph was then reinstated and became second only to the king. The leader of the land brought him from the prison cell to the position of second-in-command over the whole land of Egypt. Remember those dreams he used to have and how his brothers said, "We'll put an end to this."? **OBEDIENCE IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE. OBEDIENCE IS BETTER THAN PUTTING PEOPLE IN PLACES IN YOUR MIND.** Joseph became second-in-command over the whole land and his basket was still on the arm of trust. He still had his integrity, his purity, his communion with God. God gave him the revelation of what was going to take place because Joseph feared God, loved Him and loved his neighbor as himself. If we have love for those who mistreat us, for our neighbor, our family, our enemies, our persecutors, our revilers; then the Lord may reveal what is needed in the time of distress and trouble, in the time of famine.

Joseph was in this great place of responsibility. His responsibility was so great that what God revealed to him would save all the seed of Abraham. What? **ALL THE SEED OF ABRAHAM AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF EGYPT WERE DEPENDENT UPON JOSEPH'S LOVE, HIS INTEGRITY AND THE REVELATION GOD GAVE HIM IN HIS HEART.** Joseph kept his basket. He communed with God and humbly walked before Him. He said "Amen" to God's will, and received the revelation that was going to save all of Egypt and all the seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They all lived because one man had his basket of provisions, a heart of purity and was obedient. I don't know whether you can get the impact of this or not, but you'll receive it if you have obeyed. All the seed of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh, and all of the land of Egypt survived because one man of purity and holiness had the revelation and the way of escape. Joseph was the instrument in God's hands to be the deliverer and to make the way of escape from famine.

He could be trusted because his heart was pure, he was obedient, he loved his neighbor as himself, and he lived a holy life at home. Joseph's basket of provisions filled all the bins. They were running over with corn in the midst of famine. **OBEDIENCE IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE.**

Jesus is softly and tenderly calling. He is calling to conversion, to transformation. He is calling us to live faithfully, to obey and to witness at each opportunity. The sanctification of God's Spirit comes to the true and faithful heart. Jesus is calling souls today to be yielded to God's will, that they might carry their basket of provisions, be pure in heart, and do what God would lead them to do. When Jesus is first in our heart, we can be cleansed, by the power of God, from all carnality, from all wickedness unto holiness and purity. Joseph's life was a light, and that light came through him from our Heavenly Father. God is calling us to faithfulness after we have been saved and transformed. He is calling us to the Word of God, to witness and to take care of the things we should look after in our lives. He only sanctifies by the Holy Spirit as we follow. The call is "Whosoever will..." It's time to seek the Lord while He may yet be found and to call upon Him, to press and persevere towards obedience. He wants us to live continually in purity and true holiness, obeying what the Holy Spirit would have us do in our walk with Him.

Please continue to pray for us. Thank you, every one, for your many prayers and supplications to God on our behalf. Also, we want to give God all thanksgiving, praise and honor for all of you who have prayed for our needs, and for the sacrifices you have made to help us in this ministry. We feel so utterly unworthy, terribly needy, and greatly thankful for each one who has helped us. We want to give Jesus the glory for it all, for only through Him can we make it each step of the way. We know it's through the mercies of God, the Holy Spirit, our Heavenly Father, Jesus the Christ that we can be delivered from temptation, trial, battle and struggle. He said, "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." (Heb. 10:35) As we hold on and believe, we know that through the mercy of God forgiving where we have failed, He is able to bring us through and give us victory in every area. Praise the Lord. We want to thank Him for all which He has made possible for us through all of you.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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p.s. The following letter from Debbie Hill was such an encouragement to us that we wanted to share it with all of you, giving Jesus all praise and thanksgiving for His help and mercy.

February 18, 1991

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Helm,

I can hardly believe that it has been over three months since you were in Israel. Since your departure the situation here only grew worse and now we are in the fifth week of missile attacks from Iraq.

The visit of Revival For our Day to Israel, in a time when most others stayed away, said a great deal about you and your ministry to the people of Israel. The months since the August invasion of Kuwait have seen this country empty of tourists, except for a few solidarity visits within the last few weeks. Since Israel has remained uninvolved in the Gulf War, although 35 scud missiles have been launched from Western Iraq towards Israel, the world is praising this country. I just wanted you to know that Israelis are taking all of the approval and praise very cautiously. They know from previous experiences that popular public opinion can change overnight and they will be left isolated again. I have been in contact with various Israelis that have known you throughout these years and their words are always the same.; Rev. Helm loves us and comes to us when all others have deserted us. They have seen how God has led you to come and love them when they have been totally alone and they know that you are not influenced by popular opinions of the world. As I speak to these people, I understand better why God has led you to Israel time and time again. There are literally thousands of ministers who come to Israel, but their witnesses and lasting impacts are zero. I can honestly say that your consistent obedience to come and comfort the Jewish people, who for the most part, have actually been persecuted throughout history by the Christian church, is one of the rare true signs of God's love to them by the Christian world. They trust you, respect you, love you, and appreciate the fact that you are God's true servant.

I am sorry I haven't written before now because your presence and the way in which God led you in November left me speechless. Since I have been in the country for a period of time, I am sensitive to the people and various situations. I don't think I would be exaggerating to say that every word that came out of your mouth had tremendous meaning with the highest sensitivity to a very complex people and country. NOT A WORD WAS WASTED. I felt that God was speaking directly through you from the first meeting, until you left. Sometimes I wondered if I was sitting in the meeting with my mouth open in astonishment at the way in which your words were so needed for the hour. I knew that God was directing you because you had no way of knowing certain issues, problems, and situations.

On January 13, the feelings of uncertainty, anxiety and fear were heightening in Israel as the January 15 deadline for an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait drew near. The country's population had been given gas masks and people were rushing to buy emergency food supplies, tape and large sheets of plastic for use in sealing a room for possible chemical attack. From observing faces on the streets and talking to people, I sensed that Saddam Hussein's threat that Israel would be his primary target in war was being taken very seriously by the Israelis.

That night I lay in bed and considered the possibility of a missile attack upon me in a few hours, and I was a little surprised at my inner calmness at such a serious threat. I wondered...why am I not afraid? Immediately the scripture was before me which says, "He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." In the darkness of that night I knew this was

the answer to my calmness and also a promise for the trying days ahead. I now know it is Psalms 121:4. It is only after a month of War in the Gulf and numerous missile attacks upon Israel that I am beginning to fully understand the significance of this scripture and why God specifically gave it to me.

Since the beginning of the War, I and all of Israel rush home at 4:00 p.m. and don't go outside until morning. It is at dusk that one gets the feeling that the wailing sound of the air raid siren might sound at any moment. When this happens, I have only two minutes to don my gas mask and seal myself in the prepared room. It only takes seven minutes for the missile to reach Israel from Iraq, so the time is very limited. I am thankful to say that God has helped me in a tremendous way giving me calmness and rest. Many people are having heart attacks, others are unable to sleep and this psychological war is taking its toll on the population. I have slept like a baby, even falling back to sleep between multiple missile launchings per night. I am not a brave nor strong person, but God has taken care of me. Once inside the sealed room, all I can do is wait to see if the missile will land on me or my area. Since all of my apartment mates either went to America or to a safer part of Israel, I spent one and a half weeks alone in my apartment and it is a miracle how God was with me. I have spent the last two and a half weeks in Tel Aviv, which is considered the front line, since it is Saddam Hussein's primary target. Here I can hear the Patriot anti-missiles surge into the sky and also hear the booms as the missiles explode. The God of Israel has surely kept His promise as He has watched over His people each night. Only one person has died from actual missile injuries, while two older people have died from heart attacks.

I have been photographing the missile sites and always leave feeling that I must be more thankful after seeing the devastation and destruction. Thousands of apartments have been damaged, while whole apartment buildings have been completely destroyed. It is hard to believe that anyone walked out alive, but He that keepeth Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps...I'm thankful.

Everyone here sends their regards and love to you. I especially think of you often and feel comfort in knowing you are praying for us. Thank you for letting me photograph your November trip to Israel. In the last few weeks I have been able to photograph President Herzog and Prime Minister Shamir. One day as I sat in the big meeting room of the Jerusalem Hilton waiting to hear the Minister of Defense speak, I reflected upon all the hours I had spent in that room listening to you. I whispered a prayer that God would somehow help the leaders of Israel in this time of crisis like I have witnessed Him help you in that very room. Thank you for always loving and encouraging me. May God continue to strengthen and lead you.

Debbie (Hill)

SPECIAL NOTICE!!!

We are excited to announce that the Holy Spirit has revealed a Waiting Upon God July 7-9, 1991. We have not as yet determined a location, since we need a facility larger than we have had in the past. We will announce that information as quickly as possible. In the meantime, these dates may help you to make scheduling arrangements.

We are very thankful for the direction of the Holy Spirit. Please join us in daily prayer that we will come spiritually prepared and that the Lord will lead and anoint in all things. Pray especially for Rev. and Mrs. Helm's strength and healing.

Revival For Our Day, Inc.

April 10, 1991

Dear beloved in the Lord Jesus our Savior;
Greetings,

We know that in Him all fullness dwelleth. In us there is no good thing, but all things aboundeth in Jesus, in God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We thank each one of you for your letters and cards of love and care, and we want you to know that we appreciate your prayers and supplications, your sacrifice and fasting on our behalf. We praise the Lord for each and every victory, blessing, protection and provision, every strengthening and healing of the soul, mind and body. We know it's only through His precious, holy blood and the mercies of God we can make heaven and fulfill what we are to do here on earth; which is to love one another and help persons to truly follow God and be obedient to what the Holy Spirit would have them to do. We need to remember to encourage the new converts to follow faithfully and yield themselves unto God. We must not forget what the Lord has called us to; which is to be faithful and obedient, to love one another, to care for the poor and the sick, the hungry and the needy, and to pray for the saints with all perseverance and supplication unto God.

On Palm Sunday we traveled two hundred and thirty-five miles to be with the dear ones at Oasis Christ Fellowship. I had eaten breakfast that morning and about two hours later became ill in my stomach. When we arrived, the Lord helped to such an extent that Edward said he could not tell I was ill. When I entered the pulpit the Holy Spirit began to lead and direct. I thought I would preach on 'The Triumphal Entry' from the eleventh chapter of St. Mark, but was not able to. Instead, the Lord had me to simply begin sharing about how husbands are to love their wives and how wives are to reverence their husbands.

A husband is to be gentle, tender, kind and thoughtful with his wife, seeing what he can do to help her. If he doesn't have enough finance to send her a gardenia, maybe he has a tender hand and a tender life that can be gentle and give what so many have forgotten to share. Wives need to be submissive, respectful and receptive, rather than nagging, complaining and drawing back. Of course, we know that conflict comes from sin and carnality, and harmony comes from a yielded life and a heart clear with God. If there is harmony, the home is quiet and restful; going with caution, with sweetness and gentleness in care one for another. If we are not long-suffering with one another, we irritate each other. This is why we need to know how not to talk too much or too little. Some husbands and wives don't know how to talk with one another. They are able to talk and share with strangers and friends, but can't really open up to their companion. If they could, they would find a true relationship of joy together, which brings romance, thrills

and adventure, and help from above. Husbands and wives can then help each other and know how to care for the children, disciplining them properly and in love. No chastening seemeth for the present to be joyous, but afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them that are exercised thereby.

When we submit to one another, we submit to God. We then think of the little things we can do to help our companion, and in so doing, we teach our children; for the way we live at home may be the way they will live when they have a home of their own. We need to know to teach our children to be helpful. Some parents don't know to teach their children how to make their own bed, clean the house, put papers and books back where they belong, and help with the yard work. Children can be very helpful if they are willing and if the parents know how to teach them. If there is criticism, it tells of a great need in the soul. We are to help one another as Jesus would lead.

Little did I know when I started toward the service that morning that I was going to speak about the home and the needs thereof. When Edward and I were returning home after the service, we were speaking by telephone to a dear one who said to us, "Oh, how we needed this message this week." The pastor called on the following Tuesday and said, "We've had as high as fifteen calls from our families sharing with us how the message was so encouraging, helpful and instructive." We felt so unworthy of God's help and in debt to the Holy Spirit, for without Him we can do nothing.

We are truly leaning on Jesus to know how to pray, to read the Word, to witness and obey, to be submissive in a trusting, gentle, kind way. This is expedient and is the way we walk therein to follow Jesus. When we follow, we deny ourself and take up our cross. And as we take the cross, we die daily and are cleansed of this old, carnal nature. When we daily die to self, a lot of problems we might otherwise run into are eliminated, and the reason we run into these problems is because we made a choice in the flesh. The Holy Spirit can help us to know how to proceed, and if we die daily, harmony, peace, helpfulness and thoughtfulness dwell in the home and in the church. When a pastor is pliable and holds the Word of God cautiously and beautifully, people don't feel pressure. If there is pressure, then the people are not really blessed and encouraged. As we are thoughtful of one another, then men and women, boys and girls can be lifted up. Even though we have trials, troubles and battles, help comes to the family, to the home, and to the church. Praise the Lord.

"And when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his

disciples." (Mk. 11:1) Where did He last send you? When did He send you? How did He send you? He sent forth two of His disciples. Disciples are followers, and followers are those who deny themselves, not making their own plans or arrangements. Jesus will send His followers, and will bless and make a way for them, giving joy, fellowship and victory along the way. Jesus sent forth two of His disciples, and He had something to say to them. What was it? "...Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him." And they brought to Jesus a colt. What have you brought to Jesus?

Jacob said to Joseph, "Take these provisions and go to your brothers." Joseph brought care and provision to his brothers. The disciples brought the colt to Jesus. What do you bring? What is in your hand? God worked through Joseph to bring deliverance to Israel. Joseph was willing to go by the way of the pit, and while he was in the pit he didn't lose what he had to bring. He didn't misplace it, but kept it with him. Where was it? in his heart. And as he went into slavery he brought such a spirit of beauty, righteousness, truth and reliability that Potiphar put him in charge over all that he owned. Joseph was bringing something to Potiphar, and Potiphar could see that Joseph had the favor of God upon his life.

Joseph brought so much with him that a beautiful woman tried to take him for herself. As she laid hands upon him, he fled because what he had was not for her. It was for God and God's people. And because Joseph tried to preserve and keep that which he had brought, he was sent to prison. There he was in that stench and loneliness with the bars and stone walls, but he didn't lose what he was bringing. Sometimes, when people get into prisons and trials, they discard what they have brought with them into the place called 'Has it been worth it?'. I want you to know that Joseph didn't lose what he was bringing.

They brought to Jesus a colt. What was Joseph bringing? What was this nobleman, this leader, this Godly man bringing? How could he carry it in the pouch of his abilities, and not lose it in a prison? in a barren place? But I want you to know it was as fresh as morning. It was as fresh as the dawning of the gleaming sunrise in his heart. It was faithfulness, holiness, truth and revelation. You know the story of how the king dreamed of the coming famine, but none could interpret the dream. Finally, what Joseph brought with him, and which he did not lose, began to knock at the door of the butler. He said, "There is a man I met in prison, and he has something the king needs!" Joseph brought it and it was unspoiled. Oh, what a message! Do you see it? It's tremendous and worth going around the world for. It will never spoil or deteriorate, change or tint. It is stable and glowing. It is alive. "...but the water that I shall give

him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." (Jn. 4:14) "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." (Jn. 12:32) This scripture is speaking of a body of believers who will bring to Jesus what they have. Are you bringing to Jesus what you have? What are you bringing? Have you brought your all? Have you brought Him your heart? Have you brought all the potentials of your life? What do you bring to Jesus? The disciples brought Him a colt. What have you and I brought?

They brought Joseph before the king and said, "We believe we are bringing someone to you who can give you what you need." They brought Joseph before the king to answer the mystery of the dream, for he had within his heart that which could unfold to give the revelation, and it was because of God's love in him. He told the king a famine was coming, and he brought this revelation in the Spirit and love of God. What are you bringing? What are you carrying? What do you have that no one else sees? Little did they know that this man in prison was bringing something that was going to be the very instrument used to save all of Israel and Egypt. What he had, he was carrying in a heart of purity. He brought the revelation with faithfulness, and it was what was going to save all the seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and all the land of Egypt from starvation and death. It was because one man brought love, care, provision and the revelation of God by the way of misunderstanding, the pit, slavery and prison.

Joseph brought deliverance. What are you bringing to your companion, to your children, to your teacher, your student, your employer, your employee? The disciples brought a colt. What are you bringing? What is within the spiritual inner being of your soul that you are bringing to Jesus and to others? Working through Joseph, God brought life and provision to Israel, and prepared Egypt for the catastrophe that was to come. What are we bringing that could help someone or many?

Thirty-some years ago I preached in Knoxville, Tennessee. Afterwards, a woman came up to my wife and me, and as she shook my hand, she said, "Rev. Helm, I read the fifth chapter of Luke this week and I didn't understand it. I asked Jesus to reveal it to me; and you know, Rev. Helm, you preached the message I asked God for! He spoke through you!" He gave her what she needed. Many times after a service little children have told me, "I enjoyed it." What does that mean? Well, they had something brought to them that was pleasant, helpful and refreshing. What are you bringing to your wife? Did you bring a flower to her? or did you bring much love in the days when there were no gardens about? Did you bring a lot of tenderness along with you? Did the mother hold on to the child, or did she let him loose so he could be free?

What have you brought to Jesus today? What did Jonah bring? What did he have to offer?

His plan was for Tarshish, but God's plan was for Ninevah. What was he to bring? a message. When Jonah obeyed, God was able to work through him and it brought one of the great revivals of the Old Testament. Because a message of love, holiness and faith came from the heart of Jonah as he preached to the people of the Kingdom of God, they were saved from the street cleaners to the king. What Jonah brought to Ninevah never spoils or ends. It's as sweet as honey, rich as cream, good as gold, fine as silver, refreshing as a stream, never tiring, never disappearing, always better than we've ever dreamed. It's beyond words to say, colors to paint, language for men to declare. It's the pearl of great price. Are you bringing Him to the place of the waiting heart? of the starved heart? of the broken heart? of the wounded heart? of the despairing heart? Are you bringing a refreshing from the presence of the Lord? As you walk in obedience and His Spirit works within you, are you bringing it to those about you?

Claude Swartz and I walked into a garage one time to get a part for a car. As I got to the front door, the glory of God descended and I began to preach! It rolled out of me like water coming from an artesian well! I looked around and the man who owned the place was looking at the salesman. The salesman said, "Yes, that's right!" I looked at the man's wife and her cigarette went out! I saw the man painting the wall, and his hat came off! God sent a refreshment that was as sweet as morning! We didn't know we had anything to bring! What are you bringing? What do you have to offer? They brought Jesus a colt. Would you bring to Jesus a life of self-denial? Would you be willing to present your plans to God, to Christ? Would you bring them to Him? What are you bringing to Jesus? I trust that you are bringing a life of faithfulness. "Are you bringing a life of giving over to His will? Are you bringing a submissive spirit? and do you carry it with you all the while? Have you ever laid it down? or put it on the shelf? or put it in the library of forgetfulness? Have you brought a life of surrender to Jesus? a life of prayer? of intercession? If you carry the possibility of a life of intercessory prayer, are you bringing it to Him?

I remember a day years ago when it was dark and gloomy. I was trying to pray and felt so weary and forlorn. It was black, but I kept pressing and trying to praise the Lord and give Him glory and honor. For about one to three hours I felt like I was struggling straight uphill, when all of a sudden, the Holy Ghost brought Floyd H. Lacey to me. (I was carrying it all the while.) Floyd H. Lacey had been singing for Jesus for many years and was loved by thousands. I saw him in that gloomy afternoon while I was trying to pray and remembered that a man had told me Floyd had to go to the hospital to have growths cut out of his throat. They didn't know whether he would ever sing again. Do you see this picture? I was pressing hard and trying to pray even though it was dark and gloomy, when all of a sudden, the Holy

Spirit brought to my attention that God, in Christ Jesus, could go and heal him. I said, "Father, would you go out there to California where Floyd H. Lacey is having this trouble? Would you go in where he is right now and take those growths and let them now be obliterated, be gone and departed?" That very instant, the growths began to leave his throat.

What are you bringing to Jesus? It may be hard and difficult at times, but in those moments when it's the most difficult there may be something within you that is being brought to Jesus--the intercessory prayer for someone. You might be carrying that marvelous gift of intercessory prayer in supplication. I was so thrilled because I knew those growths were gone. The following June my wife and I went to a Youth for Christ meeting in Indianapolis. I told Florence I wanted us to be the first ones there, and when we arrived, Floyd and his wife, Lilly, greeted us. They were as glad to see us as we were to see them. I said to Floyd, "How are you?" He replied, "Oh, Brother, something happened to me last spring! One day Jesus came in and healed the growths in my throat!" I said, "My Brother, by the grace of God, I know the day, the hour, the moment and the second when Jesus gave the revelation and brought that healing from heaven to you, applying His precious healing stripes to your throat." Jesus brought healing to Floyd H. Lacey so he could sing again! Hallelujah!

It might be that what you have to bring to someone will be a melody, a joy, a symphony and harmony. Are you carrying encouragement with you? Sometimes we carry grumblings and murmurings. St. Paul said to do all things without murmuring or complaining. Many people bring complaints with them. I shared with the innkeeper at the Holiday Inn just a mile and two-tenths north of us about how I enjoyed the beautiful presentation of all the food on the table. He replied, "I want you to know that from the time I arrive in the morning until I leave in the evening, all I hear is complaints." Do you see this? All this precious man heard were complaints, but who would carry compliments? Who would carry encouragement? Who would carry thanksgiving? How much thanksgiving do you carry in the reservoir of your soul? Do you bring it with you and give it away? What are you bringing to those who are starved for spiritual fellowship and blessing, spiritual revelation, sweetness and healing. The disciples brought a colt to Jesus. Abraham brought his son as a sacrifice. God so loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever would believe in Him should not perish. God brought life through His Son, Jesus. What are you bringing and what will you share?

We may think this is for someone else, but it's for each one of us. We each bring something to Jesus. What are you bringing? When will you let loose of what you have that others have need of. They brought Jesus a colt. Will you bring to Jesus a life of dedication, a life of entire sanctification? Will you bring to Jesus humble, continual

commitment? Have you brought your testimony with you? How long can you hold on to it and keep it? How much of this can you keep and yet maintain? for we find that the more we give, the more we receive. They brought Jesus a colt. We can bring a living sacrifice. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Sacrifice means death and fire, and yet it is living. Have we brought our life to Jesus as a living sacrifice? Reasonable service is simply that we present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God. And when we present ourself as a living sacrifice we bring thoughtfulness. Have you ever noticed how beautiful thoughtfulness is when you carry it around with you? Each of us can bring gentleness and kindness with us. Many people bring a selfish spirit instead of a gentle spirit. They want more and ask, "What am I going to get out of this?" What kind of bringing is that?

A few years ago my wife and I were with one of the great artists, who is the sister of our precious Mary Moore. We were with Miriam and Mary for three days and I shared many experiences with her during that time. Many of our times together were in a restaurant, and after we would be seated, often the waitress would wait on different ones before coming to our table. Mary told us a few weeks later, "I want to tell you something my sister, Miriam, said to me." I asked, "Why, Mary, what is it?" and she replied, "Miriam said, 'You know, Mary, the revelations and answers to prayer, healings and God's guidances to this servant were all wonderful, but what impressed me the most about this servant was how he loved his wife for three days. I saw him love her and make over her for three days, and many husbands don't make over their wives very much. What impressed me, Mary, was that he didn't get upset at the waitress when she didn't wait on us right away.'" Did you bring long-suffering with you this past month or year when things didn't go as you wished? What did you bring that would help you to be patient. My wife is slow and I'm fast. I want to get started, and I have to watch myself all the time or I'll be going too fast. Son Jon told me once that he hardly knew anyone in this world who was such a fast goer and yet could stay in one place so long. Isn't it encouraging to know God can help us?

I was in Knoxville, Tennessee, some years ago and a man came to me and said, "My wife is in the hospital and is very bad. They don't know what to do for her. Would you go to the hospital with me and pray for her? I replied, "Well, if I go myself, I won't be bringing anything. But if I go when He leads me, then there will be something. I want to go tomorrow, but I can't." The next day I couldn't go or the next. After about three to five days, the Lord spoke to me in my heart and said, "This is the day you may go and pray." Her husband was wondering why I couldn't have been there sooner, but if I would have gone on my own, I wouldn't have

brought anything with me. I had to wait until He told me to go. When I arrived at the hospital I met this precious man in the lobby and we proceeded towards his wife's room. We were within a few feet of her door when I stopped and said, "Wait just a moment." He told me years later, "I couldn't understand why you stopped and said 'Wait just a moment.'"

I began to share with Allen Cox how the Lord had led me here and how he answered prayer over there. He said to me later, "While you were telling me all those things, I said to myself, 'What in the world are we doing? I want him in that room!'" For ten to fifteen minutes I shared answers to prayer, guidances and revelations until I knew I was to end what I was saying and move to the door. I walked softly into the room. (When we are in a hospital, we should be as quiet as we can and not talk in a loud voice. If you have suffered you know what I am talking about, but if you haven't, then you don't know. When you walk into a place do things become quiet and restful? or is there a storm and a wind? Did you bring that wind with you? What are you bringing? Now don't toss this over to the other person. You take it and rake it all in yourself. Many persons go to church carrying a pitchfork. They say, "That's for everybody else." I hope you have a rake and are just taking it all in.)

I walked through the door of that hospital room quietly. Have you ever really suffered? If I hadn't suffered, I wouldn't have been able to bring compassion with me. The more filled with His love you are, the more compassionate and tender you will be. I walked up to the side of the bed, prayed with her, and left. She told me weeks later, (she went home the next day) "You know, Brother Helm, when you came into my room I had been busy on the telephone telling our children their individual assignments. The moment I was through, you walked in. And when you came through the door, Brother Helm, I looked at you but couldn't make out your face. I saw a light instead." What was I bringing? What are you bringing? It's only by His mercies I could bring that which would be helpful and understanding. How much understanding do you bring with you?

After I left, the head sister of that Catholic hospital came in to pray with Eileen and Eileen began to share with her what had just occurred. She shared how Jesus brought an unworthy servant to the room where she was and when he walked through the door, she couldn't make out his face, but could see a light instead. As the sister turned to leave the room, she turned back and said, "My child, you had a visit today from Jesus." All of our help comes through Christ. There is nothing in us, and He is the giver. He is the grace and the beauty. He is the healer and the way to salvation. He is the redemption and the song. He is the joy and the tenderness. Are you bringing Him with you?

They brought Jesus a colt. What are you bringing? Jesus said to Peter, "Cast in the

hook and the first fish up, take it." And in the mouth of that fish was the money for their taxes. They brought it to Jesus. What are you bringing to Jesus from the lake of time? on the hook that seems like it's bent toward ideas? What kind of fish will you catch as you bring to Him your life of obedience, surrender and gifts. They brought to Jesus a colt. What will you bring to Jesus today? tomorrow? and in your lifetime? In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen.

I wanted to share with you that last Monday, April 15th, I got word that our dear friend, Napo, had come over from Haiti, and was in Parker City. I immediately wanted to get some finance to him and called my secretary to see if she could locate him, but Charles Henry had taken him to his daughter's home in Indianapolis and she couldn't find them. Napo had thought he might need to return home as soon as possible because when he called his wife, he learned that their home had been damaged by torrential rains. Yesterday Charles told us that he was still in Indianapolis so I had Kathleen write a check for \$1,000.00 out of what my wife and I had and precious Charles took it to Napo at his daughter's home. I had no idea that that very day Napo and his daughter were out shopping for some medical supplies that Napo needed to take back with him to Haiti.

Napo told Charles later that as they shopped he would say, "Oh, but I don't have enough money to buy these things." His daughter wanted him to fly to Miami where he could visit with his other daughter before returning to Haiti, but he didn't have enough money for the plane ticket. She just said, "Daddy, we will reserve the seat and just trust God for the money." Later that afternoon Napo went for a walk and stopped to make a phone call, but then felt compelled to return to his daughter's home. On the way back he became so happy that he just started praising the Lord and saying, "Thank You, Jesus, Thank You, Jesus, Thank You, Jesus!" When he turned the corner and saw Charles' car in the driveway he was excited, and when he opened our humble love offering, Charles told us that Napo said, "God has Brother Helm on time again!" He immediately got down on his knees and praised God for answering prayer. Charles said that Napo's daughter was so stirred about how God had me on time to answer that need and we felt so in debt to God, the Holy Spirit, for it's only through God's grace that we could ever know what to do again. We praise the Lord for answered prayer, and give Him all honor and thanksgiving in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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p.s. The following letter was such an encouragement to us that we wanted to share it with all of you.

I wanted to write you a note to let you know that I'm thinking of you with thoughts full of love, respect and appreciation! I trust and pray that you both are well and that God is continuing to strengthen and guide you each day.

Although I think of you often while I am here in Israel, yesterday you were brought to mind in a special way. I was standing with approximately 75 photographers at Ben Gurion Airport waiting to photograph Secretary of State, James Baker, on his arrival to Israel. Excitement was high as Mr. Baker made his first visit to Israel. As I watched the beautiful airplane that said UNITED STATES OF AMERICA on it stop behind the Israeli and American flags and the door opened onto the red carpet...I was shocked when I realized I felt no personal emotion at the opportunity to photograph this event. Suddenly I found myself reflecting on how I felt in November when the group arrived and I saw you and Mrs. Helm coming out of the airport. I can tell you that on that November evening I felt excitement in such a way that my eyes filled with tears and my heart felt like it would burst. Yes, it was an honor to photograph Mr. Baker's important trip to Israel, but it could not compare to the privilege of photographing you and those eternal things of the Kingdom.

Also, last night as I waited in the madness of journalists, cameramen and photographers for the Secretary of State to arrive for dinner and a press conference at the King David Hotel...I was again surprised as I saw him, Mrs. Baker, and his staff walk down the hall. Immediately in my mind I could see you and Mrs. Helm walking into meetings and I realized that God has given you the presence and elegance of royalty or those in the highest positions. It is wonderful that God has helped you, His humblest servants, to be true representatives of Him, both inwardly and physically. When I saw these high officials of the United States, I understood why people ask who you are when they see you in hotels, restaurants or elsewhere. I believe that God helps you in the way you walk, talk and respond to people.

I hope this makes sense to you. I just wanted to give God praise for how He has helped you all of these years and also for how you have been willing to submit to this molding of you. There is not any doubt in my mind that if people saw most high officials, princes or kings of this world and you...that they would be more drawn to you, not only by your beautiful, graceful, elegant appearances, but mostly by the light and fulfillment on your faces.

Since I didn't have a real reason to be photographing Mr. Baker, (although I have a press card, I'm not making money because I have no contacts) I had wondered why I was making the effort to be pushed and shoved with all the press to cover this event...Now I know that it was to give me a higher appreciation of you and your unique walk with God. I long to see you again. I love you.

As I was talking with all of these important photographers of the leading newspapers and magazines of the world, different ones were telling me about the important historical events that they have photographed. As I walked home that night under the wonderful Jerusalem sky I thought...but I have photographed God leading Rev. Helm in marvelous ways as He healed different ones, administered spiritual gifts, lifted you and the people to heavenly places, led you to preach under the glory, helped Mrs. Helm to play the piano in the Spirit, gave you the strength of a 20 yr. old as you rejoiced...etc. Yes, I may not have a famous name, position, nor material things, but I feel that God has granted me the highest privilege as a photographer by allowing me to record those things that will never end. Thank you for loving me. Both Israel and I need your prayers. Everyone here sends their love.

Debbie (Hill)

WAITING UPON GOD JULY 7-9, 1991

We are excited to announce that the Waiting Upon God will be held at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare near the Chicago O'Hare Airport. We realize that this location requires considerably more travel time for most of us, but it was the only hotel that could facilitate a group of our size, both for room accommodations and a large enough meeting room. This facility is considered to be one of the top ten hotel convention centers in the United States and their regular overnight rate for a single room is \$165.00. We are privileged to have a single room rate of \$60.00 per night, and for double and multiple, \$70.00 per night.

Meal prices will be \$9.50 for brunch and \$13.00 for dinner. In the near future we will be sending you registration forms for meals as we have in the past. For room reservations please call 1-708-696-1234 or 1-800-233-1234. We recommend that, if possible, you call 1-708-696-1234, which puts you directly in contact with the hotel itself and would minimize reservation errors. Also, along with the meal reservation forms we will include travel instructions. The hotel is offering free parking, which is a considerable savings for our people and for which we are grateful.

Rev. Helm has requested that those with small children do the best they can to find help with caring for the children at home. We do realize, however, that it is not always

possible, and we will again hope to have a nursery facility with close-circuit television for those who need to bring their small children. We would like to mention that if older children and young people come, they should be supervised at all times and not be left alone in the room. We would also like to mention that if young people are not supervised during the services, they will talk together and go back and forth from the meeting room. If adults or young people move in and out of the meeting room (unless they are ill and need the restroom), it is very difficult on Rev. Helm and those on the platform with him. Rev. Helm wanted to mention that the young people were such a blessing last year and he was so thankful for their victory. It was such a help to him, and he was thankful for their appreciation and testimonies. Let us all pray for one another, that all arrangements can be made, and that we would be able to wait together upon the Lord. The Holy Spirit has revealed He will be with us there on those dates. Just as the Lord Jesus told His disciples to gather together in Galilee and He would meet them there after the Resurrection, so the Holy Spirit has instructed us to meet together at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare July 7-9. **HE WILL MEET US THERE.**

Dear Ones of Revival For Our Day,

At Rev. Helm's request I want to share a little word with you. It has been my privilege now for some years to type Rev. Helm's newsletters to you and I have been so encouraged and uplifted as I have watched God unfold beautiful messages through His servant. Many times I get help immediately as I hear his voice on the tape and as I listen to him share what the Lord lays upon his heart. But I want you to know, dear ones, that this particular letter spoke to me in a different way. It was a wonderful encouragement to me as I typed it, but when I reread the letter, the message unfolded itself into my heart like a beautiful flower. It warmed me, challenged me and touched me deeply. I felt like it was a personal letter from Jesus to me. And I received more when I read it the second time than I did the first. It lifted me up and made me want more of Jesus, more of the Kingdom. It helped me so much that I wanted to say to you, "Please read it at least twice." There may be something there for you too, the second time. I thank the Lord for how He ministered to my heart in this message and sanctify it in Jesus' Name.

Kathleen Hecke

Revival For Our Day, Inc.

July 17, 1991

Dear ones in the Lord Jesus, the Christ, the Mighty One of Israel; Greetings in the Kingdom of God,

We need to seek the Lord Jesus with all our heart, and obey and follow as God would guide through His Holy Spirit in soul winning, in being a sanctified people, cleansed and submissive to God's will--loving all people as He loves us. We need to be faithful in not doing our own will, but doing God's will. The enemy is trying hard to defeat and to get people to do their own will rather than the Lord's will. We need to do His will in order that souls might be one through God's drawing them to repentance by the help of the Holy Spirit. We must remember to baptize the new converts and believers as the Holy Spirit would guide, and to serve Holy Communion as Jesus would guide by the Holy Spirit, in remembrance of Him.

When the Lord revealed to me that we were to have a Waiting Upon God in Chicago July 7th, 8th and 9th, I felt myself to be in such need of help and strength. Since I was recuperating from being in the hospital in May, I was trusting Jesus for strength and healing, as well as for the Holy Spirit to lead; for I didn't know what to preach, how to pray or what the Lord might want.

The Holy Spirit was so precious to reveal, by God's grace, through Christ, that we were to leave Florida on the 4th of July. I had desired to leave the 5th or 6th, but the Holy Spirit operated in my heart that we were to leave on the 4th. After a very good flight, we arrived twenty minutes earlier than our scheduled time at the O'Hare Airport. Upon landing, as we were talking to the stewardess, she asked, "How did you know to come on the 4th instead of the 5th or 6th?" I replied, "The Lord helping, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit," and she said, "I have been having quite a situation that I am facing and I needed to talk to you today." We had a most precious time with this dear person who had deep concerns in her life. We were on time, by God's guidance, just for her.

As we disembarked, Jerry and Florence Ann Bays were there to meet us and take us on to the hotel, for which we were very grateful. We were surprised to see Pat Rolfsema, who had come to see if we needed anything. She was very kind, and we were not aware that she was going to be there. After my wife and Florence Ann loved Pat, Jerry and Florence took us to the hotel where Reimar and Marcia Schultze were waiting to escort us to our room. When the man brought our evening meal, I talked with him and had prayer with him. God's presence was so sweet as I embraced him as my brother. He said, "This makes me feel so good." About twenty minutes later another man came bringing some beautiful flowers. I hadn't seen him before, and as I talked and prayed with him, he said, "Well, I've heard of you." The only way he could of gotten

word was through the waiter who brought the food! Two days later I was privileged, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to see this dear waiter again. When he came in he said to me, "I couldn't get here yesterday, but I wanted to tell you that when I went home I told my wife how I enjoyed and appreciated you, and how you helped me." Our sharing lifted him somehow, and we want to give Jesus all the praise and honor for it. We were so thankful for this encouragement and in debt to God for His help. My only regret is that I didn't get to see him anymore, because his schedule would not allow him to return. He was so appreciative of the time we had together.

The first service of the time of waiting before the Lord began at 7:00 a.m. on the morning of the 7th, and we were trusting God utterly for help and strength. Reimar Schultze and Terry Hogue escorted my wife and me to and from the meeting room, and we appreciated them so very much. It was an experience getting back and forth from our room to the Grand Ballroom, for it was quite a distance going through different hallways and up and down different elevators. The portion of the Ballroom where we were privileged to meet could accommodate up to two thousand people. A number felt it to be one of the most beautiful rooms we had enjoyed through the years, with hundreds and hundreds of tiny lights in crystals on the ceiling.

But as the meeting proceeded that Sunday morning, the lights started to flicker, then went out altogether. We lost all outside power. The hotel's emergency generator provided some illumination, but it was very dim, of course, and we had no air conditioning or sound system. I had to lift my voice so everyone could hear. Florence Ann told me that she couldn't hear very well in the back of the room, but she could hear me. And Dr. Bullis' wife, Lee, said that she stepped out into the hall a little ways to see if she could hear me and she could hear a little. A man who has worked in the hotel for fourteen years told one of my brothers that they had never had a power failure like that since he has worked there. We learned later that lightning had struck two power sub stations causing a power outage over that section of Chicago.

To Jesus' glory and by God's grace, the meeting continued as if nothing had happened. No one complained. We rejoiced! The Lord helped in the service and led me to share on Matthew 11:28-30: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." He gave me little insights on the yoke, sharing how we are connected with Him in our heart and soul, and that the yoke is an instrument whereby we walk onward, pulling that which is needed. There is no reversal in the yoke.

It is a going forward to do God's will and to love all people as Jesus loves us. Some told me they hadn't thought of some of the things the Holy Spirit brought forth and revealed in that message.

When we returned for the next session, the power was still out. But God came in a miraculous way to help with no lighting and no air conditioning. Precious Jerry Bays went all the way home to get a battery-operated sound system for us to use, and it helped us so much. As I think back, it's a marvel to me that the musicians could play or sing. Jesus would lead for someone to sing and was so merciful to anoint them in such a helpful way in the Spirit. The Lord helped marvelously in all areas and there was such a sweet spirit all around. I did not realize that the hotel personnel were extremely concerned about the seriousness of the power failure and had told our staff that we might have to move to another hotel. The electric company was working hard to repair cables and regain power, and as we started the evening service the power came back on! We praised the Lord and kept right on! He answered prayer right there and then helped me, by God's grace, to share a little on prayer even though I've prayed so little and God has done so much. I shared from Luke 6:12: "And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God." The Lord was merciful to help us, and we were so grateful and thankful for it all.

When I arose on Monday morning for the fourth session, it seemed as though I didn't have the strength to go to the service. My body felt so weary and worn, but as I pressed to prepare I began to feel strengthened. As we went through the corridors of the back hallways to get to the meeting room, I would try to encourage and share with the workers we met along the way. I tried to tell them how much we appreciated everything and that I trusted they might be encouraged that day. In the nine sessions we made eighteen trips back and forth, each one an opportunity to share and talk with different ones. I was telling one dear black brother that I trusted he would be encouraged and that the Lord would help him. He replied, "Amen!" I thought his response was so wonderful.

We began the morning session of the second day, and the Holy Spirit helped so wonderfully in a measure we can't convey. You would have had to have been there to know how God worked, how the presence of Jesus, the Holy Ghost was over that room in a blessed, unexplainable measure. The Holy Spirit led and gave guidance in a precious and unusual way. Days before the Lord had placed upon my heart to have Pastor Napo come from Haiti, where he has been in missionary work now for forty years. He works with the precious people of his country, helping them to find Jesus and caring for their daily needs.

The Lord led for Napo to come to the United States on the second of July and return on the twelfth, so we had Tina send the ticket

right out to him. When I called two days before he was to leave, he hadn't yet received his ticket. But he said, "Dear Brother, I believe Jesus will have my ticket here tomorrow." And it was there! He then left the following morning and flew into Indianapolis to be with his daughter and her family until the 6th, when Charles Henry would drive him to Chicago to be with us there. When Charles called him to see if he had gotten to his daughter's, Napo said, "I am all packed and am ready to go on!" He could hardly wait for the meetings to begin, and we were so thankful for how God, through His people, worked it out for Napo to come and be with us.

When I called him up to the platform Monday morning, Jesus began to bless as Napo shared what was on his heart. He has worked with the churches in Haiti now for many years. He has great love for the people and tries to preach the gospel, feed the hungry and help those in need. There is tremendous poverty in Haiti and Napo tries to obtain medical supplies, vitamins and food for the people, but he only has what God's people send in. And while we were sharing, God began to work with the congregation and different ones came forward, leaving an offering on the altar. We were all blessed and very happy! Napo told me later that he had understood me to say there was forty-seven dollars on the altar, but what I really said was that there was \$4,708.00. (In a later service I shared on how husbands are to love their wives and wives are to reverence their husbands. Napo testified and said, "When I get back home I will take my wife, if I can, to a place where I can get her a little ice cream." He hadn't been able to do that for a long time.) And when Napo learned that the offering was more than forty-seven dollars, he said, "You know, when I get home, the Lord willing, I will go and get a piece of meat and take it home to my wife and we will eat it like crazy!" They hadn't had much food, and the Lord provided through His people for them to have groceries and meat.

When I called Napo upon his return home he said, "You know, brother, when I got into Miami they told me my ticket was cancelled and that I couldn't go on. I said, 'I have my ticket right here and the travel agent didn't cancel it. I have my ticket and my things are already on the plane to Haiti!'" Napo said that he just stood there smiling, but in his heart he was saying, "Lord Jesus, You laid it upon Your servant's heart that I would return to Haiti on the twelfth, and here they are telling me I can't get on the plane." Napo said that after so long a time they called his name and he was on his way home. He arrived about 6:00 p.m. Indiana time and when I called him that night, he told me that he had said to his wife and those with them, "Now Brother Helm will call me." He told me that the first thing he did when he got home was to buy food for the hungry and medication for those in suffering.

We praise the Lord for all of this, for it is only by God's grace and mercy we make it. When Napo came up to fellowship with us

during that Monday morning session at the Waiting Upon God, I shared with the congregation about his need of a four-wheel drive vehicle. Napo had told me some time earlier about his concern for the people in the mountains where he could not go. As I understand it, Haiti is four-fifths mountainous, and about twenty-five to thirty of the fifty churches Napo has started are in various parts of Haiti, a number in the high mountainous terrain. Napo is almost sixty years of age, and because he hasn't had a vehicle for about ten years, he has not been able to reach many of his churches. Napo shared that it is nearly impossible to get up into the high mountains, for even in some places you must still go by mule and on foot. One minister had ridden a mule one to two hours, and traveled eight hours to get to Napo's place for medical supplies for his church. Napo shared with us that there were around one to two hundred people in some of the churches in the mountains, and, I believe, around four to six hundred attend the mother church at Port-au-Prince.

But Napo's heart has longed to get to the churches in the mountains. He did press to get to those he could reach by walking when it was possible. I had purchased a new pair of tennis shoes for him that would grip the rocks, and the Lord made a way, through Jesus helping us, for him to have a four-wheel drive jeep that he might be able to get up into the higher parts of the mountains to preach, to help and encourage the people, to share what he could. He couldn't carry many supplies by mule or foot, but with a vehicle, he will be able to carry what supplies are needed, as well as food for the hungry. Napo was very excited and happy that God made a way for him to help the people. We trust for a vehicle that would give service for the next few years. He and his wife were very thankful and happy for Jesus to make a way through His people.

The Holy Spirit helped Michael Douglas share about his prison ministry. Last August we suggested to the ministers and Christian leaders to get to the jails--not to condemn the men, but to love them, pray with them, and tell them about the Way and how Jesus could lift their burdens. He shared how that had pricked his heart and he began to see what Jesus might have him do. And, oh, the wonderful experiences he has had! The tears would just run down Michael's cheeks as he shared about how he worked with this one and that one in the jail. After Michael had shared with one man about not lining people up, this man said that he had lined his wife up. He called her and said, "I'm so sorry. I wasn't supposed to line you up. I was to love you and be kind to you." It was a very precious and tender story. Michael is teaching the inmates so that when they get out, they will be kind, tender and gentle with their companions and children. They will learn how to adjust and be helpful in their home and community. The Lord was working with many, I'm sure, and inspiring and lifting them, for which we were thankful, giving God praise and glory for it all.

On Tuesday we had the privilege of having Jack Rinchich share with us. He had been in Washington D.C. speaking to Cops for Christ, and had also been in the Persian Gulf where he had tremendous experiences with his men there. He told about how he found the tent where he had communion and how God took care. It was very precious indeed. Jack broke and cried at times when he was sharing how he loved his men. His pack would be so heavy and one would get behind him and kind of lift him along. He wasn't able to carry thirty to fifty pounds because he wasn't well. There were times when he didn't know whether he would make it much longer and God delivered him miraculously. He shared a little of his experiences, which encouraged most all the people there.

It seemed as though the Lord helped all the singers and musicians to be under such blessed, precious and unusual anointing. The Holy Spirit aided, assisted and led each one in singing and musical presentation. Jon Light had obtained a new Kimball piano for our use during this time, and we learned in one of the sessions that the company had rerouted the piano into Chicago for us. We tried to express appreciation to Jon for this. He said that usually when they loan a piano, all they get back is a broken piano. We reviewed how last year our people sent a hundred and thirty to forty letters of appreciation to the company. Jon also shared that he had gotten word that one of the top men of the company was coming through Chicago and had made an effort to come to the hotel just to see and hear for a moment. This gentleman shared that as he came to the doorway, a trio was singing in magnificence. Just think of it! He was only there a moment or two, and as he stepped into the doorway he heard the Radiance Trio singing in magnificence! We thought it was wonderful that he was timed to the moment to be inspired by the music.

We were most indebted to Jesus for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We had prayed for weeks that He would keep back the tornados and storms so that the hundreds of people coming in from over twenty states would not be in danger. We prayed that the anointing and unction of the presence of Jesus, the Holy Ghost, would be in the services. God answered prayer and Jesus is to be thanked, God is to be praised, the Holy Ghost given gratitude for the way He took care and made a way. Rev. Pumphrey told me that their five daughters were with him and his wife, and that they had some of the most wonderful times as a family. He said that it is always that way when they attend a Waiting Upon God. Two of their sons-in-law were with us, and Walter Dunn, Barbara's husband, gave a musical presentation which was quite lifting to many. He is a little bit like John Wayne and Johnny Cash, and we were thankful for his gifts and of how the Lord blessed and guided.

We praise the Lord for every healing and help. One person told me that they were healed in the hip and another was healed in another place of the body. Another had a

pain for a long time and the Lord went in and took care of it. They didn't know until they returned to work that the Lord had taken care of their need. We thank Jesus for each soul victory. Only the Lord knows about the various needs of each one. At one point I had asked John Langdon to come and lead a song. Afterwards I asked him to pray, and while he was praying, a dear brother (who wrote and told me later) had had a situation in his heart that no matter how hard he wanted to get it out of there, it would not leave. As John prayed, it went right out of his heart!

We want to be thankful for all those who helped. We thank our secretaries, who worked so hard, and all of our staff who worked to prepare for these days. It took many scores of hours of labor and preparation for the setup of the room and meals. We thank God for how he helped through Son Jon, Son Jack and Grandson David, through Jerry Bays, Larry Favalora and many of the precious ministers and laymen who came to assist them. Each one labored hard to get the room in readiness for the first session on Sunday morning. We want to thank Jesus also for all the sound men and those who worked with the amplification. We don't want to forget to give God the praise for it because it was very much a gift. We praise the Lord for John Bruffy who brought his equipment all the way from Florida. We are trusting for your continued prayers and supplications, for each one to be strengthened, healed and made well.

Upon our return home from Chicago, I felt like Brother John and Janet were to go immediately on to their parents. John's step-father had just undergone major surgery where they found him to have cancer of the bowel. Janet's father has cancer also and is almost in a coma. I felt like they should go right on, Jesus being their helper, and I would conduct the services here on Sunday. The service Sunday morning was so precious that we could hardly get stopped in two-and-a-half hours. In the evening service I thought we could surely get stopped by eight, but we didn't stop until nine-thirty. Grandson David said it went so fast that he could hardly tell it had been three-and-a-half hours, and others said the same thing. In the previous Thursday evening service the Holy Spirit helped me to pray for trouble in the head, and Ralana Abraham said it was for her. She had been having an awful pain in her head for I don't know how long, and her vision was becoming blurred. When the Lord helped me to pray she said, "Jesus came and a warmth started in my head and continued through my body clear to my toes." We had a wonderful time of praise and thanksgiving to God for this answer to prayer. We want to be thankful to Jesus for all He has brought to pass by His grace and mercy.

Thank you for praying and fasting for Melodie Joy, and for my wife and me; that we might be well in soul, mind and body. Thank you for your sacrifice on our behalf. We are very, very much in debt to Jesus for each and every one. We give God the praise for all that He has done to encourage His people for

His glory and honor. We know that it is only through Jesus we can make every step of the way.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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p.s. We would like to share the following letters with you, all to God's glory and honor, and thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit for all He has done, is doing and will do.

Dear Rev. Helm,

Greetings in the Precious Name of Jesus!

I shall take it upon myself to give you an overall review of the Waiting Upon God in Chicago, July 7, 8 and 9 of 1991. My wife took 26 pages and I shall glean from her notes to inform you what great things God has done at that meeting. From the first testimonies I heard last night in our mid week service, our people thought this was the best Waiting they ever attended.

Suffice it to say that perhaps the first victory was in the fact that you were there after having suffered a serious heart ailment just a month ago. The second victory is, perhaps, that you were there at all sessions presiding as the Holy Spirit granted you direction; and the third victory was that in most all sessions and at most all moments the Holy Spirit was in control and the people allowed for Him to work through you as He would lead you. In that sense, it was truly a "Waiting Upon God."

There were approximately fifteen hundred persons from 26 states of the union. In addition to that we had one person, the Rev. Napoleon Etienne, from Haiti, and Dr. John Cook and his wife with a large group of their orphans from Mexico.

In your preaching, the Holy Spirit led you to address some of the greatest needs of the church and of the individual, as well. They were 1) for man to take up the yoke that Jesus had provided for him, 2) for man's need to pray, 3) for us to preach sound doctrine and, 4) for us to hunger after God as the 4,000 hungered to hear from Jesus. Man must know that Christ's yoke is easy and His burden is light, and there will be rest for him in his soul. The yoke that Jesus has for us is tailor-made for each individual, creating no bruises, cramps, imbalances or overloads. It is taken up by hearing, by denying self, by assuming the cross, by obedience and by prayer and waiting; not by our strength, but by the grace of God. It is there that we will learn of Him, and only as we are in the yoke will we learn to be childlike.

The whole Cox family sang, "It May Be A Small Beginning" and "You've Got To Brighten My Soul With Sunshine"; and the Helm family sang, "I'm Walking Up The King's Highway." Indeed, we can only walk that highway if we are yoked with the yoke that Jesus has for us. Gerald Tempton sang, "I Dreamed I Went

To Heaven" and various ones began to love one another, even as Christ commanded us to do.

Your second message was from Luke 6, the twelfth verse, about Jesus going out unto a mountain to pray all night. This need to pray is another one of the universal needs of the church and of the individual. In all of your messages, you dealt with universal needs.

Prayer changes things. Prayer is talking to God. Requisites of prayer are humility, childlikeness, lowness, submission, self-denial and conversion. When an obedient heart prays, instantly it is known at the throne of God. We are sanctified as we pray. We are healed as we pray. We are protected as we pray. The more we pray, the more sensitive we become to others and also to our companions. The more we pray, the more tender we become, the more we will have victory, the more we are taught utter dependence on the Lord, the more our companion begins to mean to us, the more we will come into the likeness of Jesus, and the more we find difficulties melting away.

You reviewed how you prayed for hours for your brother, Edward, to be delivered in a storm in the Pacific, how the Lord had you pray three to four hours for the healing of the throat of F. H. Lacey, and how He had you pray for twenty-one and one-half years for Jack, your son-in-law, to come to Jesus. Prayer is waiting, listening and climbing. After your message, "Just As I Am" was sung and the altar was full of people praying for deliverance, for cleansing and renewal.

At the first session on Monday, the 8th of July, Thomas England opened heaven for us as he prayed, and Lonetta McFern sang, "I Dreamed of a City Called Glory." Nellie McGee and Brian Benjamin reminded us that no one ever cares for us like Jesus. This was followed by Brother and Sister Howe testifying of their prison ministry, which brought Vicki Neuman running and shouting for joy. "Once a Sinner," brought Brother Cox running and shouting down the aisle, followed by the song, "I'm on the Hallelujah Side."

You reminded us that the prayer meeting in the church is the thermometer of a congregation. We then had a precious time as Napo of Haiti began to share about his ministry. While you and Napo were speaking, someone was putting a few dollars on the altar to help Napo fulfill his promise to buy his wife some ice cream on his return home. By the time the giving was complete, Napo had \$4,700 in ice cream money. Praise the Lord! In addition to this, he was given a four-wheel drive vehicle by you, out of your own precious resources.

Following this time of sharing on foreign missions, the Holy Spirit led for Michael Douglas to share about home missions, and how at the last Waiting Upon God in Cincinnati you encouraged people to visit those in jails. Michael's heart was pricked at that particular admonition and he had been waiting

upon the Lord, and following the Lord step by step; receiving direction in reference to finding his place in the prison ministry. A number of persons were saved, and we saw through the ministry of Michael that God wants all of us to be led by the Holy Spirit. In so doing, we shall bring forth much fruit for Jesus. Michael's story was a beautiful illustration of what would happen if men and women would follow the things that you have been teaching us for these years.

On the second day, the power of the Lord was present to heal. Several persons were healed from their infirmities in the kidneys, stomach, hip and throat. The evening session of the second day began with a prelude by Beverly Jones at the piano and Michael Benjamin with the bassoon. It was a concert of great magnitude. The Lord Jesus Christ be praised. It was at this time, shortly following the Radiance trio singing, "He Means All To Me," that you gave us an exposition on Titus 2:1: "But speak thou the things that become sound doctrine."

Sound doctrine is that we must pray, that we must repent, that the wages of sin is death, that the way is called straight, that the songs of Zion must be sung, that we must have on the breastplate of righteousness, that we need old-fashioned Holy Ghost conviction, that the joy of the Lord is our strength, and that we must obey the Lord instantly. The Holy Spirit led for "Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling," and the altar was full with hearts seeking revival.

The Tuesday morning session began with Daniel Light singing, "How Tedious and Tasteless the Hours." Brother Pumphrey remarked that Rev. Helm preached like H. C. Morrison the night before when he spoke on sound doctrine. David Bess sang, "The Angels Were Summoned at His Command," and Bennie Shipp said, "Angels are flying across the sanctuary." Daniel Light shared that the Bible is the only book where exciting historical events happened, and then are reenacted and come to life again.

At that time you reviewed about a revival in 1950 where one lady said that there is no reason to cry in church. Cindy McBride sang, "I Stand Amazed." The Lord then privileged us with the sharing of some personal experiences of Jack Rinchich. Here is another illustration of how God used a layman who followed your principles of waiting and prayer, applying the four basic essentials from day to day. Oh, how God used our brother Jack here in the United States and in foreign lands, and how He worked with him in ministering to Marines in Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm!

The last day began with Sally Davis' prelude, "He leadeth Me," and "Jesus is All the World to Me," followed by, "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus," and "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go." The Lord anointed you in preaching on Mark 8, that in those days great multitudes were following the Lord. He helped you to share about the feeding of the

four thousand. You so vividly described the circumstances of this great multitude that we almost felt we were in the midst of them. For three days they were without food and bed, without the ordinary comforts we are so accustomed to today. They had no desire to return home, for they were hungry and thirsty for righteousness. Oh, how Jesus helped you. Pastor Robert Morey said he has never heard it like this before.

Perhaps one of the greatest anointings during this meeting was that which came upon Jon Light when he sang "Holy, Holy, Holy," as many people knelt at the altar.

I believe, in summary, as I said earlier, that the Lord helped you to marvelously touch on the universal needs of the church as you shared from God's precious Word. Secondly, we saw several beautiful demonstrations of persons having applied the principles described in the Voice in the Wilderness, and then having found their ministries, even as you have. Indeed, indeed, we all shall be taught of God. It is His will, His dream, His desire.

My personal contact with you during the five days we were together, as I was looking after you, have been in the realm of the marvelous. If there is any one outstanding thing about my time with you, it is that I have learned that the secret of your ministry is in your constant ability, by the grace of God, to catch the moment at hand. To you, indeed, every moment is a sacred moment, a gift of God; and every encounter with any one person, no matter who it may be, calls for the revelation of Christ-likeness in and through you--a demonstration of love towards that person.

Thank you for letting me experience a small part of your life during this 1991 Waiting Upon God in Chicago. Our prayers will continue to be with you.

Sincerely in Christ,
Reimar Schultze

Dear Rev. Helm,

I was privileged to be in all of the services at the Waiting Upon God and I wanted to let you know that I was encouraged, lifted and convicted and very glad to be there. It was a high and holy time. You were right about trying to express to someone not there the joy and wonder of it. There were times when there was such a sweetness in the room I didn't know what to do.

The homecoming we were able to be a part of was so beautiful! It was the Bible put into

Jonny Light has informed us that Kimball Piano has received over 280 letters of appreciation for the piano loaned by them for the services of the Waiting on God. Thank you for your wonderful response of thanksgiving.

action right in front of us. It was one of the most wonderful things I have ever experienced. Thank you for putting the example before us of love and forgiveness.

Robbie Hepburn

Two More opportunities to express love and appreciation: Numerous individuals gave special assistance in preparation for the Waiting Upon God, but two businesses contributed unusually to help. The Top in Sound provided excellent rental sound equipment which allowed the singing and speaking to be heard naturally throughout the auditorium. John Bartels prepared a customized rack of 3 amplifiers and 3 equalizers with special patch panel to assist us in our unique needs. If you would feel led to write Mr. Pat Topalsky, owner and originator of the Top in Sound, 3723 No. State Rd. 9, Anderson, IN, 46012, thanking him and John Bartels for their gracious help to us in these services and in past years to Rev. and Mrs. Helm, I believe it would provide substance that mere rental payment could not.

Also, the gentleman who has duplicated the Video Tapes of the past two Waitings on God was kind and trusting enough to loan Evangel Voice Publications a brand new Video Switcher (which allowed our men to create numerous special effects without unpleasant glitches on the screen), and also three Color Video Monitors...all at no cost! Of course, we couldn't accept such expensive equipment without a small fee, but we could not pay them near what the equipment was worth. If you would like to express your special appreciation to him and his dear wife, their address is:

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Thank you for expressing your love and appreciation.

Jon Cullum

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Dear ones in the Lord Jesus--Greetings in the Holy Spirit with thanksgiving. We are very needy, but God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think according to the power that worketh in us. He is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him against that day. He is able to deliver the Godly out of temptation and bring us forth, by His precious blood, that we might be pure in heart and clean in hand.

We were so thankful for the Holy Spirit's guidance and direction two weeks ago Thursday night when we went into the midweek service. We were there but just a moment or two when I looked up to see Rev. Ron Wine. Jesus brought us suddenly into a precious time of fellowship. The Holy Ghost witnessed and worked with us so sweetly, that we were humbled by such a rich time together. Brother John and I then went on into the pulpit, and I had no idea or plan of how to proceed. I was simply endeavoring to trust God to lead. The Holy Spirit helped me to begin to share, and I cannot convey to you how the Lord helped, how He guided, how He directed! It was an unusual time, with Jesus giving us very precious things together.

Testimonies and scripture followed that time of sharing, which all fit together so perfectly. Rev. Wine told us that an elder had passed away in Tennessee and different ones had wanted him to go to the funeral. But he felt he should come to the prayer meeting here in Parker City, instead. To God's glory, he expressed that it was one of the most wonderful spiritual feasts he had ever experienced in his lifetime. Dale Mayo also said it was one of the most marvelous feasts he had ever known. Kim Gilbert declared it to be one of the most wonderful times he had had as well. It seems to me it was a high time for Brother John and myself also. We were up somewhere in a wonderful place of joy, a place of sweetness, a place of blessedness. The presence of the Lord was so sweet, so dear and marvelous that we didn't want it to end.

The next day Sister Vera Wagner told me that when I had mentioned at ten o'clock the night before that we had been there for three hours, (I thought maybe we could dismiss a little before that, but we were so happy we couldn't find any place to stop) her little nine-year-old grandson looked up at her and said, "It seems like just a few minutes." We thought it was a lot to praise the Lord for that a little boy would be so encouraged that he felt the service had been just a short time. We know that only through God, the Holy Spirit, this could ever occur or that we could ever have this great opportunity and blessing again. Only through Jesus' leading could it be as sweet as it was that night. We were blessed and helped in an area of the presence of God that was hard to describe or convey to anyone. The service proceeded in a manner of beauty and loveliness until eleven

o'clock, when Dr. Bullis' wife, Lee Ann, stood and said, "You know, if the Lord had not led this meeting we would have been worn out in the first hour." She had a smile all over her face.

I prayed to see who was to have the closing prayer, and the Lord touched my heart that Maxine Johnson was to pray. She prayed such a wonderful prayer, thanking the Lord for the fragments--the crumbs and blessings that the Lord had given her. God did a wonderful work among us and we don't know how to thank Him sufficiently. Since my wife had been unable to attend the service, I brought Oliver Hogue and Charles Henry to our home to convey to her how the Lord had helped us. Our twin daughters came over also, and we were so encouraged and helped as they shared with Florence about the service.

On Sunday, my brothers were to sing at Carmel, Indiana. One of my brothers requested that I be there even though I couldn't sing much because of my throat. I wish I were able to sing because I enjoy it very much. I had invited Charles Henry to travel with me, and early Sunday morning Nancy called to inform me that our granddaughter, Angel Maria, wanted to go with us as well. Of course, we were delighted and happy for her to go. Now I have driven to Carmel many times in the last twenty-some years, but that was the shortest journey I ever made. Angel shared about how God had helped and how the Lord had led and directed the young people's camp, and Charles shared also. We were so happy together that the fifty-plus miles went swiftly.

While I was waiting with my brothers in the music room, a gentleman entered. He was so familiar to me, but I couldn't place his name nor where I had met him. "Loran," he said smiling. "You don't recognize me, do you?" I could not remember his name, even though his face was very familiar. "I am Burt Morford," he told me. And I recognized him instantly. We were in each other's arms loving one another in Christ. I had not seen him for forty-nine years and when you haven't seen someone for forty-nine years, it's difficult to place him. In 1941 we sang together. He was the high tenor and had such an ability in music and in helping us to know how to harmonize. It was such a delightful surprise. A few years ago I had talked to him when he lived in Arizona, but he is now living in the Carmel area. When he read in the paper that we were to be singing, he came to hear us. It was a wonderful reunion.

Then the pastor took us into his study. As my brothers, Charles, the pastor and I were talking together, the pastor's wife came in. They introduced her to me and I began to share with her different experiences of Jesus helping us and God being so merciful to us. Before long she told us that she had fallen some time ago and was having difficulty with

her knee. "Perhaps the Lord would grant me the privilege of praying to God in Jesus' name for you," I told her. While I was praying for her she was very appreciative. I had my eyes closed, but Charles said he thought she had tears in her eyes. As I shared it seemed as though we became very close in the fellowship of the Lord Jesus. She said, "You will never know what this has meant to me." It was a very high and exceptional experience in the Lord. When the services were over, our granddaughter, Angel, said, "Oh, Grandfather!" and began to exclaim how she enjoyed the singing and presentation of my brothers. She was happy and delighted. We were thankful to Jesus for God's direction and help.

In family prayer the other night I asked the Lord where He wanted us to read. Florence and I have been reading the scriptures together now for over fifty years, and that night God gave me this scripture in the sixth chapter of Luke: "And it came to pass also on another sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered. And the scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the sabbath day; that they might find an accusation against him. But he knew their thoughts..."--just like He knows yours and mine. He knows all our thoughts. There isn't one thought He doesn't know, because He knows what is in man and He knew the thoughts of these men.--Verse eight continues: "...and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up."

Here is a man with a withered hand. Jesus has given him His attention. I want you to note that this man with the withered hand hadn't asked any favors. He hadn't asked, "Jesus, remember me." He didn't say, "Jesus, you know I'm handicapped and I'm having a problem. I just have one hand." But Jesus did not overlook the man with the withered hand. (Now if you don't get anything else, just take that to your heart.) This man's hand was withered. I wouldn't be surprised if he didn't have it slightly hidden. Jesus sees that which is obscure. Jesus sees that which is a difficulty for you. It hadn't been easy for this dear man, and his withered hand got Jesus' attention. Jesus knew about the thoughts of the religious individuals, and He said to the man who had the withered hand, "Rise up. I'm going to recognize you. I'm going to help you. I'm going to assist you today. Stand forth."

Isn't this a great story! Just think, in all my fifty-eight years, I haven't preached on this scripture like this. Jesus said, "Rise up, and stand forth in the midst." He didn't just say to get up. He said, "I want you to come forth." Now how much courage did the man have to have? What strength did it take? He already felt rather humbled. But when Jesus said, "Rise up, I want you to come forth. Leave your present state and position and come to Me!", I want you to see that the man with the withered had immediately responded! He arose and he stood forth. I wonder how hard his heart was throbbing and moving?

"...Then said Jesus unto them (the pharisees, Sadducees and religious people) I will ask you one thing; is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy it? And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other." As Jesus said, "Stretch forth your hand," the power of the kingdom of God went into his hand. The thumb began to move. The index finger started to operate again! Soon all the fingers came alive! The hand which had been withered and dead was now restored and normal in size. Jesus told him, "Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so." This is what I want to share about. And he did so. He did exactly what the Lord said. He obeyed. And he did so is the equivalent of obedience. He was submissive and did what Jesus told him to do.

Jesus once told Peter, "Go get a hook. I want you to put it into the sea, and the first fish up, open his mouth because he will have the money for our taxes." Do you know what? And he did so! He did it! He got a hook and didn't put a worm on it. He didn't put a cricket on it. He didn't put any bait on it. He just took a hook and put it in the sea. And he did so! When he did it, he had what he needed. The man with the withered hand was restored and Peter found a fish with a coin in it's mouth when they did so.

I shall never forget my first time in Jerusalem. One of the high points in my first experience twenty-two years ago this coming December and January was to go to the pool of Siloam, because one day long ago Jesus found a blind man and sent him to the pool of Siloam and said, "Go and wash." And he did so. He went to wash and he came seeing! A withered hand, a need for the taxes taken care of and now an opened eye. Once when Jesus was crossing the Sea of Galilee, a terrible storm arose. (I shall never forget one time when I was in Israel when the winds were so boisterous the Sea of Galilee was about five or six feet above the normal. In all my twenty-five times into Israel I've never seen the Sea of Galilee like that. The first time I ever crossed the sea it was smooth when we started, but by the time we reached a mile or two, it became rough.) Jesus was asleep in a storm at this particular time of scripture. The sea was so raging and fierce that the apostles, some of whom were veteran seamen, were frightened and feared for their lives. They awakened Jesus because they thought they were going to sink and perish. They asked Him, "Master, carest thou not that we perish?" And He arose, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace be still." And they did so.

They crossed the lake to the other side, and those who had just come through a storm met a man who was in a storm. This man was so disturbed that he was beyond medical help. The institutions had given him up. He loved to live among the tombstones. He would break the chains that bound him. He would cut himself and run through the area disturbing the

people. This precious man had been in such turmoil and anguish, I want you to know that he had no one who understood him. He had never met anyone who could still the storm he was in. But when he saw Jesus, he immediately ran and fell at his feet, for he knew who He was. Jesus cast the devils out of him and made him whole. The Lord sent the power of darkness out of the man into the hogs, and they ran into the sea and were choked.

Those who kept the hogs ran to the city and said, "Come and see what has happened out here." When the people of the community came they saw this man sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. Up until this time he couldn't rest. He was tearing his clothes off and didn't have the intelligence of a two-year-old child. Here he is now resting quietly, well in mind, well in body, happy in spirit. When the people came out, they were so distressed with Jesus they pled, "Please, don't stay with us. Please depart." Here was this precious man who had not rested for a long time now quiet, happy and in his right mind, and all the people could say was, "Jesus, depart."

So Jesus enters the ship to obey the command. Of course, this precious man wants to get in the boat and go where Jesus goes. He wants to be wherever the Master is. Jesus turns to him and says: "Go home and tell your friends what the Lord has done for you." **And he did so!** He went back into the storm, into the trials, the battles, the misunderstandings, the hard places, to tell the good news that Jesus had come; that the Christ had taken his burden and troubles. He went from house to house and place to place all over the countryside. **And he did so.**

God had called Abraham to go out into a land which afterward he would receive for an inheritance. He obeyed and went out, not knowing whither he went. **And he did so.** He left everything. He left what he had and he did what he was told to do. One day God gave him a precious gift and his name was Isaac. What are you called to do? Are you called to Mt. Moriah? Are you called to Galilee? Are you called to the lake to cast the hook? Are you called to quiet the storm of a feverish heart? a bruised life? or just to be with your companion? or your children? What kind of service would you be administering: a kind hand? a tender spirit? a gentle sharing? a caring? a helpfulness? Would you **do so?**

I see Jesse. He is calling David. As I listen I find out that Jesse is interested in his sons in battle and he is sending David down with a basket of provisions. He sends him to the war area. His harp is upon the willows now. He has a basket, not a harp. He takes the journey to see how his brothers are faring and when he arrives they are upset with him because **he did so.** Because he did what Jesse said, they are upset with him. But **he did so** anyhow. (You see, he was **doing so**, but in his **doing so** he was not welcome. So don't get discouraged when you are having trials. When it's difficult, don't give up. Just hold on to your basket, because there is

a Goliath out there, and if you are faithful with this basket, God will give you the strength to **do so** when it comes to the crucial test.)

David asked, "What am I hearing here? What is this sound?" He looked at the men and they were shaking and trembling. He saw fright all over their faces. "Haven't you heard?" they answered. "This great giant has challenged Israel and he said if any of us doesn't overcome him, then we will become their servants." David asked, "Well, who is going?" They replied, "No one." He said, "Do you mean that no one is going out to meet this nine-foot giant?" They were all trembling, but he said, "I'm ready to go." They asked, "Who are you?" He said, "I'm ready. The God of Israel Who has delivered me from the paw of the lion and the bear will deliver me in this!"...for he had what could **do so**. The king put his armor on him, but David's head could hardly hold up the helmet. The armor was so heavy he couldn't lift up the sword. He asked, "May I lay it aside to **do so?**" So he laid it aside and went out. Down on his knees he picks up a few stones, getting some ammunition for the battle to **do so**. Goliath begins to cry out his challenge, threatening to feed him to the birds and the animals of the fields. But David reaches inside his clothes and--what does he have in there? It's a little sling that doesn't look like much. It doesn't seem like much, but it is lots! He took that little stone and he whirled it around and that stone hit the mark...**and he did so.** The battle was won! The Philistines fled because one man **did so.**

Some years ago I was in a garage with Edward and Jackie when all at once Jesus spoke to me in my heart. I was surprised and astonished. "I've got to hurry home and make a call to Lincoln, Nebraska," I told Jackie and Edward. I called a man by the name of Reimar Schultze and said, "Go thou to Kokomo, Indiana. The Lord will be with thee!" He replied, "Praise the Lord! We've been packing for three days and didn't know where we were going!" Do you know what?...**They did so.** One day I said to my wife, "I've got to make a telephone call. Oliver is calling me." I was in Hollywood, Florida, at Cressie Woods' home and we had no phone there so I had to go seven or eight blocks to a telephone booth. When I reached Oliver he said to me, "We're in quite a situation because I have this great opportunity of making a choice of one of six churches to pastor and I don't know which one to choose." I told him, "Well, I don't know either." He replied, "It's been so on my heart that you would call me and we could pray together." I confessed to him, "It will only be by the mercies of God I would ever know God's will." After we had prayed a few moments I asked, "What is church number one?" And he gave me the name of church number one, but there was no word from heaven. Then he gave me the name of the second church, the third, the fourth and fifth, but there was no operation of the Holy Spirit until he got to church number six: Scott Depot, West Virginia. At that time I did not know one person in the whole state of

West Virginia, but when he said church number six, the Holy Spirit revealed to me that was where he was to go. And do you know what? He did so.

The king was puzzled. He was mystified. He sent for the sorcerers, the wise men, the astrologers, because no one could interpret his dream. No one knew what it meant. Finally a man said, "I recall when I was in prison that I met a man by the name of Joseph. When the baker and I had dreams, he knew what they meant. His God that he serves--the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob--knew. Joseph interpreted the dreams. He told that I would be reinstated in three days and the baker would be hanged in three days. And it came to pass." For two years the butler had forgotten him. He said, "I believe this man down in prison is able to help you out." So they brought Joseph from prison, shaved him, bathed him, cleaned him up and brought him in before the king. As the king looked upon this humble, precious man, Joseph did so. He gave the interpretation. He told them exactly what would take place. And because he did so, all of Egypt was spared from death as well as all the seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh.

What will you do to see souls brought and placed at the feet of Jesus and yielded to God? The man's hand was restored, the fish was caught, the interpretation was given because they did so. What will you do to be a help? to be a healer? to be a lifter? to be one that quiets storms? one that assists in the trials of life? one that will help persons to find peace and joy in Jesus Christ? a soul winner? not a scatterer but a gatherer? Will we do so? In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

We want to express to all of you on the mailing list our deep gratitude and appreciation for your prayers, for all your sacrificing and helping, for your sending in. We are most unworthy. We thank the Lord for all that has been done for us and is being done for us and for the loving, obedient hearts who have been so kind and precious with us. We are thankful to each one for holding us to the Lord because our need is great. We are trusting for healing and for deliverance for Melodie Joy, that she will be restored to health. We are trusting for my wife's healing also. We are grateful for those in Israel. Joseph Mizrahi wants us to convey to all of you their love and greetings. We are grateful for all those who help. We pray for their encouragement and help and salvation and victory and deliverance. We pray that all things will be taken care of the way God would have it rather than the way man would do it.

Thank you again for your praying and sacrificing for our ministry. We feel that we have done so little, accomplished so little; but God has done so much. We are thankful for each of our secretaries and our precious ones of our staff to help us. We are thankful for our financial secretary, likewise.

Jane has made deposits for us for the last twenty-seven or eight years and has worked hundreds of hours. We do not want to forget Rev. Hill and his faithfulness to minister as the treasurer of Revival For Our Day for twenty-eight years. We know we are not deserving, but sanctify all that has been accomplished in Jesus' name--each soul that has been encouraged, helped and saved; each body healed; each heart lifted. Our longing is that the body of believers could be cleansed and sanctified: that we may, through Christ, by the Holy Ghost, become one as the Father and the Son are one. The world is so starved for love, for care, for gentleness, for thoughtfulness. May each of you be encouraged and lifted, strengthened, healed and directed as you follow the Lord and obey the Holy Spirit.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W Helm

Loran W. Helm

The following is a letter which I thought would be an encouragement to you as it was to us, for God's glory and honor.

Dear brother Loran Helm,

We greet you with Shalom from the city of our great King Jesus Christ! We still think about that wonderful, blessed evening we were privileged to take part in when you shared the message about "Love". That evening was a turning point in our lives with the Lord. You reminded us very much of our Lord Jesus, who did not preach salvation, but became salvation...

The presence of the Holy Spirit was so strong in this meeting, stronger than in any meeting we ever attended. And we felt the same presence for weeks after the meeting. Since that time we have such a desire not to grieve the Holy Spirit so that He would never leave us--to dwell in the Presence of the Holy Spirit--this is our daily goal...

From Brother Forrest Richey and his wife, Mary Jane, we received "A Voice in the Wilderness". This precious book is one of the best and most anointed books to read after the Bible. We are so thankful of having this treasure (for a lifetime) at home, and we are reading it over and over. We thank the Lord always for this book of discipleship and we want to thank you personally, dear brother, that you have written this unique book for believers who want to go with the Lord until the end, no matter what the cost...

Dearest brother, Loran Helm, we are always in fellowship with your spirit through the "Voice". You truly became a living example for us--a "written letter from Christ" and "a fragrance of life" (2 Cor.). May the Lord give you the desires of your heart. "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him." (1 Cor. 2:9)

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Dear ones in the Lord Jesus, our Heavenly Father, the Kingdom of God, which is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost; greetings.

We want to express appreciation to all who are striving to follow Jesus by denying self and taking the cross, being cleansed of the carnal nature and submissive to the will of God. We know it's by the help of the Holy Spirit, through His precious blood cleansing us and His sacred word abiding that this can be for the glory of God.

Recently all five of my brothers were with us in our midweek service. They had come to sing for us, and our daughter, Joyce Lee, sang a few songs with them also. A few days later we received a letter from a dear sister and her husband telling us how they enjoyed the selection of songs. The congregation appreciated this time together with my brothers very much, and we were thankful for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the anointing of God. I felt in my heart that my brother, Edwin, was to sing "Oh, What A Day," and I want you to know, dear ones, that the Holy Spirit came and gave such a precious anointing as he sang that song with Florence accompanying him at the piano. When the anointing comes it is like morning and it brings a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. We were in debt to Jesus, to the Holy Spirit, to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; and we want to thank Him for His guidance and direction. My brother, Warren, sang "Battle Hymn of the Republic" in a very unique, unusual and precious presentation. We were helped and encouraged by the Lord's guidance and blessing in the service.

The Lord also helped us in the following Sunday evening service. At one point I asked if there was a scripture on anyone's heart and Tyler Garth stood and gave the first verse of the second chapter of Acts: "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind..." I began to speak of an experience Rev. Homer Pumphrey and I had years ago when we were in fellowship together at about two or three in the morning. When a certain statement was made, it seemed that suddenly the room was filled with a mighty rushing wind. Rev. Pumphrey thought we were going to be translated and came straight up out of bed. The Lord was so precious to us there. I spoke of the tremendous blessing, the great sweetness and presence of the work of God--the mighty rushing wind.

After I had shared this experience a dear one came in who had not been able to get to the service earlier. About twenty or thirty minutes after they came in the door I requested that they sing number four on their list. As they began to sing, the first stanza of song number four was about "the mighty rushing wind"! Now this precious one did not know that we had just been sharing about the wind, and it was a very precious

time indeed of the Holy Spirit's guidance, direction and help.. We were very thankful, because without Jesus leading the meeting, it is empty and tiresome. When the Holy Spirit leads the meeting it is helpful and encouraging; and sometimes there is healing.

We are trusting for wisdom. Church leaders need wisdom. We need wisdom to know when to speak and when not to speak. Sometimes people get up and just give a little talk. But if it's not inspirational, it brings a flatness to the service. And if they don't have any spiritual discernment, they don't realize what is happening and continue right on. If a servant is faithful, true, sweet, kind, humble, obedient, loving and tender and hasn't found fault with or criticized anyone; when they get up to speak just a few words of how Jesus has helped them, how God has led and directed, it is an inspiration. It is a light. It is a help. We don't know how to measure such a witness. The measure of the witness can be high and deep, and mighty and far reaching because the words are seasoned with salt, given in love and presented in humility with deep appreciation, thanksgiving and gratitude to God.

On the following Thursday evening my wife and I went to eat our evening meal and upon our return home, as I was getting out of the car, I had a pain in the heart area. I had planned to go on to church and just had to trust whether the pain was spiritual or physical. As we went into the house my wife said to me, "If you are going to church I want to go too." She wasn't feeling very well, but wanted to go with me. Since we had a little time before we needed to leave for the service I went upstairs and my wife went to the piano and began to play. As I listened to my wife playing the piano I was trusting Jesus to help me to know what numbers she was to play for the prelude, and Jesus was merciful to show me. We went to the service, and as I entered the pulpit I didn't know what to do anymore than you do. I had to trust. I said to Florence, "Honey, play and read the words of this first hymn." She couldn't remember ever seeing or playing that hymn before, except that time forty-eight or nine years ago when we went through the Methodist hymnal together. (After the service I was speaking on the telephone with Dr. Reece and his wife, Lynn Marie. Lynn told me that it is very difficult to try and play a hymn when you don't know it, and even more difficult to read the words at the same time. It is truly a gift of God, and only through Jesus could this ever be again.)

The Lord was merciful to help us throughout the four hymns Jesus had given me, and after about an hour, Brother Schultze shared that to be led for one minute is a great privilege. It's a marvel to be led for one minute or to have one revelation of the Lord. We were thankful for how Jesus helped and blessed. In about the second hour my wife

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wanted to share a word. She was so happy and had a light on her face as she shared with us, saying, "As I am sitting here listening to my husband, and having lived with him all these years knowing that what he says is absolutely what he has tried to do, it makes me happier than most anything else I can think of. It has been so wonderful. Some people might think, 'Well, he's just talking. Most preachers are just talking.' But when I know what his life is like at home, that makes me very happy. Praise the Lord."

The Lord surely helped us for those two-and-a-half hours and my wife was on the piano bench for a little under an hour. Dr. Strauss has said that her hip joint is inflamed. Three years ago he was very concerned about the vertebra in her lower back. But when God is leading, He lifts all the pain out of the vertebra, hip and back; and has done that now for some years for His glory. By God's grace and for His glory could this ever be, and we want to thank Him in heaven for this wonderful help. The Lord worked so sweetly that we could hardly get stopped, and when we arrived home my wife went to the organ and continued to play. Richard Moore was with us and he said, "The meeting is still on." We want to praise the Lord for the way He guided, blessed and directed.

A few weeks ago I preached on Luke 13:20: "Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God?" What is it like? That car is not like this car. This field is not like that field. This trend of thought is not like that one. He said, "What shall I 'liken' the kingdom of God to? What can I compare it to?" The next verse says, "It is like leaven..." Here is the word "like" again. It is like leaven (or yeast) "...which a woman took..." Now I want you to know that this leaven is like yeast. It is a work of mystery and you can't find the mystery even if you look through a microscope. This scripture says the woman took it. The Kingdom of God is like a woman who took leaven (yeast). And what did she do with it? She hid it! Did you know that God's Kingdom is hidden? She hid this yeast. Where did she hide it? She hid it where it would do some good. Many people take something and put it where it doesn't bring forth anything. Instead of rising, it stays flat. If people knew about the wonder of the Kingdom of God, our church services would be crowded. The Kingdom is within you and it's peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. It's love divine. It's sweet.

This woman took the leaven (yeast) and she hid it. I'm glad she knew where to hide it. Do you know where it's hidden? Do you know about this hiding place? She took this leaven (yeast) in her hand and she hid it in three measures of meal. Now meal comes from corn and flour comes from wheat. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." (Jn. 12:24) This is a mystery. It's hidden. It says here that a little kernel of corn or wheat can come forth

and bring much fruit. But first, it must fall in the soil of God's purpose or it won't grow. And after it has grown it must be taken from the cob and ground into meal. If you try to put yeast in kernels of corn, the mystery won't occur. What is the message? The kernels of corn must be ground into meal before the leaven (yeast) can be hidden in it. If the kernels of corn have not been ground into meal, the leaven (yeast) cannot penetrate it because the shell is too hard. Many times, you see, we are like kernels on the cob of self. We must be taken off that cob and broken up. The Kingdom of God is within you, but if there is hardness of heart it is like those kernels still on the cob.

The Kingdom of Heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal. And when this leaven (yeast) is hidden in the three measures of meal, it begins to work, to move. And this work begins to permeate and penetrate until it reaches every particle of corn. The scripture says she hid it in three measures of meal until the whole was leavened. When the woman hid this leaven (yeast) in the meal, it was just a little bit of a pinch. It started out small, but possessed the whole. Now when Jesus, the Holy Ghost, the Kingdom of God comes in by the way of repentance, transformation and conversion, it starts going though the whole body and changes our attitudes, our motives and our outlook. It changes everything. When He comes into our heart, it is like leaven in three measures of meal. But if we are hard of heart and not willing to testify or pray or yield, then the whole is not leavened.

The carnal person will try to detour the Kingdom of Heaven, but if the whole is to be leavened, we must go through the grinding process. Look at all that corn had to go through before it became meal. It had to be taken from the cob, broken into pieces and ground into powder. If we are not broken up, the Kingdom of Heaven cannot be hidden in us. He wants to bring us into the new birth by His transforming power, but the love of the world will be the crust that keeps it out. We must be broken. I heard the president of Taylor University tell a story once about when he was nineteen years old. He said to his father, "I'm going to preach." And his father replied, "Son, you'll never be able to preach until you are broken." This precious man said, "I never knew what my father meant until I got to a church that broke me to pieces."

This woman took the leaven (yeast) and hid it in three measures of meal. Now I want you to know that what she had is alive. And I want you to see that the meal is dead. There is no movement. But look out! Something is coming! It's hidden inside! It's working! This mystery that is hidden in the meal begins to move, and it goes in all directions. She had to first hide the leaven (yeast) in the three measures of meal for it to become visible. When the Kingdom of God begins to work within you, it just goes in all directions to help people. The meal was flat, but now look what is happening. It begins to

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Dear ones of God in Jesus the Christ, the Holy Spirit, the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh, the Mighty One of Israel; greetings,

Two weeks ago last Saturday evening my wife and I were led to have a number of couples with us for dinner. The Holy Spirit gave us such a wonderful time as we sat together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Rev. and Mrs. Howe were with us, and Mrs. Howe told us of a dream she had had prior to our dining together. When we went outside the hotel she said, "This is what I saw in my dream." The Lord worked so preciously through Rev. Howe, who had brought with him the writing of the Psalms. He said, "Brother Helm, some months ago you preached on 'The Great Supper.' I've never gotten away from that sermon. It has stayed with me and I've had this scripture on my heart ever since." We were very thankful for the precious sharing of God's Word and the truth of the parallels Rev. Howe shared with us. The inspiration, joy and fellowship we had together was so dear, and Jesus is to be praised, God is to be thanked and the Holy Spirit is to be honored for the way He directed and helped us together.

Earlier that same day my wife was playing the piano and reading some gospel hymns. I called Edward and Jackie so they could hear and receive the same blessing I was getting. They both wept and said, "This is so healing." I said to my wife, "Honey, if you are able to go with me to church tomorrow morning and play and read these hymns, I believe it will be an inspiration to everyone there."

As Florence and I made our way to church the next morning I called and talked with Brother and Sister Levisay in Minnesota. The Lord blessed us so much as Sister Levisay began to pray for Florence and me. It so touched my heart that I cried and shouted. She was crying also and the Spirit of the Lord was very special. We pray that this prayer will be sanctified and blessed, that it may be forever for Jesus' glory and honor. We pray that we may be faithful in every way to see souls saved, believers cleansed and filled with the Holy Spirit so that they can go out into the world to love people as Jesus loves us.

When we walked into the church we saw Napo, our precious missionary from Haiti, with his wife and son. I was surprised to see their son, who was so handsome and very dear. (Later in the service I shared concerning family prayer, and this precious son testified, saying, "I've been in this. I was raised in this.") It was so encouraging to me for them to be with us that morning. As the service began, my wife came to the piano and began to play "Worthy is the Lamb." The Lord helped and lifted, and as she was playing this wonderful number I saw that Brian Benjamin, along with his precious wife and son, were with us. I asked Brian, "Would

you be able to sing this number?" He consented and Florence accompanied him as he sang with a beautiful presentation of such soft sweetness in the Spirit of Jesus. (When I talked with him on Monday I asked him if he had ever sung this before. He said, "No, I never have, but I did hear someone sing it some years ago.") As soon as my wife's fingers touched the keyboard, Richard Smith, the head deacon, was blessed. The Lord has been working with Richard and his wife in a special way through these years, and as soon as my wife began to play, he was touched of the Lord. God lifted and blessed and we were so thankful. Pastor Thomas Mullins later said to my wife, "You are a blessing to the church." We want to thank Jesus and give Him the praise for helping us in the soul, mind and body; that we might be cleansed vessels, sanctified, meet for Jesus' use.

I then began to speak on the twelfth chapter of Revelation, verse eleven: "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony." When you find Christ, you are just beginning a wonderful pilgrimage. When you ask Jesus to forgive you of your sins and are transformed, you are a new man in Christ. The old things pass away and all things are new. You are just beginning your walk with Christ, and to follow Him in this walk, you must overcome the devil.

We see by this scripture that the only way we overcome is by the word of our testimony. Most people do not realize the significance of faithfully witnessing for Christ. If we don't have the word of our testimony, we are going to be overcome by self-assertiveness. What is the first step after conversion? The way to overcome the devil is to witness immediately. The moment we are converted, Jesus, the Holy Spirit wants us to give God all the praise for saving us. This is the beginning of our testimony, but it's only a start. Our testimony can never end. Most people think they should only testify when they feel like it, or when they are happy and blessed. We must testify regularly and faithfully, even when we don't feel very well or it is hard or difficult. Oftentimes the devil will try to tell us, "Don't testify. You will cry and interrupt the service. You'll be embarrassed." And when the person holds back and doesn't testify, they have allowed self to smother the leading. They may have been the one God was trying to use to unlock the service and bring special victory even to the hardest of hearts. I want you to know that it is better to get up and cry (because that is a witness in itself) than to not obey the prompting of the Holy Spirit. It will pierce even the hardest of hearts that the greatest sermon wouldn't touch.

Revelations 12:11 says that the only way we overcome is by the word of our testimony. Self will not permit testimony. How many

times has the Holy Spirit prompted you to witness but something inside of you said you couldn't do it because you would cry and people would think you were strange? I want you to know that it isn't easy for me either. I have to die out to myself continually. When I was buying groceries recently I told the cashier how thankful we were for the groceries and produce. I was trying to thank her for being kind to people and to us, and that we needed the Lord. That was the word of my testimony. You might think that is too hard to do, but many times a cashier will tell me that there are very few who will say a kind word to them. We need to be faithful to witness and give God the praise and glory for what He's done for us, because unless we witness for Jesus we will lose the fire. We lose the joy and lose what God has for us because we let self tell us not to say anything, not to give God the praise. The moment we are converted our testimony begins and will not end until death.

The Lord revealed to me fifty-eight years ago when I wasn't quite seventeen years of age that self will say, "You can't do it. Don't testify. People will think you are a fanatic." Self convinces most men and women not to testify after conversion. If they would have resisted self and pressed to testify faithfully, where would they be today? If people were as weak physically as they are spiritually they would have to go home on stretchers. The only way we overcome is by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. It isn't easy to testify, but it's a joy if you get started in time. Yes, you will run into some obstacles along the way and people won't understand you. But don't stop testifying, because in a few days, weeks or months your testimony will begin to break the ice of their hard heart. We need to be faithful to witness in the Spirit with thanksgiving for His gift of salvation, His saving us, His keeping us, His providing for us. And when we are in a church service we need to testify and say, "Praise the Lord for saving me," and sit down. We could say, "Praise the Lord for His precious Word," and then sit down. Or praise the Lord for some answer to prayer and sit down. Praising the Lord as He leads is beneficial to the whole congregation. The saints are helped and the sinners are convicted.

I want you to know, dear ones, that the spirit of the world is against this and we cannot overcome him (the devil) to testify if we are not reading the Word and praying together as a family. If a husband and wife do not pray together regularly, they are not going to have the victory to testify. A pastor never has to urge a person who has been obedient in prayer to testify. The person who obeys the Holy Spirit in witnessing, in praying, in testifying, in denying self and trusting with all their heart, is living in the answer. Persons who are living in the self-assertive life are looking for the answer. They are trying to find the solution to the consequences they are living in. They made the choice to do what they wanted to do and are living in the

consequences of that choice. Parents and children must read the Word of God and pray together. And if they will do this, they will have some experiences to testify about. Most people think we overcome by knowledge or strength, but the more we know and learn and read, the more we have to press through to do what God wants us to do.

Let us leave Revelation for a moment and go over to Mark where Jesus is walking on the Sea of Galilee. He saw His disciples toiling and rowing in a storm and came to them walking upon the sea. Jesus had what man lost when he sinned in the Garden. If man had not fallen in the Garden of Eden, we would not now be living in the consequence of that disobedience. Disobedience in a life is like a cancer in the physical body. Do you know how long a physical body will live with cancer? It will live only as long as that cancer doesn't take over and kill it.

As we read about Jesus walking toward His disciples, we see that they are toiling and rowing. They are trying to get where they are going. He sees them in trouble! This is the situation in the world today. We are toiling hard to get where we are going. And we want to go where there is peace, joy and rest. It is only by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony that we will arrive at that destination. Jesus preached for three years and could hardly get anyone to hear Him. He was brokenhearted. He was so alone because His disciples wanted to be on His right hand and on His left hand. They wanted to call fire down. That wasn't what Jesus came to earth for. And even when He came to His disciples in a hard place, they were troubled when they saw Him. He immediately said to them, "Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid. And he went up unto them into the ship..." Isn't that a beautiful sight to behold! They were in a storm and Jesus got right into the ship with them. And the wind ceased.

If we will witness for Jesus many of the strange winds in this world will quiet down and we won't be living in the consequence thereof. Most all men and women on earth are living in a consequence of their own choice rather than living by the guidance of Jesus, the Holy Ghost. This is why family prayer is so imperative. As we pray together we will learn this vital lesson and won't miss what God has for our lives. A man and his wife must persevere in family prayer so that the children can overcome and witness, as well as the parents. If we don't witness for Christ we are going to be overcome. But if we will testify when we are supposed to, we will be blessed. I am blessed now as I share this with you! I'm being blessed in my heart right now!

Many people have been in the church for ten to forty years, but they haven't prayed together as a family. You cannot have a Christian home without family prayer. Years ago I knew a man who did not give his wife any money. The only money she had was from selling eggs. What do you think of that?

What kind of vision is that? After living many years without any money of her own, my wife began to receive some finance for playing the piano in revival services. What if I would have said, "I want that money." What would I be if I took her money? We need to be thoughtful of each other. We know a precious young person who gives blood to get enough money to eat because her husband takes her wages. Did you know this is going on today? Family prayer would eliminate this problem. Family prayer would bring thoughtfulness to the wife and to the husband. Family prayer would bring a cooperative spirit to the children. Parents could have eliminated many problems if they would have prayed with their children when they were little. Their children would be saying, "I want to be with you. I want to stay with you."

The Holy Spirit alone can help us to witness and overcome. If a father and mother will pray with their children, they will miss a lot of heartaches and troubles. Do you think love can flow through a family that doesn't pray together? I've had to press for over fifty years to have family prayer. It's been a battle. Remember Revelation 12:11: "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony." When we are thoughtful of one another, God can help us. When we witness we have great joy. When we read the Word of God, it puts something inside of us. Jesus went to His disciples walking on the sea, and they were amazed beyond measure. Verse fifty-two of the sixth chapter of Mark says: "For they considered not the miracle of the loaves, for their heart was hardened." Do you mean the apostles' hearts were hardened right in the midst of miracles? Yes. And our hearts can be hardened right in the midst of miracles too. Unless we pray together at home and testify at every opportunity, our heart is going to get harder and harder and harder.

Oh, if we could only persuade people to read the Word and pray together. A dear one recently shared with me that when they were looking at pictures of saints painted in the beautiful glass sections of churches, a child asked, "What is that thing?" After some contemplation, this precious child finally said, "I've come to the conclusion that a saint is when the light shines through them." How can we be a saint if we don't read the Word and pray with our companion? This little child decided that a saint is a person whom the light shines through. The light will shine through us if we will pray and read the Word together. You may say, "The devil is fighting me." We must overcome him. That is where self must be denied. What do you think will happen if everyone will obey every leading of the Holy Spirit from now on? There would be such fire in the church that the pastor wouldn't need to preach. The laymen would be preaching. The businessmen would be preaching. The housewives and teachers would be preaching. They would be saying, "I've heard from heaven. We've had a prayer meeting. God's helped me. God's led me. God's directed me. I've got the joy and

I want to tell you about it." The glory would fall and sinners would be saved and atheists would come in and say, "Whatever is in this room I want."

We overcome by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of our testimony--not in a repugnant manner, but in sweetness, in quietness and carefulness. Don't let any opportunity go by. Our world is full of liberalism and humanism and carnality. I have to pray and plead to God for help, for the blood of Christ to be applied to my heart from morning to night.

The sixth chapter of Mark tells about the disciples' hearts being hardened. Jesus is the Savior. He raised the dead, cast out devils, stilled storms, made the lepers whole, the blind to see and deaf ears to hear. His disciples were there when He did these things, and yet their hearts were hardened. He fed five thousand men and all the women and children with just a few loaves of bread and two fishes carried in the hand of a young boy. The scripture says they considered not the miracle. See how hard our hearts are? Do you really realize it? A husband and wife who do not take the time to help each other and talk to each other will not realize it. It is through the Holy Spirit helping us to be faithful in family prayer that we will overcome. Think about your life. If you will have family prayer and scripture, you will be blessed. Your children will pray such prayers sometimes that you will say, "How can these little hearts think of all these things?" You will be stirred. It will change the home. It will change the community. It will change the children's attitude at school. If you have family prayer faithfully, your children are going to say, "This is like a little bit of heaven to me."

Jesus wants us to be faithful. I need prayer more than anybody I know, for the devil is going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. He is trying to keep fathers and mothers and children from praying together. When our daughters were twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen and sixteen years of age they didn't much care for family prayer. We didn't press them, but just loved them. We didn't scold them, and after a while they came to Jesus. Oh, what times we have with our children now. It took years to get them through. I would pray for them when they were little. I would pray that they would grow up to be pure and holy women. And now Jesus has answered that prayer. Jesus is helping and He wants us to overcome by the help of His Holy Spirit in witnessing humbly.

I wish I could tell you all the heartaches families would miss if they would pray together. I wish I could tell you about the consequences they would miss. Can you get a glimpse of what I am saying? Are you able to perceive it? This is one of the secrets of living on this earth. If a family will pray together, God will reveal secrets to them about what is going to take place in their family. The Holy Spirit will reveal to a

father or mother or the faithfully praying children about the need of salvation, or about another particular need. Jesus said, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come." (Jn. 16:13)

We are trying to have church without having family prayer. Husbands and wives are trying to love one another, but are not praying together. There is a tendency to find fault and criticize, to frown and feel downhearted. If a husband and wife will pray together and obey each leading of the Holy Spirit, they will have such joy and victory. If we follow Jesus, His Spirit will not lift from us. He will always be there to lead us. He said, "Follow me." Following Him is having family prayer. It is witnessing and denying self. It is sharing and trusting Him. Following Him is having faith. He said, "If any man is going to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." This is where we are slain daily and where our testimony begins. If self isn't denied we will not take up our cross, and rather than victory and results, we will have consequences in the home and in the church. Jesus will eliminate all these consequences and hurts little by little if we will obey Him and give Him the praise and glory and honor.

You might say that you don't know what to testify about. As I shared before, all you have to do is stand and say, "Jesus saved me," and sit down. Or you can say, "I praise the Lord for the precious blood," and sit down. You could share that you had a good time in family prayer and sit down. There is so much to testify about. I could say, "I want to thank God for the Word. It is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." We don't have to make long speeches. Lengthy speaking is generally not led of the Spirit and will take a meeting down to nothing. But a testimony in humility and childlikeness will spark another to testify. That one will spark another to say a word for Jesus. After a while the whole place is wrapped in love and it will be marvelous what God will do. If you can ever understand this, it will mean more to you than all earthly gains and accomplishments.

Paul tells us in First Corinthians, Chapter Three: "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ." He speaks here of new converts, and how we must resist the carnal spirit after conversion. What is carnality? It is criticism. It is division. It is finding fault with others. Paul tells us this in Verse Three: "For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?" We are all carnal. Jesus is the only one who was not born with a carnal heart. Carnality is ugly. It is jealous. It is selfish. It is murmuring and complaining. It is the cause of all our trouble. But if we are willing to humble ourselves in family prayer, the Holy Spirit

will give us the strength to overcome. The power of the Holy Ghost will come into the family, and we will overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. Through our obedience He is able to sanctify and cleanse us of this carnal nature, and everyone who is filled with the Holy Spirit will be thoughtful of others. They will witness humbly and tenderly without pressure. There will be a joy, a sweetness and comfort that cannot be described. "And they overcome him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony."

If only we could convince the people in the church to die out to self, to witness at every opportunity and obey every leading of the Holy Spirit, they would be like lights in the home and in the community, in the business and in the school. Are you going to start family prayer? Are you going to do it? I want you to know that self is against it. The flesh is against it. Programs are against it. The telephone is against it. You will have all kinds of calls right when you being to have family prayer. You will have battles and struggles like you've never had before. Please don't let anything stop you from having family prayer and scripture. Please pray together. My wife and I have been praying together for fifty-some years and it's not any easier now than it was when we started. The scripture says that they overcame him (the devil) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony. It is through the Word of God and our praying together that we will have a testimony. And those who are obedient will be the spokesman of the Lord.

I would like to share a recent report of God's help and mercy. I was talking with Rev. James Wright and his precious wife, Virginia, on the telephone the day before our annual Board of Directors Meeting. We had a wonderful time in fellowship for about forty minutes, and as we ended our conversation, the Lord told me that prayer wasn't over. I immediately called back and the Lord revealed that Virginia was to receive the gift of knowledge. As we rejoiced and continued in prayer, He gave me a burden for their second child, Jason. The next day we gathered together for the board meeting and when James Wright came in the room he said, "It is a miracle!" His eyes were just sparkling and I said, "Tell us about it." James then asked, "Remember when you called yesterday? I said, "Yes," and he replied, "About four to five o'clock in the afternoon Jason got on his motorcycle and was going down the road when the front wheels locked throwing him through the air for about sixty feet. He then skidded on his elbows and knees for a number of feet."

God had revealed the need for prayer that morning, and this son was in an accident that afternoon. It was a miracle a car didn't run over him or he didn't break his kneecaps or joints or neck or back or arms or wrists or elbows. It was truly a miraculous answer to prayer and we thank God that the Holy Ghost, our precious heavenly Father would reveal the

need for prayer just hours before this was to occur and then would deliver him from possible death. "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." (Ps. 34:7)

God also answered prayer a few weeks ago when Dudley Barber's daughter, Dena, her brother, David, and his wife, Shannon, were going home from prayer meeting. They were in a little Volkswagon going down a certain stretch of road when a young man ran a stop sign and hit them broadside. Shannon was unconscious, and when Rev. Mullins got to the scene of the accident he began to pray and ask Jesus for a sign. After a while her toes began to move and they praised the Lord for this answer to prayer. David, who is over six feet tall, went through the back window of that Volkswagon and was thrown some twenty to thirty feet from the wreckage. It was a marvel that he didn't hit a tree or post, and he was able to be in church the following Sunday.

I reviewed with the people that morning that these precious young people were at prayer meeting and had Jesus with them. They took Him home with them and the angel of the Lord encampeth round about and delivered them. Even though Shannon was unconscious, God helped and she is now out of the hospital. While we were having a time of fellowship and greeting one another, Bennie Shipp came up to me and said, "I want to tell you that a few years ago you turned to David at the close of the men's prayer meeting and said, 'Oh, David, we've got to pray for you because there is a situation coming up and you are going to need help to get through it.'" If David would have hit the hard part of the windshield, it could have broken his neck, his back, his hips, his joints, his elbows, or his shoulders. He went through the glass and I didn't see one scar. Rev. Mullins said he remembered the spot in the hall where Jesus revealed, by the Holy Ghost, that we needed to pray for David to get him through this awful thing coming in so many years. It came to pass and God miraculously delivered him. We want to give God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit all the praise for this great deliverance of these three precious young people who were on their way home from prayer meeting. The Lord spared them from great injury or death, and we thank Jesus for His help, His intervention and blessing. We give Him the glory for it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Thank you for your prayers, for your supplications and petitions to God on your behalf. Thank you for all your sacrifice, for we feel so needy and unworthy, but deeply grateful. We are thankful to you and to our heavenly Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit for what He has done, is doing and will do for His glory and honor.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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p.s. I would like to share the following letter with you:

November 6, 1991

Dear Reverend Helm,

My soul rejoices with the working of the Holy Spirit last Sunday morning. At 7:45 the service began as you asked for testimonies. Immediately the Dudley Barber family and Lynn Coy sprang to their feet in complete unison rejoicing over God delivering their children from death just days before. With great clarity they proclaimed the "peace beyond comprehension" that the Holy Spirit provided as they repeatedly praised the name of Jesus at the accident site.

In the early morning hours, the Lord had impressed you that we were to sing hymn number 231. As we began to sing "Take the name of Jesus with You" we stood in awe. It spoke of the joy and comfort provided in Jesus' name; of the protection in time of need that is in that sacred name. It was the very thing the Barber family had just reviewed! We saw this manifested as David, Dena, and Shannon Barber were spared from death. To think that the Lord had this 19th century hymn on your heart to reaffirm the testimony of the hour stirs the soul. We reviewed how the Holy Spirit had directed you approximately seven years ago in the hallway of our church to pray for David's protection in the future. I believe that these prayers were somehow bottled up in heaven and released at the time of this accident when his life was spared.

We truly have so much to thank the Lord for how He worked. As the Lord then witnessed for Rick Hubbard to come and sing number 8 on his list, you began to review about his father, Leon, coming into the Kingdom. You shared how from time to time God would open Leon's spiritual eyes with a vision from heaven. As Rick began to sing of an eagle with a vision of a higher plateau, we knew that God was leading and directing.

And then as you opened the Bread of Life for us, our souls were fed with the message of the leaven being thoroughly mixed into meal (Luke 13:20). We clearly saw that as the meal had to be ground, so we must come and be ground to nothing; to have all the hardened parts of our hearts and lives gone to permit the work of the leaven to be complete within the church. When this is done, then and only then will the church be ready to enter the oven of God's refining fire, becoming a source of nourishment to a dying world. It is a mystery of the kingdom of God becoming unveiled for the hearts of believers; demanding more than a grateful acknowledgment--demanding a response of brokenness from the inner heart.

I trust that we at Palm Beach Gardens will never take for granted the blessed opportunity we are afforded to have you in our midst so very often. I pray that God will continue to strengthen and encourage you and

Florence as you look to Him. We love and honor you both more than words can say. Your ministry to the world is a priceless treasure. Thank you for sharing with us.

Your son in the Gospel,
Thomas (Mullins)

Please direct your cards and letters there through December 13th:

Rev. and Mrs. Loran Helm
Starlight Towers, Apt. 5F
6000 N. Ocean Blvd.
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308

They will be returning to Parker City on December 18th, and will be receiving their mail at that address until the first of the year when they will be returning to Florida for the winter:

Rev. and Mrs. Loran Helm
P. O. Box 311
Parker City, IN 47368

Please make any checks payable directly to Rev. and Mrs. Helm. Thank you for your love, support and prayers for these precious servants of God who are striving to walk by faith and love every one as Christ loves us.

BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON

As the Christmas season approaches we once again have the opportunity to express our appreciation to Rev. and Mrs. Helm in the form of a Christmas gift.

We are hopeful that many of you will be able to send a monetary gift directly to Rev. and Mrs. Helm this year. They are currently at their Florida address.

Revival For Our Day, Inc.

December 5, 1991

Dear Beloved of God the Father. Greetings in the Name of the Lord of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, even Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary.

We are in debt to Him for His marvelous grace and strength, for in Him all fullness dwells. In Him we find life, and without Him there is only darkness, death and destruction. It is through the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony that we will defeat the devil to overcome unto holiness, purity and righteousness in the Holy Ghost.

Last Sunday morning the meeting at Palm Beach Gardens Christ Fellowship was so precious. The Lord led and guided to such a measure that we felt as if we were in a high and wonderful place. My brother, Edward, thought it was one of the most wonderful of services. We were all grateful to God in Christ for the presence of Jesus as He led and directed. One dear brother obeyed God and stood to testify, giving thanks to Jesus for how He had helped him and how his wife had been such a blessing to him. He was under such glory that I shouted. I looked at the pastor and he was weeping. The glory of the Lord was so sweet that it can't be told. I asked Edward to come and sing "The Ninety and Nine", with one verse reading: "There were ninety and nine that safely lay in the shelter of the fold, but one was out on the field away far off from the gates of gold." He was under such anointing that I wanted to preach on "The Lost Sheep", but the Lord wouldn't let me. Instead, I was to preach on "Provisions" that the obedient heart carries unto those who are hungry, who are lost; unto all people they meet. It was so wonderful how God led and directed and blessed. Only Jesus could ever help us like that again.

I then mentioned to Jefferson Todd about the possibility of the choir singing, as they had not sung since our return to Florida in late October. Jefferson showed me their two lists and the Lord helped me to know it was number two on one of the them. Oh, dear ones, it was a number like I had never heard before. The words of the song spoke about looking for the promised Messiah. The power of the Holy Spirit was so in it that I asked them to sing it again. And when they sang it the second time, the glory of God was so in evidence that I asked, "Jesus, when do you want us to go to Jerusalem?" He revealed to me we were to leave on January the 11th and return on January the 19th.

When the Lord revealed we were to return to Jerusalem I asked of the congregation, "How many hearts does this touch?" There were about thirteen to fourteen persons who said God had touched their hearts that we were to return to Israel. I immediately left the pulpit to call Rev. Oliver Hogue at Scott Depot Christ Fellowship, and they were able to put me on the loudspeaker system to speak to the congregation there that morning. When

I made the announcement Jeanne Light testified, saying, "I want to tell you I had a dream and Jesus told me we were to go to Israel in six weeks. It is the exact same time Jesus revealed to you!" She was stirred. When I shared with our travel agent, Tina Brazil, she said, "I just told Marian that for the last few days or weeks I've wanted to return to Israel, but I knew we couldn't go until the Holy Spirit revealed it to His servant." After our conversation she immediately called Marian to tell her and Tina told me later that Marian called her back after a little while and asked, "Tina, did you tell me that Rev. Helm called you and said the Lord revealed we are to go back to Israel?" Tina replied, "Yes I did," and Marian said, "I thought maybe I was in a dream." When I talked with Rev. Emory Reece he was stirred and also Rev. Thomas Harman. When I shared with my brother, Edwin, he said, "My heart is stirred."

I later learned that before the service began Jennifer Austin said to her mother, Paula, "Now today the Lord will have Brother Helm announce our going to Israel." At Scott Depot Christ Fellowship Tina McComas said to her mother, Faye, "I believe that the Lord will reveal about our going to Israel." Terry Hogue said that his wife, Kathy, looked at him on Saturday or Sunday and said, "Oh, Terry, I've got such a desire to go to Israel." The Holy Spirit was working with many precious hearts, and we can't praise Jesus enough for the way He has led, guided, directed and blessed.

I called Rev. Gary Powell, who has been meeting together with dear saints in a warehouse. He, along with a few of the precious men, have been waiting every morning for a thousand days to pray for God's mercy. He is like me—he feels he doesn't know how to pray or preach. He said they were just trying to wait before the Lord. When I shared with Gary that the Lord wanted us to return to Israel on January the 11th, he said, "I asked my wife, "Beverly, does God want us to go to Israel?" She replied, "Yes." A young man who has been attending their church called on Monday morning and said, "I believe God is dealing with me about going to Israel." Prior to his attending Oasis Christ Fellowship, his mother (who attends Maranatha Fellowship) had been anxious for him and had asked Rev. Powell to be praying for him as he lived near them. Gary shared that they had been praying for this young man for two years to be encouraged and to be able to come to service. He called his mother a while back and said, "I believe I will be attending church." And now God is dealing with him about going to Israel. Hallelujah!

When they announced the trip at Maranatha Fellowship Charles Fearing was stirred and he and his wife, Brenda, feel the Lord would have them to go also. Charles and Brenda were with us in service at Palm Beach Gardens

a few Sundays ago, and when I looked back at him sitting in about the fifth row to my left...when I looked at this pilgrim, dear ones, I saw help coming from his countenance. He was helping me. I received help! Now if you will obey God, you help me and help God's men. You help the little ones. You help everyone. I later learned that he has been a Christian for nineteen years and that he rises at five o'clock every morning to pray. He walks and he prays! Glory! His burden has been to lift the men of God. I didn't know him or anything about him, but every time I looked at him, I received encouragement and help. He travels for his business and was able to be with us in that particular service before returning home to Maranatha.

Charles' wife, Brenda, has had a fear of man ever since she was young. She testified, saying, "You know, one time you preached on: 'Oh that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!'" (Deut. 5:29) She said, "When you preached on this a few years ago, it begin to help me to lose the fear of man and to gain the fear of God." She testified as if she was part of the congregation. We ate together the following evening and Charles told me that it was a miracle she could go to a strange church because she has had this fear since she was young. God helped her and you would never have known of her fear. We want to praise the Lord for this wonderful victory and answer the prayer.

I would like to share a wonderful letter with you from this precious man whom God helps to help others:

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Helm,

Brenda and I wanted to take opportunity to give glory to God for having been granted the privileges of both being in service with you and breaking bread in fellowship. I thank God because it was one of the top five desires of my heart and had been so written down nearly a year ago when my pastor, James Wright, had preached on how to receive a miracle. He was ministering in North Carolina with Brother Ray Whittington. He told us to write down the top five desires of our heart. It was a desire because I witnessed that you are a true man of God called to the office of His servant. God was faithful to do exceeding abundantly above what my poor mind had desired.

More importantly, God has done a further sanctifying in both of our hearts. Brenda and I came away from our trip to Florida changed. I should note that a sanctified and pure heart was also on my list of miracles. I thank God for His mercy in the accomplishing of a double barreled work--the change of a man's heart. For even the desire of a man to want a heart changed surely is from God.

I had lost almost any unction to testify even though in my quiet times I strove to be faithful in prayer. I have always been highly introverted and believed that one's

relationship with God should be highly personal. I have trusted God for the last almost nineteen years and have never had to trouble any of my pastors in that time. I knew in my heart that God answered and always felt that I was called to lift up God's men in prayer and not burden them. (This would be good for everybody to get a hold of.) That is all fine, but to my shame I confess that I have kept my light hidden. No more! The Holy Spirit, through your kind ministry, has completely changed this aspect, and my daily prayer is now to find hungry hearts for the planting of the testimony of Jesus Christ. You made a comment at the Marriott Hotel, and you even said it should be written down. The quotation was that an obedient heart will witness, and a heart that ceases to witness for Jesus ceases to be obedient. The wording may have been somewhat different, but I am praying that God will improve my memory which also is a result of having been around you. God saw to it that it was written down on the tablet of my heart.

God has helped both of us immensely and we so enjoyed being with you and Florence. Her countenance and love and support for you speaks volumes. Brenda has ordered a little remembrance and it will be forwarded shortly to her. Thank you again for your time. God had a purpose in it and I am trusting that Brenda and I will be faithful to walk in the new light that we have received. God bless you both and keep you in good health. With much love,

Charles Fearing

I would like to return now to the Sunday morning service. I preached on "Provisions" and obeying the Lord. They that fear Him obey His leading. We only fear Him in proportion to our love for Him, and as we fear God we keep His commandments. We keep His word and we magnify it. We exalt Him. We obey every leading He gives. One time I was walking down a sidewalk in front of a building when He said to me, "Go into this building." I had no plan to do that, but when I opened the door and went in, I found they had been praying for three weeks for me to come. I didn't know it until I got there. Obey God where you are. Years ago, when I met my wife's seamstress at Ball Stores, the Lord showed me that she had back trouble. I said to her, "You have back trouble." She replied, "Yes, I do." There were many people in the store at that time, but I had a little prayer for her and Jesus healed her. Obey the leading of the Holy Spirit.

One time when we were in New Orleans my wife wanted some ice. I couldn't stop at an icehouse there. We went all the way to Chattanooga, Tennessee, and were going down a wide street when we saw the icehouse the Lord wanted us to stop at. I had been trying to find it for days. When I entered the outer door I didn't see anyone, but when I opened the thick door where the four hundred pound cakes of ice were kept, there he was. He was

somewhere around sixty-five to seventy years of age and was chipping ice. I looked at him and said, "Say brother, you look like you enjoy that." He replied, "I dearly love to chip ice." I said, "Glory," and he said, "Hallelujah!" We had a meeting right there in an icehouse. Remember, obey the leading of the Holy Spirit.

I remember one time when I said to my wife, "We can't go to Oklahoma City until I go to the grocery store. I didn't know why, and had never been there before or since. When I got there the owner said, 'My eyes are hurting and I need you to pray for me.' I could not go to Oklahoma City until I had prayed for that man! Obey the Lord and do whatever He says. Do what He leads you to do when He leads you, when He guides you. He knows exactly what to do. One time He awakened me at two o'clock in the morning to go to a home for which I was burdened. When I knocked on the door at about four to five o'clock that morning, the man opened the door and said, 'I need you very much.' He told me five years later that he had been having a heart attack and thought he was dying. He didn't want his wife to know it, but Jesus told me forty-some miles away. I got over there in time to pray and the Lord touched his body. He did not tell me until five years later how badly he was hurting and how severe the pain was. One morning the Lord awakened me and told me to go to a certain home. I had to go through a snow storm, and I was never there before or since. When I arrived at six o'clock in the morning they opened the door and said, 'Rev. Helm, if we ever needed you here, we need you this morning.'"

Obey the Holy Spirit. Go where He leads you. Speak a word of cheer to someone. I arrived at a home at two o'clock one morning. This gentleman had been in great suffering, for which they were giving him cocaine. I saw him converted through the blood of Jesus and he didn't want to succumb to the addiction of that drug. He was having an awful struggle with it at two o'clock in the morning, and I arrived in time to pray with him so he could overcome this drug habit. Obey the Holy Spirit. What He says, do. Where He sends you, go. And you will do this as you fear God, as you love Him with all your heart.

When Jesse sent David to see how his brothers were faring, David obeyed. He went. When God sends you, go. And wherever you go, you will have a little basket to carry. Did you know that where you go every day you have provisions on the arm of your soul? It's called encouragement. And everyone you pass that out to gets lifted from their darkness and despair. In that little basket you carry you have a lot of provisions, and they are unspoiled if you have prayed and obeyed. Do you know what else you carry in your basket? You carry sweet gentleness. And when you meet this one who has been hurt and wounded, you give them a handful of it and they are lifted and blessed. Have you examined your little basket of provisions? You are carrying a little basket with you if you are

living the life of obedience. If you are not living the life of obedience, you have no basket of sharing. There is no provision for those in battle. David took his brothers some provisions where they were on a battlefield. There is a battlefield beneath every human breast where two opposing powers meet and seldom ever rest.

You are carrying your little basket with you if you pray and obey. And that little basket not only has encouragement and gentleness in it, but it has many other provisions as well. It has all kinds of helpfulness, and if you get a bite of it, it will help you up the hill of difficulty, down into the valley of despair and through sorrows and trials. What about your little basket? You don't have to worry about it if you are obeying every leading of the Holy Spirit. It is full. It is fresh. It never spoils or molds. The little basket of provisions each of you carry on the arm of your soul (as you obey Him) is always fresh. It has a marvelous flavor, and every time you obey His leading, He puts a little more flavor in the provisions of your basket. It is so sweet that when people get hold of it they will say, "This tastes like springtime. It is almost like the gleam of a dawning morning when the bright beauty of the sun bathes earth with light and it's so sweet. It's got a little moisture like the dew from glory." It is always enjoyable. It is always lifting. It always helps and you bring a little light in the midst of darkness; in the place where people are wounded and hurt, and in despair. They have been hurt and crushed, and in your little basket is a little something for them. You don't have to mention it. As you go by, it just flies right into their soul. Your basket has wings on it, and all those little things in there just fall down into the heart of a hungry soul. When you carry your little basket by a soul who is lonely, that lonely place will be filled.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." (Zec. 4:6) Be sure to look to Him. And as you look, you don't have to keep your basket filled. It is filled as you obey. When you arrive at the place of provision there is always plenty, and it has all the spiritual vitamins and enzymes you need to digest in this pilgrimage, crawling up the hill of hard places. As you go forth as lights in the world, He will lead you as you obey. Your little basket of provisions will be there. When David arrived to where his brothers were, they did not understand. But you see, he had what they needed. So as you go by, people may not understand, but the provisions will still help them. They may not appreciate it very much, but don't go by that. Just go by with your fresh vegetables of love and the wonderful fruits of the Kingdom of God. Go with the meat of His Word. And as you take the meat of His Word with you, it will taste so good that when they get a bite of it they will say, "This is what really satisfies me." Hallelujah! "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life." (Jn. 6:27)

If you are obedient to Him your basket of provisions will be full. It will be fresh and will be sufficient as you go forth among the men and women, boys and girls in schools and orphanages, in hospitals and nursing homes, in prisons and jails. Oh what a delight you will be wherever you go as you obey what He says. Don't try to find anything, because you've got everything with you. You are not looking for the answer, because you are living in the answer. The answer is living in you. Everyone who obeys the leading of the Holy Spirit has their little basket of provisions, and He never passes anyone by. The more humble and broken we are, the fuller the basket is. And you will leave a trail of fragrance wherever you go. Someone will pick it up and say, "I'm glad I found this. This is a jewel. This is a marvelous lift along the journey. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.

As you travel along, you are giving out what you have. You never give any more than what you have, but what you have you give. And the more you give, the more you get in return. Your little basket just fills up everywhere you go as you obey Him and give Him all the glory, all the praise and all the honor. You see, praise and glory to God, along with obedience, will fill your basket full of the beautiful things of the Kingdom of God. You will have compassion to love this brother, to love that brother or sister, whomever they might be. You love all of them because your basket is full of the fruit of love. It is as sweet as a wonderful pear that is just ready to eat. And when you take a bite of it you will say, "There is such marvelous flavor in this pear that I want everybody to have a taste." The fruit of love from your basket will be everything people need along their journey as we travel and look to Him from whence cometh our help.

Don't worry about your basket. Just follow Jesus and your basket will be filled. You don't have to try to keep it full. It fills automatically as you follow, as you pray and live in His likeness. Do you know what it does for everyone you meet? It pours strength right into them. Those you meet along the way of obedience will be strengthened by the joy of your life through the provisions of His great giving out of His love as you meet the strangers and those you are acquainted with in the passage of time.

I would like to share an experience I had this afternoon when I went to the hospital in Coral Springs to visit Bud Rice, who has been a security man at our condominium for some years. After I had arrived and had prayer with him, he said, "There is something holding me back." I replied, "It is the devil and you need to tell him he is a liar." He followed me in the prayer of repentance, saying, "Lord, forgive me of my neglect, my disobedience, my sins. Apply Your precious blood. I belong to You, Jesus. I am resisting the devil." After we had prayed a while the Lord touched my heart that Bud belonged

to Jesus because he had asked God to forgive him. I said, "Now, Bud, you can say 'Praise the Lord'. Just press right on." He praised the Lord and, oh, it helped me. I said, "Every time you praise the Lord it will help you, help me and help everybody." I went out into the hall to get his wife and my brother, Edward, (who had accompanied me) to come and share in this special time. Bud and his wife had quite a precious time together. I told them to read the fifth chapter of Matthew later on tonight and he said, "She will help me." He looked at Edward and said, "Praise the Lord." He had never been able to say that before. It is quite a precious victory that Jesus gave at the Coral Springs hospital this afternoon with this seventy-five-year-old gentleman. We want to thank the Lord for how He has helped us.

When I returned to Dr. Strauss's office to pick up my wife, he was so happy to see me. I loved him and said, "I've missed you." He said, "I've missed you too." He has just returned from China. He turned to his son and said, "The Lord is leading them back to Israel." He got a hold of me and loved me and said, "I am so happy." We were very thankful for this time also, for how Jesus led and guided today.

We want to thank you for your prayers. Please pray especially for the weather on January 11 and 19, for transportation and meals, for His guidance in prayer, meditation, speaking, testimony and preaching. We give God all the glory and praise for His guidance and direction, for we are needy and unworthy servants. We would like to share with you that each one who is able to go with us to Israel with Tina helps to pay the way for Florence and me, and the commission helps to take those who cannot go otherwise. I wanted to share this with you so you will know how to pray. There might be someone who can help finance a dear one who I feel very definitely should go. Those I need to assist me are my secretary, John McAdams, my brother, Edward, Grandson David, Son Jack and Daughter Joyce, and Richard Moore. It is on my heart to take Thomas Young and Guy William Young. There are a number of others, but it takes about two thousand dollars per person, which is only available when people are able to go and pay their way. This is how I have been able to take those I need to assist me or who could not finance their own journey. I wanted to share this with you because it is significant and helpful to know. I appreciate all those who are going because the more who go, Jesus protecting, the more I can take. We don't make any money on these journeys, only to share with those who cannot go without help. Information on this pilgrimage into Israel is found at the end of the letter. Thank you.

May the Christmas you experience be the one He has for you, and it will be as you obey and yield in surrender and faithfulness as He guides and directs. Thank you for your thoughtfulness to us, to His ministers and servants, to the poor and needy. Our finances have been coming in very slowly, and

we would be thankful to the Lord if He could see fit to lay it upon the hearts of His people to share. We know we are unworthy, but deeply grateful for every sharing, every sacrifice, every prayer on our behalf. We praise the Lord in Jesus' Name. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,
Loran W. Helm
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ISRAEL PILGRIMAGE JANUARY 11-19, 1992

The Holy Spirit has revealed to Rev. Helm that he and Mrs. Helm are to return to Israel January 11 and return January 19, 1992. He will be touring and waiting on God in the Jerusalem area, staying at the lovely five-star Renaissance Hotel. They will also be in upper Galilee, staying three nights in the Tiberias Plaza overlooking the Sea of Galilee.

If you feel the Lord prompting you to join them in this pilgrimage and time of waiting

on God, please contact Tina Brazil at Passports International as soon as possible.

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A deposit of \$100.00 is required by December 16, 1991, with the full amount being due by January 3, 1992. The cost of this journey is \$2,000.00 from New York. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Passports International at the number listed above or the Revival For Our Day office at (317) 468-8363. Thank you.

SPECIAL NOTICE

We would like to correct an error in the last newsletter in regards to the sharing concerning the accident of David, Dena and Shannon Barber. Shannon is the wife of David and Dena's brother, Darren. We are still praising the Lord for His miraculous delivery of these precious young people.