

Revival For Our Day, Inc.

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Dear ones of the Lord Jesus Christ, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the Mighty One of Israel; Greetings.

We are most grateful unto the Lord Jesus for His precious Word, the holy Word of God. St. Luke 14:15b says: "Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God." Jesus gives us here a wonderful parallel of the Kingdom of God, the parable of the great supper. He tells of how a certain man prepared a great supper and sent out many invitations. At supper time he sent his servant to tell those he had invited that all things were ready and they were bidden to come. But look at what these precious people did. These dear ones who had received this exceptional, divine, great, excellent invitation, they all, with one consent, began to make excuse. Instead of rejoicing and being thankful, they thought the cost was too high because they had other plans. The cost of answering the invitation was beyond what they wanted to pay, so they began to make excuse. What is the cost? The cost is simply to obey, to come, and to submit.

As this beautiful story unfolds, we see that this certain man sent his servant out to find others who would come. After his servant brought back as many of the gentiles as he could--the maimed, the halt, the blind, the needy, the weary--there was still room left. The master of the house wanted the place to be filled with righteous hunger and holiness of heart. He wanted the people to come to this great supper to eat of the things of the Kingdom of God.

Verse twenty-four says: "For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper." A tragic thing happened to these precious people who had been invited to this supper because they deemed the cost too high and wanted to do what they thought best. There was a great multitude with Jesus at this time and Jesus turned to this great multitude following this beautiful story of the Kingdom of God, and said in verse twenty-six: "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple."

I will be seventy-seven years of age in just a few days, and I have never heard it preached that the only way we can be a disciple of Jesus is to put Christ first and not allow the desires of any of our family or loved ones to measure or guide us. We must

follow Jesus and not allow any desires of our loved ones to interfere. If we do, we cannot be His disciple, and that is a cost, a high cost. The reason the church today is having difficulty is because people are not willing to pay the price. It has been preached, for I don't know how long, to just repent, be born again, give your heart to the Lord, confess your sins, read the Word and pray and witness. They do not bring out the fact that there is a cost of denying self and dying daily from morning to night. St. Paul said, "I die daily." That means you and I cannot do what we want to do, or plan what we want to plan.

Jesus said in verse twenty-seven: "And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." I want you to see that He said we are to 'bear' our cross. Jesus bore His cross at Calvary. Every person is to 'bear' his cross, which is inner denial. The cross is not born unless self is denied consistently, which requires determination, perseverance and utter dependence upon God as a little child. If we will not 'bear' our cross, neither will we obey, for obedience lives only in the heart that is willing to pay the price of full surrender. This is a high cost and most people will not do it. It is why Jesus said, "Few there be who find this life."

If you want to take a closer look at this scripture in Matthew, chapter seven, verse fourteen says: "Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." There are millions being saved, but Jesus said only a few will find this life. What life? The life of utter dependence upon God, which is becoming as a little child. Most people want to be in the church, but they don't want to pay this high price. Many ministers say the price has already been paid. Jesus did pay the price and that is true. He died on the cross and paid the price with His very life, but we think we can follow Him without our having to die, and it is impossible. Most people go along in religious beauty, in prayer, in arrangements, in witnessing, but they are not willing to die to self from morning to night.

For fifty-five years my burden has been that there are great and wonderful people in the ministry and laity, but they don't know what it is to obey the leading of the Holy Spirit in their heart. Only a few have found this life and are willing to do it. Jesus said it, and had something to tell us in the

thirteenth chapter of St. Luke, verse twenty-four: "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." I heard Billy Graham say years ago that only a few will really find this life. The cost to follow Jesus is to deny self daily, take up the cross and bear it. Jesus said that unless we bear our cross, we cannot be His disciple. Our cross is not our troubles and battles, for they are the consequences of a wrong choice made years ago in the flesh where we really didn't die out and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

The cross is an instrument of death upon which self is crucified from morning to night. Many people are under the impression that when they are filled with the Holy Spirit there is no longer any burden or cross to bear. This is not true. The cross is with us forever until we receive the crown, and we will exchange the cross for a crown if we are willing to die to self from morning to night, bear the cross and be cleansed of the carnal nature; which is deceit, wickedness, gossip, jesting, foolishness, and talking about people. Anyone who has not paid the price will find fault, jest and make fun over other people's weaknesses. **We cannot find fault, complain, murmur or judge anyone at any time over anything.** If we do, we step away from the life of following Jesus into the life of figuring, and will not be included in the group who find this life.

According to Matthew 7:14, this life is a life found by denying self, bearing the cross, and something else I haven't gotten to yet. Jesus said in St. Luke 14:28: "For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?" Most people haven't counted the cost. We work so hard to get people saved, but we don't tell them about the cost. Jesus said that before you start the Christian life, sit down and count the cost to see whether or not you are willing to die to self, follow Him and be obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit. As I understand it, the obedient are the only ones who are going to make it to heaven. How do we become obedient? We are obedient by doing His will only, forsaking our father and mother, our wife and children, and hating our own life also to become His disciple. I know a lot of people don't want to hear this, and put a different version on His words. But that is exactly what He means.

Jesus said in verse twenty-nine: "Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish

it, all that behold it begin to mock him." It is because he wasn't willing to pay the price. Then in verse thirty He says: "Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish." Verse thirty-one goes on to say: "Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand." He is bringing out here that we better count the cost of the Christian life.

I have never heard it preached and I am almost seventy-seven years old. The only thing I have heard emphasized is the blessings, the gifts and the miracles. We are so thankful for every miracle, every blessing and every gift, for we need them so desperately, but the emphasis has not been upon the fact that Jesus said, "If any man is going to follow me, he must deny himself." Jesus never once said that we need to seek the gifts, the blessings and miracles. He said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." To seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness first means to deny self from morning to night and take up the cross and bear it. Unless we bear the cross, we cannot be His disciple.

I know we desperately need every miracle, every blessing and every gift God sees fit to administer through Jesus by the Holy Spirit, but we must place the emphasis on the cost of discipleship and seeking first the Kingdom of God. Jesus said if we seek first His Father's Kingdom, all these things will be added unto us. In all my years in the church I have never really heard it preached concerning what Jesus said about counting the cost of the tower, of the king going to war, of forsaking our loved ones and even our own life. We are to flee from anything in our own heart and soul that would keep us from being all for God and from dying to self to obey the leading of the Holy Spirit. We must despise it, resist it and be cleansed of the carnal nature, or we cannot be His disciple. So many in the church do not know about the cost of discipleship, which is the reason for all the troubles, battles and upheavals in the church.

Unless we are sufficiently dead to self, we will try to bypass the cross. We must not do that. We must face it. God is looking for a people who will deny themselves. Adam and Eve didn't deny themselves and got what they wanted. Look at what would not have occurred had they denied themselves. Jonah didn't deny himself and went to Tarshish. Another great man wanted a

beautiful woman and didn't deny himself and took Bath-sheba. We must deny ourselves all the time. Saul was not to bring back Agag the king or the best oxen and sheep. He didn't deny himself. We must deny ourselves on every item, always. Right after Jesus talked about counting the cost of going to war against another king, He said in verse thirty-three: "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." I want you to see the cost here. Jesus paid the price to save us, but this is about the cost of following.

When the rich young ruler learned that he was going to have to take what he had (it was in his way) and do what Jesus said to do with it, he couldn't do it. He went away sorrowful. He wasn't willing to pay the price. Not very many people in the world will ever have to sell all they have and give to the poor. But this man had to because it meant everything to him. We don't have to give up our jobs or give everything we own away except the Holy Spirit lead. We have to be willing to forsake what we want, what we like, what we desire to obey the leading of the Holy Spirit. I think Jesus speaks very plainly on this. We must forsake all to do His will. If we fail to do this, we cannot be His disciple. A disciple is a follower of Jesus. A disciple is a person who obeys the Holy Spirit. A disciple is a person who is led by the Holy Spirit. A disciple is a person who loves God with all the heart, soul, mind, body and strength. A disciple is a person who loves his neighbor as himself. A disciple is a person who prays and loves God's Word, meditates on it and keeps it in his heart. He is kind to all the peoples of the world and treats them all the same. If he doesn't, he has respect of persons and the Bible says that he who has respect of persons commits sin. Sin does not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

We are talking about counting the cost of following Jesus. If a person gives their heart to Jesus without counting the cost, what are the results? Some of the results are problems in the church, problems in the marriage, problems in the school, problems in the community and on and on. You will notice in reading the scriptures that when Jesus anointed a certain man's eyes, that man had to obey what Jesus told him to gain his sight. Jesus said, "Go wash in the pool of Siloam." He had to deny himself right then. When the demoniac was healed and wanted to go with Jesus more than anything else, Jesus told him to go home and tell what the Lord

had done for him. He had to deny himself to take the cross and go back and face all the upheaval he had created. But when he was obedient and did what Jesus said to do, the whole community was changed and a revival, you could say, took place because they were looking for Jesus when He returned.

The Bible tells us plainly that there is a price to pay to be a Christian, and it never ends. Paul said, "I die daily." We must press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. We must lay aside every weight and sin which so easily beset us. There are so many weights and sins that come in, and unless we deny them, they take over and we will not really be led by the Holy Spirit. Jesus began leading me sixty years ago this month after my conversion. He wants to lead us in our heart (and that operates in my heart now). Many of us are trying to have church without being led by the Holy Spirit. We must become as a little child, utterly dependent upon God, for Jesus said in Matthew 18:3 that unless we become like a little child, we can't enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

It is so easy for us to tell people about the blessings, gifts and miracles, but who is going to preach about the cost? What is it going to be like in the day of Judgment? "For 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?" For fifty-five years my burden has been that very few people obey the Holy Spirit in their heart. They do not know about the inner dying, about the cost of death to self from morning to night.

Dear ones, for some little while it has been striking and moving through my thoughts of the marvelous opportunity, the great responsibility that a husband and wife have to each other. A husband can be thoughtful of his companion with a spirit of gentleness, tenderness, patience and longsuffering, with a heart of understanding. As they pray together in His presence, the Holy Ghost will begin to move upon them to bring them to a certain place of sweetness that worldly powers cannot know. I do not understand this myself. It is a mystery of the Kingdom of God. A husband is to love his wife as Christ loves the Church. He is to love his wife's body as his own that he might present himself a glorious church without spot or wrinkle, to be holy and without blemish. A wife can be gracious and thoughtful, even when she doesn't feel well. Many times it is easy for a wife, being the weaker

vessel, to have some complaint or negative response, something she might think about or say which would not be an inspiration to her husband. But even in the midst of suffering, she, by God's grace, could have strength and love and appreciation for his thoughtfulness of her.

The communion and relationship between a husband and wife can be holy, pure and understanding, and the presence of God can work in their lives together. The Word says where two or three are gathered together, Jesus is there in the midst of them. A husband and wife can be thoughtful of one another and think about what they can do to help the other be lifted, encouraged and strengthened. This is expedient in this day and age, because the devil is going about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

It is not wise for any man to be with a woman who is not his wife, mother or sister for very long, because the weakness of man is greater than we have any idea. So many marriages have been hurt because men have been placed in situations or have purposely gotten with someone other than their wife, mother or sister just to talk or share. This is not wise or advisable. It is dangerous and hurtful, and has brought thousands of marriages in the world to an end. A wife should be careful in her manner, her dress, her behavior. She should be pure and holy with all peoples, as should a husband. The Word of God says a husband and wife are bound to each other as long as they both shall live. A marriage relationship is a holy relationship next to conversion and going with God. It is a great second in all of life...to be pure and holy in the marriage relationship.

Men and women must be very, very careful, for if they are not, they grieve the Holy Spirit and do not have His guidance or revelation. So many people are putting their companion away, not knowing that when they do they violate their vows. It is not wise for a man to take another man's wife. She has made her vow to her husband for life, and if another man takes her, he has stolen her, and robbed her husband of his happiness. Any man who takes another man's wife, if I understand it correctly, is taking from that man what is his. And if he is intimate with another man's wife, that is adultery and is not far from rape. Whenever any man sees a beautiful woman who belongs to another man, or vice versa, and divorces to obtain that other person, they have stolen and brought devastation to that life. Now, if the companion were to

die a natural death, then there can be forgiveness, marriage and intimacy, but it must be a pure and holy relationship.

The cost of the marriage vow is great. The cost of being a Christian is great. Fifty-nine years ago this May I vowed to take my wife for better or for worse, for poorer or for richer until death do us part. That was a vow I made to God. And when you make that vow, you can't break it. If you do, you break that which is truth. We trust that the society of this world will understand the seriousness of marriage, the sacredness of marriage, the holiness of marriage--that we may abound in the way that leads home, the way of the cross, the way of inner denial, the way of obedience, the way of forsaking all to follow Jesus of Whom I am unworthy and through His precious blood and the mercies of God I can go on to the City Celestial. (While I was sharing this with Vera and Kathleen, it was burning in Vera's heart. This is a great gift, because when the heart burns with a message, it means the Holy Spirit is witnessing that we want to be cautious, we want to be careful, we want to be true and carry on in His kingdom of prayer, His kingdom of soul winning! Hallelujah! Only the Lord can do this again, and we give Him all the praise, honor and glory!)

May the Lord encourage you. May we pray for one another, that we may be healed. James 5:16 says to: "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed." We want to thank Jesus for the way He answered prayer and took care of us at the Waiting Upon God. He came with blessing in all nine sessions and gave supernatural strength. He protected us in the weather and took care as we walked back and forth to the meeting room from the hotels. We are grateful for the letters of appreciation you wrote to the hotel and piano company. The hotel shared that your response to them was overwhelming and wonderful. I am including their appreciation back to us in this letter for all of you to share in as well. The piano company shared that they received 168 letters of appreciation for the work Jonny Light did to obtain the Bosendorfer piano for our use. We want to thank each one of you for your sacrifice, for your prayers and supplications, for your holding on in prayer for our great need. We praise the Lord for all of this in Jesus' holy name.

We are getting ready to return to Israel in just a few days. The Lord revealed to me during the last session of the Waiting Upon God that we were to

leave for Israel February the 8th and return on the 17th. After our return home from the Waiting, I was sharing with Jerry Bays and learned that when Sandra Whitaker was singing "There is a Balm in Gilead," during one of the sessions, (the number the Holy Spirit led for) that the moment she began to sing he knew we were returning to Israel and ran over to Richard Gilbert and said, "We are going to Israel." Also, When Tina talked with our tour guide in Israel, Joseph Mizrachi, he said, "I had a dream. And in this dream it was revealed to me that Revival For Our Day was coming in February." If the Lord would have you to go with us, please call Tina Brazil at Passports International, 317-842-5906, immediately to see if there is still available space. The cost from New York is \$2,100.00, plus domestic air fare to and from New York. We are trusting for protection, blessing, guidance, direction and revelation of the Holy Spirit. We pray for protection in flying, in walking, in driving, in riding, and that the work of the Holy Spirit can be made known as Jesus allows us this privilege of His guidance and direction. We do not merit anything. We are only a sinner saved by grace, and through His blood and mercy are we able to survive and make it to heaven.

Thank you for praying for us, and for each Christmas remembrance. Thank you for all your prayers and sacrifice. It is through God's mercy and grace I can make it each step of the way. Thank you, each one, for your love and support. You have done so much for us and we have done so little for you and for God. It is through Jesus' mercy we have come thus far. Thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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Dear Ones,

Early this morning Rev. Helm called to share with us the availability of a few more seats for the trip to Israel. There are 18 people that are not sure if they can make it. If you could get the money without hardship on you or your family, please call Tina for the arrangements you need to make. The cost will be around \$2350.00 to \$2450.00. Make application for your passport, it will be \$40.00. You will need two pictures and birth certificate. There is the possibility that the flight will leave around 3:30 p.m. in the afternoon and arrive around 8:00 a.m. the next morning. We have never had it happen that way before.

It is also on Rev. Helm's heart that if Maurice Sklar, the violinist could go, he doesn't know if that is possible, it might be on someone's heart to provide the finance to make it possible.

Please pray for flights, weather, strength and the anointing in the services and that we will all endeavor to count the cost and obey God.

Thank you for allowing this note.

p.s. We want to give these wonderful victory reports that God in Christ might be glorified and honored for what He did at the Waiting Upon God, and about which I knew nothing.

"Dear Rev. Helm, I felt like this was the most significant Waiting Upon God yet. I know Jesus is coming soon and I view this Waiting Upon God as a loving, urgent plea from our heavenly Father in light of the Lord's soon return. Thank you for once again painting a picture with patient, painstaking clarity of the simple but profound cost we all must be paying to follow Jesus. Thank you for doing the same regarding the whole world-wide dilemma of the active Christianity largely ignorant of this cost. I told my Sunday school class last Sunday morning (while we were reviewing the Waiting Upon God) that as we each pay the cost, we will learn how God wills to work through us regarding that dilemma.

For several weeks prior to the Waiting Upon God, I prayed earnestly that you would be able to preach straighter to us than ever before. By God's grace, I welcomed it. I rejoiced in it as God's way of helping me. Not only in allowing me to continue any postponement of what I must do to fulfill His will, I really, in fact, want to cherish it. I especially appreciated the Lord's challenging us pastors through you. You handled it, our lacking responsiveness, both with needed firmness and with great love. We pastors very much need you to be plain with us since you are our spiritual authority and some areas of growth are achieved by one's spiritual authority being plain. Thank you for your great courage in speaking plainly about things such as jesting, divorce and other matters. By God's grace, I want to be faithful to live as I should in these areas, and also to proclaim the truth about them as a minister of the gospel.

Perhaps the most help I received was in Session #4, when you spoke about pressing daily through the barrier, that which prevents us from really getting clear through to the great victory of inner denial and submission and obedience. Another time of great significance to me was in the seventh session when God demonstrated beautifully through you how we 'white folks' are to reach out with a conscientious sensitivity to members of the minority races around us who have been oppressed and disadvantaged, and may I add, hurt and sometimes crushed. I also received great help when you explored the depth and impact of what was involved in Joybelle and Tony Cox's son crawling up on his mother's lap. The ninth session was such a tremendous summation and final urgent plea!

I believe the Lord helped you more than ever at a Waiting Upon God. I marveled at how the Lord helped you to be stern enough to move us and yet loving enough to never discourage us. The Lord helped you more than ever in that regard and I am praying for you. Most respectfully, Paul Spasic."

"Dear Rev. Helm, just a couple of victory reports regarding how the Lord worked at the Waiting Upon God. One of our men was scheduled for surgery on the Monday during the Waiting. His surgeon planned to remove one of his kidneys. Just prior to the Waiting, however, his apartment complex caught on fire and the smoke damage drove him out of his apartment. Because of the stress on his nervous system, his surgery was rescheduled. This dear brother was able to go to the Waiting, and on Monday (when he was supposed to have had surgery) Jesus touched him and he was healed. He saw his surgeon eight days later and the doctor said that everything was normal. We want to thank Jesus for the Great Physician.

Another of our men said that when you preached your last sermon at the Waiting Upon God, it seemed like God opened up his heart and he began to see that he had lived an ungodly life ever since his conversion even though he had regular prayer and church attendance. He stated that all the weaknesses his wife found in him he now found to be true. He said that he did not know whether he just got saved or sanctified, but he did know that he received a new heart. Reimar Schultze."

(The following is a letter from a precious daughter who has been with Florence and me since she was a baby. I saw her for the first time when her father was holding her on his lap fifty-three years ago.)

"Dear Rev. and Mrs. Helm, In a world where so many people are content to follow the crowd, you stand out as individuals. You are real, honest and true to what you believe. Knowing you has made a wonderful difference in my life. I really appreciate you always telling us the truth! Your sermons and exhortations were never better than they were at this Waiting Upon God. It was wonderful seeing you walk, jump and skip as you preached to us. It reminded me of your earlier years. I believe the Lord is helping us get your message now as never before. Our family came home renewed and praising the Lord! As always, your staff was wonderful! I am always amazed that Jack Miller seems to know where everyone is (even though there are fifteen hundred of us) and how he always stops to listen to each of us and answer our questions as if we were the only ones around and he had all the time in the world. Your leading us to love the minority races among us was like a dream come true...and watching the young women sign for the hearing impaired was a real blessing. There were so many blessings. Praise the Lord. Your friend forever, because of Jesus, Barbara Pumphrey Dunn."

Revival For Our Day, Inc.

February 1, 1993

Dear ones in the Lord Jesus Christ,
Greetings.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's." (Ps. 103:1-5) Unto God be praise and glory for spiritual victory in each heart that He has transformed, changed and made into His likeness. We want to thank the Lord for all the many benefits He has given us, and for how He delivered us fifty-two years ago today.

When I arrived at the Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis where my wife was going to have surgery fifty-two years ago this morning, I prayed and said, "Lord, I need a place to stay." I looked across the street where there was a tourist home, but the Holy Spirit said that was not the place. I went a few homes further north and that was not the place. Then after I had gone past a few more homes, still going north, the Holy Spirit said that was the one. When I went to the door and introduced myself, sharing that my wife was going to have surgery, Mrs. Ross said, "I have one little room at the back for two dollars." I replied, "That will be wonderful." I began to share with her and her husband about how the Lord had helped, led, blessed, guided and directed.

When I went in to kiss my wife early that morning she was singing. I kissed her and had prayer before they came to wheel her to surgery. They gave her a new type of injection, and just as soon as it entered her body, she was sound asleep. One of the young doctors told me, "When we put them to sleep like this, sometimes they don't wake up." I shall never forget that experience, but you know, Jesus helped me so that I wasn't uneasy. He gave me peace and assurance. The Lord was merciful to answer prayer and spare my wife. After the surgery she suffered much when she would come to even the slightest. She felt like she was lying in liquid fire and could hardly stand for anyone to walk across the floor. Three to four days later, when I came into my wife's room, she said, "It feels as if there is a log on the bridge of my nose and fire coming up my back." I prayed and sang and prayed and sang; and kept that up for one to two hours. After a while

she said, "I believe, by God's grace, I can make it across this river." She was there for three weeks, and at the time I was having exams at Earlham College and had three little children. The twins were only about twenty months old. As I would go back and forth to be with my wife, I would witness to Brother and Sister Ross about how Jesus was helping and leading and guiding, and how He would answer prayer. It was a time of blessing and of serious situations, a time to give God praise for delivering my wife.

The Lord also answered my prayer that we could have a bed, even though we didn't have much money. God had me witness to a man there in Indianapolis, and without my asking him for anything, he sent one of the best mattresses and springs to our parsonage. He was co-owner of the Puritan Bedspring Company, which I didn't realize when I shared with him. That was a wonderful and unexpected answer to prayer, which we had waited for for about three to four years.

I would like to share some precious letters with you. This first letter is one I received from the general manager of the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis.

"Dear Rev. Helm, This past year's conference in Indianapolis will always be remembered as the most positive, supportive and rewarding conference we have ever experienced in our facility. I can't begin to tell you about the many positive comments I have received from our staff, your attendees, and in general, many shop owners and community members throughout the entire city of Indianapolis. Your influence, direction and warmth, has touched so many lives that your conference will be remembered for many years into the future. The caliber of your attendees and professional appreciation of our industry, and all the activities that surrounded your event, touched our employees and created a perfect ending for the final week of 1992.

Thanks so much for being with us over the holiday season. Best wishes to you and your followers, as I know you will continue to spread warmth and friendship in years to come. Most gratefully, Earl Nightingale, General Manager, Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis."

This next letter is from Debbie Hill, our daughter in the Lord, who has been in Israel now for two to three years off and on.

"Shalom, I am sending the photographs of the Waiting Upon God. I hope they are satisfactory and that you can sense the joy I felt as I was privileged to photograph God working through you in such a wonderful way. (I want to praise the Lord for that.)

As the meetings progressed, I thought that if I could have a photographer's press pass to any place or event in the world, I would choose to be here.

In the past three years I have been privileged to photograph various dignitaries, such as Prime Minister Shamir, Prime Minister Rabin, Secretary of State James Baker, Mikhail Gorbachev of the former Soviet Union, and many other political and religious leaders in the world. Although it was exciting, I have never felt the fulfillment and inner satisfaction that I have always felt as I photograph you. Thank you for allowing me this privilege. There is so much I want to say regarding the way God led and helped both of you during the meetings. By God's grace, I am trying to review your words daily. May God help me, truly, to hear and to heed. I love you. Debbie Hill.

These next two letters are from Laura Faith Hill Ensign and her precious husband, Todd.

"Dear Rev. and Mrs. Helm, How wonderful it was to attend the Waiting Upon God after six years. The music, the preaching, the sharing and just the God of the universe working so wonderfully.

I pray the people of RFOD will never take for granted all that we have. After being away so long, attending again was such a great experience. I don't believe I am skilled enough to explain it in my writing.

I love you and remember you coming to pray with Daddy so often. I loved waking up on a Saturday morning and hearing you and my father crying out to God. Oh, what great times those were. Have a great trip to the land of our beloved Savior! Love you as always, Laura Faith Hill Ensign."

"Dear Rev. Helm, It is difficult for me to put into words how God helped at the Waiting Upon God. There is so much to tell, but I don't know just quite how to tell you. It's a miracle to me how God leads you and helps you to know what to do each moment. (It's by God's grace alone this could be.) It could only be through the life that is surrendered to God. Being with you and watching you those precious hours gave me renewed hope that I can, with God's help, live this life of inner denial and obedience.

I praise the Lord for the fellowship, encouragement, teaching, discipline I have received. I found victory at the altar when God was moving upon me so sweetly. He is wanting to help me live this life at home with my wife and my children--to be tender and gentle, and to give thanks in all things. By God's grace He is working on my heart!

Thank you for living and teaching this message! Thank you for crying out against sin! Thank you for caring and not giving up on me! Thank you for sharing about husbands loving their wives and children, and about the cost of discipleship. I NEED IT! We are praying for you as you journey to the land of Israel. May God be with you! In Christ, Todd Ensign."

Following are letters from the precious Scillian family.

"Dear Brother and Sister Helm, We beheld one of the greatest miracles of my generation at the recent Waiting Upon God! Praise His Name. I have been in the pulpit for two hours, and have been so worn that I greatly desired to lie down and take a day-and-a-half to recover. By God's grace and Jesus' glory, you were going as strong or stronger in the final moments as when it began. (Only

through Jesus Christ could this be.) It is perhaps the greatest miracle I have ever witnessed! Hallelujah!

This was the most wonderful and highest time I have ever been with you. It was so profound and so very serious that I wanted to fall on my face in awe and worship at His presence, love, lift and encouragement. Thank you, dear servant of God, with all my heart--thank you.

As my wife, my daughters and I were driving to Indianapolis we began to review some of the things you have taught us and wondering why there was not a greater response. I told my wife that I believed we ministers were not sufficiently sharing with people what it would cost them to follow Jesus. When difficulties came, they weren't able to continue because they had not counted the cost. Imagine my amazement when you shared this in the first session and said it was the message of this Waiting Upon God. It is so serious to know this and I plead His precious blood and mercy that I will be truly really counting the cost. Pray for me.

How I thank Jesus and praise God that He revealed my need for healing as I and my daughters were singing. Praise His Name forever! We love you and Sister Helm and your family. You mean so much to us. We are thankful and are endeavoring to pray more, fast more and send more financial support. Keep on--the best is still to come. The half has not been told. Hallelujah! I love you, your friend and servant, Rev. Mark Scillian."

"Dear Brother and Sister Helm, How are you? I am fine. I wanted to write and tell you how much I appreciated your love and your endurance to be there at the Waiting Upon God. Be encouraged. I love and pray for you. Love in Christ, Laura Scillian."

"Dear Brother and Sister Helm, Grace be to you and peace in God our Father. Oh, what a wonder that Jesus can save and sanctify and make us His own. We are not worthy, but He does it just the same. Praise Him! I marveled at how well you did at the Waiting Upon God. Jesus really helped you at the services. We were helped and inspired by your message. Oh, Brother Helm, I know that if I go all for Jesus I will never be sorry. I love the Christ Who sanctified me at the Waiting Upon God.

We are praying for you and we want you to be encouraged, because the Lord is working through you and it has done wonders for us! Love in Jesus, Erin Lynn Scillian."

"Dear Brother and Sister Helm, Words cannot express the help that I received at the Waiting Upon God. I have never seen anyone work as hard as you did to preach to us the message God laid upon your heart. We are thankful for the message about counting the cost and realizing that this is one of the most serious messages we have ever heard. It brought Holy Ghost conviction upon my heart. Many people have meant a lot to us in our lives, but never have two people such as you and your wife worked as hard for us and loved us as you have. Thank you for your obedience to come and give your all for us. We love you, Byrna Scillian."

This letter is from precious Mark Julian.

"Dear Dr. Helm, Praise the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Grace to you. As events unfold in the world and in our own country, it

is more evident that our only hope is the Holy Ghost revival that you have been waiting for. You have kept this one hope alive in all these fifty or so years. Dear servant of God, if the world ever needed you, it needs you now. Though persecution and oppression awaits, may the power of the God of the Old and New Testaments prevail and be received during these final times and trials so that in the end whole households may be saved, that the cost might be paid and God be glorified.

We love you and are praying for you. We are thankful for answered prayer, for strength and voice during the Waiting Upon God. Amen. We are also rejoicing that my nine-year-old daughter was saved during the sixth session of the Waiting Upon God. Much more could be said of how God worked and helped. To God be the glory forever. Respectfully, Mark A. Julian."

This letter is from Esther Schultze Morey, the precious daughter of Reimar and Marcia Schultze.

"Dear Dr. and Mrs. Helm, Greetings. That sounds kind of like my father would open a letter, doesn't it?

This past Waiting Upon God went faster than any other I can remember. I was so sad when it was closing. My soul was getting help. I was missing you so much and wanted to be with you again. How I longed to go on this Israel trip with you, and the Lord assisted me in coming up with part of the money. Bruce and Marilyn Buddenhagen came up with the remaining amount and just really gave it to me! Think of that! Praise the Lord! May God give it back to them three-fold.

I wish I could put into words the precious people we are finding here in Fayetteville and the surrounding towns. The School of Music at Bethlehem keeps leading us to more and more beautiful people. You told us that there were lights in these hills. Well, with Jesus' help, we are beginning to find them. It seems like much of how God worked through Bethlehem this year was in preparation of it. It took over three months and many people to bring it to pass. There was an amazing number from the community who came together and sacrificed their time at the busiest time of the year.

I asked people, "Would you like to know three reasons why this project is insane by human estimation? First, you don't have an outdoor drama in the dead of winter. Second, you don't put on a large religious event on the county courthouse lawn. Third, you don't ask for a large team of volunteers at the busiest time of the year. They wouldn't respond." We think it's great! In the cast we had a college professor, a dentist, young people, (and they were all great and a wonderful help) a physical therapist, a nurse, football players, lots of high school students, a beautiful talented young singer, the community choir and so forth. They worked together like a team and were so cheerful. React and our retired Chief of Police assisted with flashing their lights and traffic directing skills. The city allowed our Roman soldiers to march down the middle of the main street and the courthouse street with their flaring torches and military drum.

The drama began with the Annunciation and ended with the flight to Egypt. Over the three nights we performed four performances in all. We estimate that over one thousand people saw it. One night the crowd was so large that people were leaving because they could not see. Our precious costume designer from the Dominican Republic found Jesus be-

cause of it. Sometime around Christmas Eve or Christmas morning he committed his life to Jesus. On Christmas morning (I didn't know he was saved yet) I was trying to fix up a gift bag for him. I remembered that I had a Spanish copy of A Voice in the Wilderness in the back room, so I put that in the bag along with some goodies. Right into the newborn babe's hands falls A Voice in the Wilderness in his own language. It was pretty exciting to me.

Remember that everything good that God is doing in Fayetteville is because of your walk with God. And everything bad that happens is because we haven't heard the message deep enough yet! You have truly been a father to us, like the Apostle Paul was over his beloved ones. How tender you are and careful. We long to refresh your heart also. Love, your children in Fayetteville, Esther, Robert and Charles Bryce. p.s. Paul Contin heard Florence play last October in Scott Depot and he is still talking about it. It was angelic."

We wanted to share these letters of encouragement with you and tell you that we can't praise the Lord sufficiently for what He did, for all the wonderful ways He worked and led, gave strength, anointing, guidance and direction when we didn't know what to do or how to proceed. Only by the help of the Holy Spirit would I be able to preach or pray or write or try to get any word conveyed, or do God's will here on earth or be faithful and true to love Jesus with all my heart, with all my soul, with all of my mind, with all of my strength, and to love my neighbor as myself. This is the real evidence of Christianity, for: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (St. John 13:35)

Anyone who follows Jesus doesn't murmur or find fault about or judge anyone. Jesus taught us that we are not to judge or find fault with people. We are to love one another. I have preached this now for about fifty years or more--that the true test of being a Christian is how we live at home with our companion and our children. If our children hear us talk about anyone's weaknesses or faults, then we hurt and wound them.

"Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully." (Ps. 24:3-4) We know it is through the precious blood that any of us are saved, and that we can be cleansed through the precious Word of God and the power of Jesus Christ, Who is truth, and sanctified through the truth, that we may become one as God and Jesus are one. He prayed this in the seventeenth chapter of St. John.

May the Lord encourage you to be obedient and faithful. Jesus said, "...Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter

into the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 18:3) I don't know why it isn't preached and proclaimed from the housetops. He said, "Except ye be converted and become as little children." That is utter dependence. It is obedience. It is submission. It is doing God's will. It is giving over and not planning or doing what we want, but doing only what He wants. Except we become as a little child, utterly dependent upon Him, He said we will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. These are the words of Jesus. I have been in the church for not quite seventy-seven years and have seldom heard it emphasized very much.

Thank you all for your prayers, your fasting, your supplications and sacrifice. We pray that God will encourage you, strengthen you, lift you and bless you, and that you will have what you need in these times of great test and trial, victory and blessing. We would be thankful if you could pray each day (and as God lays it on your heart to fast) for healing in our bodies--under the arm, the prostate, the heart area, Florence's eyes, knee, hip, back, vertebrae and stomach. Thank you for all your prayers. I feel so unworthy to even request prayer, for I am a sinner saved by grace. I have nothing to boast about save to cling to the cross. My need is great, but Jesus is mighty to deliver out of temptation and trial that we might be as the Word says: "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be accept-

able in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." (Ps. 19:14)

May God lift you, help you and encourage you as you look to Him Who never fails. The eyes of the Lord go to and fro throughout the whole earth seeking to show Himself strong on the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him. I cry out, "Oh, Lord, cleanse my heart. Let my heart be without deception, without any kind of sin or wickedness that it might be clean and pure and holy, and be submissive and obedient to do God's will and to love all peoples as Jesus loves me." Thank you for all you have done for us. We feel so unworthy of it all.

Please remember to pray for the upcoming trip to Israel--for the weather over the United States to be good to excellent on the 8th and 17th of February, as well as the 18th, 19th and 20th for the Traveler's Rest meeting and our return home. Pray for the help needed in riding in the buses and taxis, in walking and driving. Pray that people will not fall in bathtubs, as they have in the past. Pray that everyone will be well and not become ill in the stomach or intestines. Pray that each one will be strengthened and blessed in Jesus' Name. Pray for the services, that souls could be saved and sanctified, and bodies could be healed for the glory of God.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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Dear ones in the Lord Jesus, our precious Savior, Greetings.

When the Holy Spirit revealed to me on the twenty-ninth day of December that we were to leave for Israel February the eighth and return on February seventeenth, we were anxious for the protection, blessing, guidance, revelation and help of the Holy Ghost to make a way for all the dear ones traveling to Israel for our twenty-seventh time in the land where Jesus, the apostles and prophets walked. By God's grace, we were able to make our way to New York without ice or snow to hinder the ingathering of approximately two hundred people. Our departure time from New York was in the afternoon, unlike previous journeys when we would leave New York around ten to twelve o'clock at night. Our morning arrival in Tel Aviv gave us an opportunity to rest before our first service of waiting before the Lord that evening.

At the beginning of the service, I was led to have Joybelle play the prelude music. We were all thankful to Jesus and the Holy Spirit for the anointing as she played the various numbers. Earlier that afternoon the Lord revealed to me what numbers He wanted her to play, and the anointing was extraordinary and precious in the Holy Ghost. Richard Moore, who has been so faithful to assist us now for these last twenty-six to twenty-seven years, led us in prayer and Jesus gave a time of thanksgiving and praise. The Holy Ghost helped and blessed, and we want to thank Him for it. Lucia Cook, the precious wife of John Cook who has the orphanage and clinic in Mexico, prayed a precious prayer also. We want to thank God for each help, each blessing and protection.

The McAdams sisters then sang, "How tedious and tasteless the hours when Jesus no longer I see! Sweet prospects, sweet birds, and sweet flowers, have all lost their sweetness to me; The mid-summer sun shines but dim, the fields strive in vain to look gay; but when I am happy in Him, December's as pleasant as May." Thomas Harman then prayed a prayer of thanksgiving for our safe arrival in Galilee. The Lord had directed us first to Tiberias instead of to Jerusalem, and when we arrived in Tiberias, dear ones, we learned that there was snow in Jerusalem. We were thankful for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, for He was merciful to us.

Jenny Light sang, "His Eye Is On The Sparrow," and then she and her

sweetheart, Daniel, sang, "Just Ordinary People." They did it uniquely and with so sweet an anointing. They were given special help, for not many singers anywhere have this rare and beautiful gift of presentation in song, in praise and thanksgiving. Rev. Emory Reece then had prayer for us. Emory was used of God in July of 1962 to begin Revival For Our Day. As I was just about to leave the church where I had been in some meetings, Emory came up to me and said, "God has laid it upon my heart to begin Revival For Our Day, for He has revealed to me that you do not have the finance you are to have."

For almost twenty years we lived without any regular income. I didn't ask my father, my brothers, or any church or pastor for money. During those years I didn't even ask for an offering. Many times I could not give my wife a dollar a week or month. I was trusting during those years for provision; that God, through someone, would miraculously make a way for clothes, shoes, or for whatever was needed. Emory informed me that God had laid it upon his heart to begin a non-profit corporation. He was assisted by Rev. Paul F. Hill, Rev. Robert Boggs, (who was president for some years) Brother Dwight and various ones who worked together to make it possible for Revival For Our Day to exist. I want to praise the Lord for Brother Emory's financial vision.

When we gathered together for the service the following evening, the Holy Spirit came and helped us again. At one point, Michael Douglas led us in, "He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!" Mark Donnelly, the pastor of the Margate Church of the Nazarene sang, "A Perfect Heart." God is able to move upon the heart through the precious blood, for the eyes of the Lord go to and fro throughout the whole earth, seeking to show Himself strong on behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him. Joyce Lee sang "Satisfied with Thee," a song I had never heard anyone else sing before except F. H. Lacey, a great singer of the Cleveland Colored Quintet. We were blessed and encouraged, and I want to praise the Lord for the way the Holy Spirit directed and God took care and made a way for us.

The next evening when we met together, we had the surprise wedding ceremony of Rev. Daniel Helm, the son of my brother Edwin and Ruth Anna Helm, and Andria Jerner, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barton Jerner. It was most

outstanding. There isn't any way to describe to you how the Holy Spirit led in the ceremony. Prior to our going to Israel I had called Brian Benjamin and asked if he could, before the ceremony, sing a number which he had directed in a cantata years ago called "The Promise." It is one of the most outstanding and beautiful of numbers, and if you get the cassette tapes of this trip, you are going to hear one of the most unusual numbers of beauty and truth. In fact, he sang it so beautifully at the wedding ceremony that I asked him to repeat it during a later service. Brother John McAdams performed a masterful and beautiful ceremony. Daniel and Andria were lovely and they were blessed. The whole congregation was in an area of a marvelous presence of Jesus. I have seldom ever attended a wedding like it. Most everyone there will tell you that only Jesus, only the Holy Spirit, could ever give such sweetness in a wedding ceremony like we had there.

At the close of the ceremony the Lord helped me to pray the blessing, and then afterwards I was led to request that the Scott Depot choir sing. As they were assembling, I asked the Lord what numbers He would have them sing, and they were such that all who were there could testify that it was not just the ordinary run of things. Those choir numbers went together almost like stars in the sky and water in a brook. It was encouraging and exciting. It was a blessing to me. I didn't know what they were, but they all fit together in a way that was most extraordinary. They came together, not by random, but by the help of the Holy Spirit. The Lord gave us a very precious time, dear ones, and we want to thank Jesus.

The next day we left Tiberias and made our way to Jerusalem, and the snow was gone. It was cold, but the roads were not slick. We want to thank Jesus for protecting two hundred and three persons from falling or tripping. We thank Him for protecting the buses and taxis, and for giving us a safe journey all the way from Tiberias to Jerusalem by the way of Caesarea, where we had a time of singing and picture taking. We want to express our gratitude and sincere appreciation to Debbie Hill for her photography, and for the way she was able to capture these pictures in beauty. Even though it was cloudy, we were grateful for her kindness and patience with us.

The service that evening at the Renaissance began with prayer by Dr. Reece, Dr. Spaulding and Rev. Thomas Harman. Brian Benjamin sang, "Jesus,

the Very Thought of Thee." We then reviewed about how we found Bill and Donna Ryan. We were in a meeting in St. Louis in August of 1969, and as we prayed that morning, the Lord revealed to me that Rev. Ryan was to be the pastor of the church in Oilton, Oklahoma. At the conclusion of Sister Dorothy Lauener's testimony, I requested that she call the chairman of the board of the Oilton church and tell him that the Lord had revealed to us who should be the pastor of the church. (They had been without a pastor for some weeks.)

Rev. Ryan knew nothing of this at that time, and when Dorothy called this gentleman following that morning service in St. Louis, she told him that the Holy Spirit had revealed that Rev. Ryan was to be the pastor there. When this chairman of the board received her call, he said to himself, "If this be of God, then when I call Rev. Ryan, he must be at the parsonage and he must have resigned his pastorate before I call." Those were the two fleeces he put out to see whether God had really revealed that Rev. Ryan was to come. When he went to the phone to make the call, Brother Ryan, at that moment was supposed to be on his way to pick up his wife, Donna, from work. Instead, he felt impressed to get to the parsonage, and as he walked through the door, he could hear the phone ringing. It was the chairman of the church board.

Rev. Ryan wondered to himself how anyone had heard of him in Ashland, Kentucky. The chairman of the board asked, "Rev. Ryan, I want to ask you if you have resigned your present pastorate?" He replied, "Yes, as of yesterday." Do you see what happened here? Rev. Ryan was supposed to be picking his wife up from work, but felt compelled at that very moment to get to the parsonage instead. When he got there the phone was ringing, and he had resigned his pastorate just the day before. When he went into the pulpit that Sunday morning he hadn't any thought of resigning, as I understand, but during the service he said, "I am resigning the pastorate as of today." When the chairman of the board heard Rev. Ryan's answers, he came to the conclusion that the Lord was merciful and was leading.

Brother and Sister Ryan were packed and ready to go with us to Israel on the eighth of February when they received the call that the chairman of the board, who had called him twenty-three years ago, had died. The Ryans had to give up their going with us to stay home to officiate in the funeral.

As the service progressed, we shared and sang several congregational songs. I believe that while we were singing,

the Lord was working and healing. Billie Hill testified of a healing years ago, and how the doctor had written on her chart that she had no problems because of an encounter with Jesus. We also had a precious time of sharing with Debbie Hill and how the Lord has been working with her. We were thankful for the Lord's mercy, guidance, blessing, direction and revelation in the Holy Spirit.

As we began the service on the thirteenth of February, Rev. James Wright prayed a prayer of blessing, supplication and adoration to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the mighty Jesus of Nazareth, our Savior, the only Hope of the world. We had a precious time of review concerning the healing of Esther Schultze Morey twenty years ago. She was ten years old when her parents brought her to her first meeting. In the first session, the Lord Jesus was merciful to reveal to me a need in the knee. We prayed for the knee and at the close of the prayer, this ten-year-old daughter ran up to the pulpit and got her arms around me and said, "Jesus just healed my knee." She told her parents on the way home, "I don't want you ever to leave me at home again."

I think back about how we first met Reimar and Marcia. I didn't know who they were in that first service where we saw them, only that Rev. Morgan had found them in Canada. Sometimes through the years I had asked the people to lift their hands and give praise to the Lord. Reimar had not been used to that and it was not easy for him. He is quite a scholar and a precious minister of God's Word, but he had never been accustomed to people lifting their hands in praise. (He told me later that it took him quite a while to get his hand up a little.) I didn't know anything about him and Marcia, but all at once God told me to take up an offering for them. I took up the offering and I believe it totaled approximately six hundred dollars. When they got home, as I remember, they had about two dollars left. They had come all the way from Montana in that Volkswagen, which was no small order. (It is wonderful to review about how Rev. Morgan found this precious couple, for they have become like children to us and have helped us in so many, many ways.)

We had a wonderful time of thanksgiving and were thankful for the Holy Spirit to direct as He did. I then shared about the expediency of obeying the leading of the Holy Spirit. I shared about the fact that if He lays it upon our hearts to call someone, we need to press to do it no matter how inconvenient it might be or how late

the hour. Rev. Oliver Hogue arose and said, "I want to confess my sin of timidity, for not calling those I should have. I want to be delivered from this spirit of timidity." He was so humble. His words were so inspiring and lifting as he cried out to the Lord in that service. Jana Dunn also expressed her desire to obey the Lord as God helped us together.

We also reviewed concerning the time Oliver attended a service twenty-six to seven years ago where I preached on the fact that Jesus had taught me at the baptism of the Holy Spirit not to criticize anyone again to my wife or to anyone else. As I shared at that particular service those years ago, Oliver got up and confessed that he had the spirit of criticism and wanted to be forgiven and cleansed of it. He said, "When I get home I am going to ask my wife to forgive me. I want to get it taken care of." In just a few minutes after he made that publicly known, a burden came upon his heart. He came up to me after the service and said, "I've got a burden upon my heart and I don't know what it is." I didn't know what it was either, but as we prayed and meditated together I said to him, "Brother Oliver, you have a burden for mental illness." He went home that night and asked his wife to forgive him. Immediately afterward the phone rang and the mother of a young boy was calling to say, "You preached at our church some time ago and all afternoon I have had a burden for you to pray for my mentally ill son." Oliver began to pray over the telephone for this precious son just minutes after he arrived home, and after he prayed, the burden was lifted. That gave him great encouragement and substantiation of the revelation.

We had another time of review concerning the time I was led to call Betty Joyce when her son had just died. I was impressed to call her and when I called, I learned that she felt like running through the fields screaming. Jesus led us in prayer together, and He quieted her and took away all the sting and hurt. He gave her comfort. He then told me about a stomach situation and she replied, "That is for my granddaughter. She can't eat, and is also afraid of flying. When we fly to the funeral tomorrow she is afraid the plane might fall." We prayed for the fear to leave this granddaughter and also for the stomach trouble. When she arrived with her grandmother the next day, she confessed to the family that she had had a wonderful time on the plane. The fear was gone. Jesus also touched her stomach and she could eat. As we reviewed this precious story, we were trying to give God the praise for how He had intervened, taken care, con-

soled and comforted Betty's heart at the homegoing of her son, and for the healing and deliverance of her granddaughter.

I also reviewed about the time I called Kenneth and Vera years ago. When I called, she had just received word that her twenty-seven-year-old sister had dropped dead. Vera was prostrate on the floor weeping uncontrollably. I asked Kenneth to get the phone to her ear and I asked God in Jesus' Name to come. The Holy Spirit went into Vera's nervous system and began to quiet and lift her, to take her sorrow and hurt away. When she got to the funeral, the family couldn't understand why she wasn't sad. God had taken the sorrow and had given her assurance and comfort. At that same time God also had me to pray for Vera's precious mother, Pauline, a saint of God. The doctor was ready to give her a sedative to help her rest because she was in such grief over her daughter's death. But as prayer was made, the Holy Spirit came and gave her such strength that she didn't need anything to help her. Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the glory of God, had come and administered unto her for His glory and praise. We give God the praise and glory for the direction of the Holy Spirit during those precious times of review as we shared about answers to prayer there in Israel.

At the beginning of the service the next evening, we were privileged to hear Esther Morey play the numbers God had revealed. The Holy Spirit was so in them that those of you who get the tapes will be blessed. When Jesus leads and guides, it is more than just words. It is a blessing and a lift.

The Holy Spirit led for Brother Peppar to share some of his past life. He was so free that it just helped all of us in a way that seldom could be repeated or declared. My brother, Edward, got up after our precious brother's sharing and said, "This is really helping me." It helped everyone there. This dear brother is one of the song leaders for Rev. Newell in Sarasota, and it was mentioned that he doesn't testify at home. He has gone through much as a pastor's son and it has been hard for him to witness, for he has always felt as if he wanted to crawl under a church bench. But God gave him such love through the Holy Spirit's working in the people that he just opened his heart and shared like he had seldom ever shared. It was a time you will enjoy listening to on tape.

After he shared, Clarence Pribble sang, "He HIDETH My Soul." Maurice Sklar said, "The love in this room is

touching my heart. This love has changed my life and it touches me where I need it." The Lord helped and blessed him, and made him a blessing to us. The Pribbles had it on their hearts to come to the altar for prayer, that they would not miss anyone or fail any person in Lynchburg to whom they were called. Their request was so sweet and childlike that it would almost have broken your hearts if you had seen and heard the sincerity and cry of these precious ones. The Lord helped me to pray and ask Jesus in His holy Name to give them wisdom, knowledge and revelation for the homeless, that they could be used of Him in their hearts with light. Nancy said, "I can't wait to get home."

During the service on the fifteenth of February, I spoke on Acts 14:22: "Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." It is a very unusual verse of scripture concerning confirming the souls of the disciples. The apostles were confirming, encouraging, loving and lifting the disciples. They were bringing them to their own. They were bringing a ministry to their hearts. They were confirming their souls.

A disciple is a person who has left all to follow Jesus. A disciple is a person who is not doing his own will anymore. A disciple is a person who is denying himself. He is being confirmed and strengthened in the battle, in the assignment. He is being confirmed with sweetness. Confirmation comes by tenderness to those who have paid the price of discipleship. There is a longsuffering, a gentleness, a sweetness, a tenderness. This scripture says they were confirming the souls of the disciples. Pastors, teachers and class leaders have a tremendous calling, and in it there are exhortations, cherished moments, sweetness and tenderness. There is a refreshing in the presence of the Lord. This is where our children are lifted up.

In this particular scripture the disciples are being exhorted to continue in the faith. There is exhortation to continue, not to cease or look back. Hebrews 12:1 says: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of God." These disciples are being exhorted to continue in the faith, to

continue in prayer, to continue in submission and adoration, to continue in holy faith, precious faith, the faith that sent Jesus Christ because God so loved the world.

The apostles were confirming the souls of the disciples to continue in the faith and to persevere in the faith that they must, through much tribulation, enter the Kingdom of Heaven. (This is a verse I have never heard preached on in my life.) There is a pressing on through the tribulation, which sometimes brings loneliness and suffering. When disciples no longer try to save themselves, they begin to lose their lives and take up the cross to follow. They are exhorted to continue in the faith. This is discipleship, which is the life of obeying as God directs by the Holy Spirit. We must, through much tribulation, enter into the Kingdom of God. This means that we don't just get by or slip through, but that we die out to the circumstances we are in and persevere to do God's will. We must not dwell on what we think is nice and good, but we must persevere through this inner dying to enter in, by much tribulation, into the Kingdom of God.

We should not be discouraged, but we should be happy and rejoice. We must not look at the circumstances nor dwell on the negative or the hurt. We must dwell on the victory and prepare for Jesus' return. The coming of the Lord is at hand and no man knows the day or the hour. We must enter into the Kingdom of God by much tribulation and this is through loving one another and loving God with all of our heart, with all of our soul, with all of our mind, with all of our strength; and loving our neighbor as ourself. We must follow Jesus with adoration and praise as the Christ, the Son of the Most High God, the King of Glory Who died on the cross, Who spilled His blood on that lonely hill that we might be saved from our deceptions, our iniquities, our sins, our hidden evils to abound as a sanctified body. Jesus said, "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified..." that they all may be one as God and Jesus are one.

We must, through much tribulation, enter into the Kingdom of God. Therefore, we are to look up, lift up, press on and hold fast without criticism, without analyzation, without trying to get a summary, without trying to work it out. We are to simply follow and be obedient to the leading of the Word of God, the Kingdom of God, the leading of the Holy Spirit; to be soul winners and to be a sanctified people, a spirit-led people. For as many as are led by the Holy Spirit,

they are the sons of God. He wants to lead us (and that touches my heart). He wants to lead me. He wants to guide me. He wants me to be holy. He wants me to be pure and not find fault with people.

We are to resist the devil. I have pled with people to resist the devil, and sometimes they would and sometimes they wouldn't. Years ago I had loved ones that I had to plead with for a long time before they would resist the devil. The instant they did, the light came in. In 1943 I pled with a church leader to resist the devil. He was one of the most wonderful of persons, (and that touches my heart) but I couldn't get him to hear me. Remember, we must, through much tribulation, enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. I pled with him to resist the devil, but I didn't get any response for a long while. If people would resist the devil, they would miss much anguish. A church could flourish if only leaders would rebuke the devil without hesitancy and then not dwell on the negative afterwards. If we do, it tears everything to pieces. But if we resist the devil, hundreds and thousands could be saved. We must, through much tribulation, enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

It is by the grace of God we can make it. I can do nothing in myself. It takes the blood of Jesus to cleanse me. I am just a sinner saved by grace sixty years ago on the twenty-second day of January. We know it is only through Jesus, for we overcome the devil by the blood of the Lamb and through the word of our testimony. We overcome the devil by obeying God and following when He leads. If people will resist the devil and obey God, then souls can be saved and bodies healed. The victory can be won for Jesus' glory. Amen.

We want to praise the Lord for bringing us back home safely from the land of Israel. When we arrived in New York City, the taxi driver told me that snow was forecast the evening before. The Lord helping, it was a beautiful day and we were spared the trials, battles and struggles that could have occurred if the six inches of snow had fallen. We marveled at how God got everyone home safely, and we want to praise Him and give Him all the glory for it. Brother Steven Reinhardt wrote and told us that he thought this journey to Israel was one of the most wonderful he had ever been on. A fair percent of the people felt that this journey was one of the most wonderful of the twenty-seven.

We praise the Lord for your prayers, your sacrifice, your fasting and holding on in prayer, your giving in obedi-

ence, in yieldedness, in confirming the saints of God and seeing them not only confirmed, but abounding in resisting the devil and being obedient to the Holy Ghost in Jesus' Name. We are thankful for each victory through the precious blood and for each one of your prayers for us. We are unworthy, but deeply grateful. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,
Loran W. Helm
 Loran W. Helm

p.s. I would like to share something that is on my heart concerning all ministers, doctors and professional men. Ministers should not call at the home of a single woman without an associate with them. The same thing applies when calling upon a married woman. If the husband is not there, the minister should not visit without an associate. Doctors and professional people must not be in the examining room alone with a person of the opposite sex without a nurse or assistant. It is too dangerous and can cause serious consequences. I have been speaking out on this for forty to fifty years, for everything must be pure and holy at all times, and relationships must be right in the sight of the Lord.

p.s.s. I would like to share the following two letters with all of you, to God's glory, praise and honor.

"Dear Beloved Ones, And can it be that all that has now passed that once was revelation--our annual trip to Florida, a journey to Israel, services in South Carolina. By the great grace of God this trilogy of divine assignments are accomplished. To God be the glory for the great things He hath done and taught us. Your obedience to His will in Israel was life contributing and splendid in execution. When I think of Galilee, the first thing that comes to my mind is the night of the wedding, followed by the Scott Depot choir in sacred concert. Only the Lord could have led you into the glorious crescendo of holy conclusion that resulted. Mother, you seemed

visibly moved, and I believe I heard you exclaim with the depth of the divine order.

Brother Helm, your Israel sermonettes were pearls in miniature, spoken with anointed penetration. Even now I recall your first night's formula on shining as lights in the midst of a crooked and perverse world--do all things without murmuring or disputing. Your last two sermons preached at Traveler's Rest on 'The Last Days' and 'The Travail of Zion' were powerfully anointed and soul gripping. It seemed to me they began to be seated in my soul. More than twenty-five years ago I began to hear you preach on soul travail. To this day I have never heard or read of this revelation in parallel. We are most grateful. We love you both deeply. With loving loyalty, Oliver C. Hogue."

"Dear Brother and Sister Helm, I wanted to write you a note of appreciation while things were still fresh on my mind concerning this wonderful trip. For me, personally, it seems that it is one of the most significant trips spiritually that I have taken with you. My roommate, Randy Myers, and I have had wonderful times in prayer together and felt God really helping each of us spiritually. Jesus has shown me some very specific areas in my life that he wants to change, and I believe there is victory coming. He has been so patient with me, just as you have been all these years.

Being at the Upper Room today was a real highlight. A dear servant of Jesus was there with his precious wife. He was under an anointing, preaching to us, just like you, about the Kingdom of God. He said it was beyond Judaism or Christianity or anything of man. It was the Kingdom of God. His wife was sharing afterwards with a few of us about how the real test of Christianity was in the home. She shared that God had taught them to not ever fuss at each other. It sounded so much like what God has shown you that I had to marvel. Thank you for obeying God and finding each one of us. We love you both so very much, in Jesus' love, Michael Freeman."

Revival For Our Day, Inc.

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Dear beloved ones in Jesus Christ our Savior, the Redeemer, the Blessed One of Israel, the Only Begotten Son of our Heavenly Father of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Greetings.

When Jesus was here on earth with His disciples and followers, He was speaking to them one day, and according to Matthew 26:41, said, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." As I behold this scripture I see a very delicate, deep, urgent, high, beautiful, startling and challenging message. Jesus said, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation."

The word "watch" is interesting because it is a word of observation. It is a word of evaluation. It is a word that brings us into the place of sweet communion in prayer. It is also a place of revelation, for as we watch and pray, we are in the place of obedience. It is a place of trust and rest. It is a place where we wait. Isaiah 40:31 says: "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." The place of the "watch" is waiting upon God.

We are to watch and pray. Prayer is communion with God, talking to God, listening to our heavenly Father. "Watch" and "pray" go together, for prayer is a part of the spirit of seeing. Unless we have the vision that Christ has given us, we can look and not see. We can be aware and not perceive. Jesus tells us to watch and pray that we enter not into temptation. We are, by the grace of God and through His mercy, able to go around and bypass temptation when we watch and pray.

Temptation is ever before us in all aspects since the fall of Adam, and I do not, nor can I, perceive or understand it in its entirety or immensity. It is only by the grace of God that, as we watch and pray, He reveals to us how to avoid temptation. It is significant and urgent that we watch and pray sufficiently, for if our watching and praying is insufficient, then we stumble and fall into temptation. But if we wait in childlikeness, in perseverance and willing submission to God, He can teach us, by the help of the Holy Spirit in His sacred word, how to avert, avoid and bypass temptation. If we are on our watch, and praying sufficiently in the right spirit, He is able to reveal the danger ahead of

us. In the watches of prayer there is revelation of the choice that is ahead of us, the step that is ahead of us, the danger, the pitfall. This is a very significant, urgent and high presentation of awareness and bewareness.

We must be aware of the fact that to enter into something, there must be a doorway or gateway. And if we are not really watching and praying sufficiently, instead of bypassing the gateway to the city or village of temptation, we enter in as a resident and experience a dark and hard battle. The revelation of God is given to those who obey Him. When we watch and pray, we obey Him. Obedience is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

In the life of following Jesus, it is an absolute that we, as His followers, must be constantly on our watch. A watch tells what time it is. It reveals what is ahead. If we have sufficiently waited until our spiritual eyes are open, then He can reveal the danger of entering into temptation. Temptation can be, by the mercy of God, many times, much of the time, or all of the time, missed if we watch and pray sufficiently. Remember that Jesus said, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." The self in us is in opposition to watching and praying. But when we watch and pray, it brings forth and magnifies that which is ahead of us, through the help of the Holy Spirit, through God, through Jesus the Christ.

If we come through Jesus the Christ, through the Son of God Who died on the cross, Who was given to us from the Father to this sacred place of watching and communing in prayer, we escape much of the hurt found in the village of temptation. As I meditate, I see that there is much more in this than I can comprehend; only through the Holy Spirit do I perceive this much. I see a beautiful truth here that should be observed by all persons of the church. If people of the church do not observe this, then they have conflicts and arguments. When Jesus told us to watch and pray, He was giving us one of the secrets of entering into the Kingdom of Heaven. I wanted to share this little revelation Jesus gave me with you for the glory of God. This is the solution, the formula to avoid temptation.

I would like to give you a description of what occurs when we don't watch and pray. I believe this is an important message. I believe it is helpful and informative. It is challenging and

exposing. I believe it reveals the state of man.

Let us consider the word "temptation." As soon as we are converted and find Jesus as our personal Savior, the first temptation we have, beloved, is to avoid denying self. When we resist that temptation and deny self to witness, we begin to grow. This will help us to overcome the next temptation we encounter when self is confronted by the cross. Satan will immediately say, "Don't assume the cross because it will mean that you have to be inwardly crucified." The temptation to bypass inner crucifixion is one we easily succumb to; it is one reason for nominal Christianity. Therefore, it is expedient that we "watch and pray" lest we enter into temptation.

When we persevere and resist the devil, Jesus is able to bring us upward to the light of surrender that we might obey the Holy Spirit. As we obey Him, the temptation is overcome by the grace of God and the blood of the Lamb. On the pathway of perseverance, the next temptation Satan will throw at us is to neglect reading the scriptures. He will tempt us to avoid prayer. Most all people on earth succumb to the temptation of prayerlessness. When we are able to persevere, and read the scriptures, and pray, we will not find ourselves in the place of little praise.

Do you know many people who will praise the Lord very much on their own? Personally, I don't. The temptation is to not praise the Lord much, but to just listen. When we succumb to this temptation, it creates in us a lukewarm and cold heart. Lack of praise leads us directly from child-likeness into a lukewarm life. We become cold of heart, which leads to a hard heart. We must press upward and resist the devil lest we enter into that temptation. We must avoid it, by God's mercy and grace.

If we have persevered, and by God's grace have not succumbed to these temptations, if we have prayed and praised the Lord and rejoiced, the next temptation Satan will use is to try to get us to dwell on the weaknesses of other saints and followers. That is a temptation, isn't it? If we are not careful, we enter into that temptation and are not aware of it. We look at others and get our eyes off of Jesus. We see the weaknesses of people, and of course the next temptation will be to find fault and judge them. The devil wants to tempt everyone in this way, but if we succumb to

this temptation it will lead us to the city of self-will. The temptation is always to succumb to self-will rather than to deny self.

When we are tempted to murmur about someone, we then succumb to the critical spirit. Many years ago I learned that whenever we have a critical spirit about someone or something, we are likely to criticize everyone. This temptation has been before us since the fall of Adam. It is not easy to avert the temptation, but the way to avoid it is to obey (with all of our hearts) what the Lord leads us to do as we read God's Word, witness, and rejoice in Him. The Holy Spirit will then give us the strength to avert this path of temptation. The instant we get our eyes off of God's will, we will get them upon some problem or circumstance.

In 1944 or 1945 the Lord showed me that if the devil can get our eyes off of Jesus, off of obedience, distracting us with even the smallest problem, he will cause us to succumb to the temptation to stop, pick it up, and examine it to see what we can do with it. While we are thus occupied, dear ones, instead of staying on the straight way, we are backing off on the broad way. We get sidetracked from the main line. Regardless of how little the problem is, or how insignificant, it is too big for me or anyone else on earth. Just think of all we would have missed if we hadn't succumbed to all those temptations we encountered along the way. I wonder what all He would have done for us if we had just kept going and had not looked at the problems and weaknesses of others.

When we succumb to prayerlessness, criticism and judgment, we enter into spiritual slumber. During the past sixty years when I would look out over the congregation, I would look to see if I could find, by God's grace, a person who was obeying the Lord, who was light and happy. You see, those persons have a smile. They don't look glum, gloomy, dark or questionable. When my wife was in the pulpit with me in 1941 and looked out over the congregation, she was frightened. She said, "I don't believe I can ever be in the pulpit when you are preaching again. I didn't know that dear ones looked like this." I replied, "Honey, if we don't really persevere and obey the Lord, what we succumb to is on the countenance and in the life. There is no joy or victory or praise or glory to Jesus. We just succumb to the self-life, the self-assertive way."

When we succumb to self-will and become lukewarm and hard of heart, we

create spiritual problems in the home and in the church. Any man or woman who finds fault, murmurs, or is resentful, immediately falls into the devil's trap of a terrible cold-hearted, cynical spirit. Satan wants to deceive us. Whenever there is anyone in the church who murmurs and finds fault, it is a dangerous spirit. I think that spirit is almost as dangerous in the church as a rattlesnake is in a baby's crib. Jesus said, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation." When Jesus gave me this message, I knew it to be a crucial, vibrant, true word that must be considered all the while or we will get off of the narrow way into the path of temptation.

When we do not succumb to this temptation we are partakers of the divine nature "...and beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off...." (2 Ptr. 1:5-9a) Verse ten says that if we do these things we shall never fall. If we do God's will, by His grace and mercy, we won't succumb to temptation.

A carnal spirit will easily succumb to temptation and become resentful and irritable. Irritability is the fruit of yielding to temptation. When we yield to temptation we do not take care of our obligations or love our companions and children in a Christ-like manner. Instead, we live in darkness and love the things of this world which crowd Jesus out of our lives. When we succumb to this temptation, we enter into the city of impatience. We live near the town of misunderstanding. We dwell on the plain of resentfulness. Jesus said, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation." If we do not resist temptation, we enter into a covetous spirit which leads to a spirit of lust and envy. And if we live in that town very long, we leave the place of obedience and turn to worldly love. We are caught in an awful place which takes us to divorce, fornication and adultery. Our hearts are cold and hard.

The Savior said, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation." A great man of God said, "Let us hear

the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." (Ec. 12:13) This precious person who was so wise looked at the opposite sex. He desired the second woman, the third and fourth. The flesh is weak, and if we don't pray and obey the leading of the Holy Spirit, we enter into temptation and go into worldly desires. Jesus said we are to watch and pray, to witness, rejoice in Him and deny self to take up the cross and follow Him so that we won't succumb to that which would take us into spiritual darkness. We must press upward toward the light and victory, toward joy unspeakable and full of glory, toward loving our neighbors as ourselves and going forth as beacons in the world to lift burdens and care for souls.

Another temptation we fall into is the pitfall of wanting something new, something different. The more we get, the more we want. We want new cars, new clothes, new properties, new districts, new things in other places. This is a temptation for all mortals and is why Jesus said, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation." The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak and we will succumb to any temptation if we fail to resist it. Of course, we have already fallen into the temptation of not paying our tithes to God's Kingdom, of failing to give that which He asked His followers to share. If we live in this realm we won't win souls for Jesus, and He wants us to bring forth fruit. Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." (Jn. 15:1-2) He trims it and clips it down to nothing. After we are sanctified, cleansed, and filled with the Holy Spirit, we may bring forth more fruit which is a lift to those we meet along the way.

Another temptation that comes before us is to not have family prayer. Fifty years ago when our oldest daughter was seven and the twins were almost four, the temptation could have been, "You don't need to read the scripture with them. You don't need to pray with them." When children get to be twelve and fifteen years of age, they don't want to have family prayer unless they have a heart that is really wanting to do God's will. Jesus said, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation." We must resist the temptation to become barren and fruitless. If we do God's will, He works through us to help people, to lift people, to encourage people.

When we succumb to the temptation of a hard heart, we succumb to the spirit of harshness which crushes people. It is a temptation we can so easily fall into and not even realize we have done so. The spirit of obedience, praise, adoration, prayer, and going forth as lights of Jesus lifts us out of those realms into a sweetness, into a gentleness, into a wonderful compassion. Oh what a joy it is to be with Jesus' children who are filled with compassion. When we do not submit to these temptations, we can ask for wisdom and He will give us wisdom that is from above. It is pure, peaceable and easily entreated. It is full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Isn't that wonderful?

We need to watch and pray, plead the blood of Jesus, praise Him and be obedient to the Holy Spirit. When we obey His leading, He will lead us, by His mercy, from temptation. Now I know that anyone can fall into this place of temptation, but by the grace of God, the way out is to rejoice, trust Him and wait on Him. As I quoted from Isaiah earlier, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." We are taken above that temptation as we wait upon Him and do God's will instead of our own. When we start arranging and planning things, before we know it we are doing what we want, rather than what the Holy Spirit is leading us to do.

Isn't this a wonderful word to our hearts so that we might live victoriously in His truth and in His word, that we might be sensitive and submissive at all times to what God's will is in our lives? Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." The life of following Jesus is never experienced when we submit or yield to any temptation. I trust that you will be encouraged and lifted, not downhearted or pressed. Just rejoice and praise the Lord. If you find yourself in this place just say, "Forgive me, Father, for where I have grown cold or prayerless, for where I have not obeyed You." Give Him the glory, praise and honor for all things and press right on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Forget those things which are behind and look toward the precious will of God. Romans 12:1-2 says: "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. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost may you be lifted and strengthened and blessed. Thank you for all your prayers for us, for all your sacrifice, help and kindness. We know that the Lord is able and mighty to deliver all those who put their trust in Him. Before I started to dictate this letter, I was experiencing much pain and suffering in my throat. But from the time I quoted the scripture until now He has kept pain and suffering out of my throat. I want to praise Him for this privilege.

I pray for this trouble in the stomach near the navel: be whole, be healed in the name of Jesus. Let this leukemia leave your body and be killed through Jesus Christ. I pray this by faith. For this cancer growing in the cheek: I pray that Thou will kill it, obliterate it and take it out for the glory of God the Father. For this cancer of the prostate, for the spleen, for all the various organs: let it now be diminished to nothing and let health reign for Thy glory.

Jesus said, "As ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give." (Mt. 10:7-8) "...Not by might, nor by power, but it is by my spirit, saith the Lord God of hosts." (Zec. 4:6b) Therefore, Jesus, we lay aside every weight and sin which doth so easily beset us to run with patience the race Thou has set before us; looking unto Thee, Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, Who, for the joy that was set before Thee, endured the cross, despising the shame and is now set down at the right hand of God where Thou art with the Father praying for us, for Thy coming is at hand. We praise You for Your guidance, blessing, direction, revelation and help; for all those who are holding on and persevering to watch and pray lest they enter into temptation.

Thank you again for praying for us. We want to be cleansed of all deception, delusion and darkness, that we might be sanctified, meet, for Jesus' use, loving all peoples of the world as He loves us. As Jesus was in this world, so are we to be. Be encouraged, be lifted, be healed and strengthened by the holy might of Jesus in the inner life.

Almost ten years ago a couple, like a son and daughter to me, purchased land for Parker City Christ Fellowship. We, along with the pastor and congregation, have waited and prayed for word from the Lord to begin building a church. That time has come.

Parker City Christ Fellowship is blessed to have Younghun Sohn from Cleveland, Ohio, as architect. After the Waiting on God, he came to Parker City to look at the building site. As Young stood on the property, he wept and said he felt that this architectural project would be the greatest privilege of his career. Young believes that Holy Ghost awakening could begin here. We, too, trust for that. We are honored, for he has designed many structures, churches, office buildings of one million square feet, and some of the largest shopping centers in the country.

We are very thankful that this facility will also house the offices of Revival For Our Day and Evangel Voice Publications. We are trusting for those prayers and petitions that could move the Throne of Grace to touch the hearts of those who could help raise a few hundred thousand dollars to build this facility, for the glory of God and His Kingdom.

I know that only by God's mercy can this be done, for the Word of God says in Psalm 127:1, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." Therefore, we are dependent upon Him. We know that through

prayer the Holy Spirit is able to lay it upon the hearts of His people to help. Revival For Our Day needs nearly twenty-two thousand dollars a month to pay salaries. It will be the marvelous work of our Heavenly Father to provide, through His people, a few hundred thousand dollars to build this house of worship. We know that when Solomon built the temple, God came with great power.

If the Lord would have you to help, please send your gifts made payable either to Parker City Christ Fellowship or Revival For Our Day marked 'Building Fund'. Thank you for helping and praying.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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SPECIAL NOTICE

We thought many of you would like to know that Rev. and Mrs. Helm's 59th wedding anniversary is coming up. They were joined together in marriage on May 27, 1934, and God has been merciful to help, heal, guide and deliver them through these years. Please continue to pray for them. For those who would like to join us in sending cards and/or gifts, please direct them to their Florida address:

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May 26, 1993

Dear ones in Christ Jesus, Greetings.

We are grateful to the Lord for His many wondrous gifts and blessings, for His salvation, revelation and help. After sharing with Richard Smith by telephone the other evening, I was saying goodbye when the Holy Spirit revealed to me that I needed to pray. I began to pray for different members of his family and the Lord was merciful to reveal to me which child needed prayer. I cried out to God for help, in the Holy Spirit, for this dear child. Just as I hung up, the Lord revealed that I was to pray again. I called Richard back and we, again, cried out to the Lord for this child, asking that the Holy Spirit would intervene and undertake in every area of need. Even then, it was very difficult to end the call, for it was important that we pray together for this need. We were very thankful to Jesus for His guidance and revelation, and we give Him all the praise, honor, glory and thanksgiving for this privilege of prayer.

Fifty years ago I preached my last sermon at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church before leaving all to find the people of God. I needed to be at the church for the early service that morning and just as I opened the door, a marvelous thing took place. I felt Jesus come in on my right side near the ear and shoulder. As I went through the door, I heard Him say, "I am here with you this morning. I will help you and I will guide you." I preached on "...For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." (James 4:14)

The lives of many people are lives of chaos, lives of question, lives of wondering. Some are lives of carpentry; some are that of the physician. Some people spend their lives gardening and hoeing. Some spend their lives at the Borg Warner plant, as my wife's father did for thirty-eight years. Our son, Jack, has been at Delco Remy for about forty years or more. Some people spend their lives farming. The other day I was coming down to the lobby and a gentleman said to me, "I am a farmer in Canada and have to get home to get my crops out." He has spent his whole life plowing, cultivating, planting, sowing, and gathering at harvest time. Some people spend their lives watching other people, and finding fault. Some spend their lives in conflict or confusion.

Some people spend their lives cooking. Some clean offices, banks, and

homes. Some people clean and launder clothes. Some work as pharmacists. Some people spend their lives in the study of herbs. Some spend their lives in education. Many people spend their time reading and studying. They love to read and study, and that is their life. Some people spend their lives as missionaries. Doctor Livingston spent his life laboring in Africa, and his story is one to behold. Some peoples' lives are spent in witnessing and praying for wisdom to know when, and when not, to witness. Within our lives there must be prayer and communication with the Lord, reading of the Word, and waiting upon Him. "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." (Is. 40:31) "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him." (Ps. 62:5)

Last Sunday morning our grandson, David, and I drove to Palm Beach Gardens Christ Fellowship. On the way there, I was reading scripture and praying about what hymn the Lord would have us to sing. Jesus told me it was in the second hundred and then He operated in my heart that it was Hymn #109. Their hymn book is different from our's and we didn't know what that particular hymn was. When I opened the hymnal in preparation to sing, I saw that it was titled "Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned."

*Majestic sweetness sits enthroned
Upon the Savior's brow; His head
with radiant glories crowned, His
lips with grace o'er flow, His
lips with grace o'er flow. No
mortal can with Him compare Among
the sons of men; Fairer is He than
all the fair Who fill the heav'nly
train, Who fill the heav'nly
train. He saw me plunged in deep
distress And flew to my relief;
For me He bore the shameful cross
And carried all my grief, And
carried all my grief. To Him I
owe my life and breath And all the
joys I have; He makes me triumph
over death And saves me from the
grave, And saves me from the
grave. Since from His bounty I
receive such proofs of love di-
vine, Had I a thousand hearts to
give, Lord, they should all be
Thine, Lord, they should all be
Thine. Amen.*

After we had sung that marvelous hymn, Bennie Shipp stood and testified, "I needed the words of this song." These were the very words that Bennie needed. He was encouraged and lifted. Neither the song director, nor the pianist knew the hymn, but they both sang it as if they did. The Lord revealed to me that the choir was to sing

number three on their list. They sang about pressing on, pressing to Jesus. It was amazing, because the scripture the Lord had given me the night before was Matthew 24:13: "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." He also directed me to Luke 16:16: "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." We all marveled at how number three on the choir's list fit those scriptures.

I, then, began to share on the text: "But he that shall endure unto the end...." What is the requirement for endurance? Endurance is full of energy and vision. It is full of joy and rejoicing. The Bible tells us that we are to rejoice always and in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning us. He said, "Rejoice evermore." To rejoice evermore requires much joy. If we rejoice without the joy, it doesn't help anyone. It doesn't sound wonderful or precious or inspiring or lifting. Joy comes as we follow Jesus in obedience. And unless we really rejoice and obey Jesus, we are just lukewarm and He spews us out of His mouth. Endurance also has much perseverance, which comes by obedience, by praise, and by reading His Word.

The Old Testament tells us that Joseph exhibited, and lived, a life of endurance and perseverance. He had to persevere much to do what God would have him do, especially in times of temptation. Joseph didn't give up. He held right on. Even though he was rejected and placed in a pit, he endured to the end. He endured the lonely walk. He endured being in a tried and tested land. We praise Jesus for the endurance Joseph exhibited, by God's grace, for he would not give up. Most men would have given up in the pit, but instead of giving up he endured and pressed right on. His life is a good example of endurance and pressing, isn't it?

Let's observe the life of Joseph-- his endurance, his pressing, his joy, his life without complaint or murmuring. After he was placed in the pit, he had a lot of leeway to murmur and regret, but as far as I can tell, he didn't regret or say anything against anyone. He simply stayed faithful and true. Isn't that wonderful? Here was a man who really endured that experience, whether it was a matter of a few hours or days. A pit is muggy and dirty, and to be able to stand in that situation and endure it is a very precious example.

Jesus also endured and pressed to do God's will. The Bible tells us that Jesus did, always, the will of the Father. For us to do, always, God's will, we must endure unto the end. There is a pressing, a perseverance. There is no looking back. If we look back, we lose that sense of holding on. We must simply believe and persevere, and know that, in due season, we are going to reap if we faint not. It is a wonderful privilege to trust and obey, because in that life we are enduring. To arrive at God's will requires much endurance.

Let us look at Zacchaeus' life. He had to persevere much when he found that he couldn't see Jesus because of the multitude and his size. He had to press. He had to endure. He also had to experience a great amount of self denial. Self denial is not easy. It is one of the most difficult things to do. It is just like a five mile race or a twenty mile race. We have to endure in order to hold on. When Zacchaeus found that he couldn't see Jesus, he didn't give up. He held right on. He had, in his endurance and perseverance, to figure out a way to see Jesus. It took constant looking, constant vision. It required quite a bit of love and interest. If we don't have a lot of interest, we don't endure long. When interest ceases, endurance ceases. Interest and love play a large part in perseverance. Zacchaeus had to persevere to see Jesus. He had to climb a sycamore tree. How much? what quality? and what quantity of self denial did he have to possess in order to endure to the place of seeing Jesus? Was it a half pound? a pound? or a ton of endurance? If we do not have that we give in to a lesser way, which is the way of the flesh. We know it is only by His mercies that we can persevere and endure to the end.

Joseph had to endure. Zacchaeus had to deny himself quite a bit, or he would never have persevered to see Jesus. What proportion of self denial did he have to have, and how much of the whole did he have to possess in order to persevere to where he was going? He didn't look at the pressure. He didn't look at the trial or loneliness or rejection. Zacchaeus was nearly as rejected by society as Joseph was by his brothers. If we look at loneliness, rejection, or disappointment, then we cease to endure. Loneliness, rejection, disappointment, and analyzation will cause us to depart from the spirit of endurance. We will no longer press to endure. If we depart from the spirit of endurance, then we cease the precious fellowship of the Holy Spirit of God in Christ

Jesus, the fellowship of the saints. It is almost worth this letter to think about how easy it is for us to give up. Giving up has no place in endurance. There is no place for trying to figure out an easier way. Jesus said, "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." (Luke 13:24) This scripture tells us that we must strive. It is a wonderful thing to have this ingredient and characteristic, because self wants to arrange a way to get by without endurance or perseverance. This is an immense message on "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

Jesus told the blind man to go wash in the pool of Siloam. How much endurance, perseverance, and dying out to his own plans did it require? If Joseph had not died to self continually, he would have succumbed and given up in the life of a slave. He endured the pit to be delivered into the life of slavery. In order to do God's will, we must not look at the pit, or look at the bonds of slavery in which we are caught. We must not look at the chains, the hurt, the pressures, or the laws that have to be followed. Joseph gave these things all over to live the life of endurance in faith. Faith is full of endurance, for without endurance, faith doesn't last long. It throws up its hands and tries to figure out another way. Joseph was in a lonely place, but he endured until the end.

Endurance is full of self denial and inner death. When we do not die out to self, we cease to endure. We become prayerless and do not witness as we ought. We become lukewarm. Unless we are willing to become like a little child, we are going to succumb and give over to what we want, rather than do God's will. The blind man had to persevere to get to the pool of Siloam. He had to get help, to find someone who knew the way and could lead him. We must have leadership, and we must have a willingness to be appreciative. As we persevere and endure, He takes care and makes a way for us in the realm of the precious. Isn't it wonderful that He is able to do that? He is able to make a way for us so that all is well in the life of striving to enter into the Kingdom of God. He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved.

I have heard it preached that when we repent and find Christ, we have eternal life. I have not heard it preached that we must endure, which requires praying, reading the Word,

and witnessing when we ought. Jesus said, "...and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in all Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8) If we don't endure, we will cease to witness and testify. Endurance is the power that brings us on our way as we press on to the Celestial City, whose Builder and Maker is God eternal. "To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,..." (I Ptr. 1:4). Only through the mercies of God, through Jesus' precious Holy Spirit, through the blood of Jesus, are we able to really walk in the light and let Him lead us. Praise the Lord.

In the life of endurance there is a forward motion, not a reverse motion. I was preaching one time in 1941 when the Lord showed me that instead of moving forward, the world was living in reverse. Jesus said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness..." (Mt. 6:33). When we seek, first, the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, it takes much endurance and prayer. Unless we endure and pray much, we start living in reverse. We go according to the world. Instead of seeking, first, the Kingdom of God, we seek our own interests, our own loves and pleasures. We seek the things of this world instead of dying to self to take the lesser things. Jesus said, "And everyone that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life." (Mt. 19:29) It requires quite a bit of endurance to forsake everything, doesn't it? This walk is full of endurance, from the very first gate to the last second of entry into eternal life, into the Celestial City.

Joseph persevered through slavery. He went right on, and because of a terrible incident, he was placed in prison. He had to endure as much in prison as he did in slavery or in the pit. He was lonely and forsaken. It was difficult for him, but he endured the life of the prisoner. Because he was faithful in endurance, God gave him a revelation for the baker and the butler, and both revelations came true. In the life of endurance and faithfulness God sometimes gives revelations and gifts. The scriptures tell us that the Holy Ghost is given to them that obey Him. There are those who say, "When we are converted, we have as much of the Holy Spirit as we want." But I believe that as we follow in obedience, He baptizes us in the Holy Ghost. As we follow Jesus in obedience, we re-

ceive our sight. If the blind man had not obeyed Jesus in going to the pool of Siloam, he would never have regained his sight.

In another instance Jesus couldn't heal one man in the town. He had to take him outside the city limits, then tell him not to go home through the town. In other words, the man wasn't to talk about his healing, but he was to go home another way. He had to persevere. He wanted to see the people whom he had known all his life and had never before seen. He wanted to see some buildings and trees and children, but he could not. He had to endure the commandment of going another way. Many times we wonder why we can't do this or that, but we are supposed to do only as God would have us do. He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved.

As we pray, rejoice, and win souls to Jesus, we come to childlikeness. We are able to make it as we look to Him and press on, not going through the town, but unto the will of God. Self will want to go through the town and see some old friends. We have to persevere and deny ourselves to go the way He tells us. That doesn't mean we won't get to see many beautiful sights, experience beautiful things, or be happy. If we endure faithfully in the life of obedience, it will be wonderful to see how the Holy Ghost works to give us great joy, which comes as we press to Jesus. When we obey Him, He is merciful to help us, to deliver us, to reveal Himself to us, and to keep and provide for us. Did you know that there is provision in the life of endurance? Whenever He can find men or women who will endure faithfully, He will supply all their needs according to His riches in glory, by Christ Jesus. Isn't that wonderful? In the life of endurance I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. There is also abiding in the life of endurance. "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." (Jn. 15:7)

We need to recall and to remember, for God's Word says: "Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number." (Jer. 2:32) When we don't endure faithfully, we forget. We let the things that so easily beset us take over. Then we cease the life of endurance and begin to live the life of self-assertiveness. When we live the life of endurance, we find direction and guidance from the Lord. As we follow in obedience, He reveals that which crucifies

and slays us. Self will say, "Give up. Try another way. Don't go through all this suffering." They who suffer with Jesus will reign with Him. We don't plan or arrange to suffer; it just comes at times. God knows how to work with us to bring us to the place of entire sanctification and surrender. If we will press to live this life of endurance, great peace, victory, and joy will be found.

We thank the Lord for all of you who have pressed upward to Jesus, who have prayed and held on for us. We thank the Lord for Oliver and Barbara Hogue coming to Parker City five years ago this June eighth to pray for us. God is helping them and helping us. We thank Jesus for helping all of you who help us, and sacrifice for us. Thank you for holding on and enduring our inabilities, our littleness, and neediness. Praise the Lord. We are thankful to Jesus for our staff and secretaries, and for our financial secretary who has been with us for twenty-eight or nine years. We thank the Lord for all of the wonderful works of His love and grace. We express appreciation to those at Harmony Press for all of their help to us. It has been a great gift and blessing to have their assistance.

Heavenly Father, we pray for all who are suffering in the head today, that You will lift this suffering. We pray also for those who have something peculiar just above the stomach and slightly below the rib cage, that Thou will heal those persons who have this situation in their bodies. We pray for the knee problem. (When I say this, The Lord operates in my heart.) We pray, dear Jesus, for the arteries and the valves of the heart that need healed, as persons read this newsletter. (When I say 'the valves' the Lord operates in my heart.) We praise Thee for saying, "I am with thee," as we pray for the walls of the heart. We pray that You will heal the arteries also, for many arteries are plugged because we have eaten so many foods high in cholesterol. We pray for these situations, dear Jesus. You operate in my heart that some have pancreas trouble. We pray that You will go in and take care of that for Your glory today.

Jesus, there is also the spleen, the intestines, the gall bladder. (The Lord touches my heart on gall bladder.) Jesus, would You heal those with gall bladder trouble as they read this letter? We pray that the gall bladder will be healed, that the stones will disappear, and that the infection will fade away. We pray for those who have trouble in the male and female organs.

(The Lord tells me there is a brother who has some trouble.) We pray that You will heal those organs, Jesus. We pray for the bones, the legs and the blood. (The Lord operates in my heart on blood.) We pray for this blood disease or infection. There may be one or more persons who have this, and I believe it is more than one. Let Thy healing go into these dear ones who have these blood disorders, for Thy glory. We pray that all of them will give Thee the praise in Heaven for Thy healing and then endure to the end by rejoicing, by yielding, by becoming like a little child, and giving Thee all the glory and praise. Amen. The Bible says: "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him..." (2 Chr. 16:9).

I received a letter the other day from Rev. and Mrs. Everett Hogue. Opal did the writing and she said, "Oh, Brother Helm, my husband has read the May 5th letter three times and he thinks it is the best ever. While I am writing to you he is re-reading it." We owe this all to Jesus, for only He alone can help us to know what to do. When precious Charles Henry took the letter to Harmony Press to be printed, he reached in one of the files at the office and picked up a tape of the sermon I preached in 1977 on lifting Jesus. He said, "It helped me so much! It was one of the best sermons, I believe, I have nearly ever heard, by God's grace and to Jesus' glory. I listened to it all the way up there and all the way back." After he had read the newsletter he said, "What God has done for me in this letter!" If I could tell you of the anointing he had in giving God the glory for how He worked with him in

the letter, it would stir the hearts of every one of you. It would help lift you up out of drowsiness, out of heart-aches. It would help lift you above some things that have pressed you down. He was really happy. Praise God. I was very thankful for that report and we owe it all to Jesus, the Holy Ghost.

Thank you for writing to us. We want to express appreciation and gratitude for those who have the vision to help support us. We are unworthy of all the wonderful gifts He gives. Praise the Lord. Please remember to pray for Reimar Schultze's flight to Florida on the fifth of June, and for our return flights home on the seventh, that God would grant good weather and good to excellent flights. Again, thank you for praying for us. We trust that all of you will be victorious as you pray in Jesus' high and holy name.

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost,

Loran W. Helm

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p.s. We are returning to Parker City on June 7th, so please direct your correspondence to our Indiana address:

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SPECIAL NOTICE

Florence's (Mrs. Loran Helm) birthday is June 27. For those of you who would like to join us in showering her with birthday greetings, love, blessings, and gifts, please direct them to their Parker City address.

Revival For Our Day, Inc.

June 22, 1993

Dear ones in Christ Jesus, our Savior;
Greetings in the Holy Ghost.

On the morning of June 1, 1948, I arose, packed some clothes, and after giving my wife five or ten dollars, left home to pick up Reverend and Mrs. Homer Pumphrey and their two children. Together, we began a journey to Irvington, Illinois for a revival that the Lord had revealed in August, 1943.

One day when Homer and I were having fellowship together in 1943, I said to Homer, "Pray, because I believe that tonight God is going to reveal to you where the revival will take place." That night Homer fell into a deep sleep, and when he opened his eyes, in a dream, he was standing at his home place in Irvington, Illinois on the old Baptist orphanage lot where he played baseball with the orphans. The Holy Spirit spoke to him, "On the old baseball field at the orphanage is where you will hold the meeting."

Later, Homer and I traveled to Irvington to see about the lot and a tent. When Homer's mother learned that the revival was to take place on the old baseball field, she said, "This cannot be. It is not possible because I have known the man who owns this lot since I was a little girl. He is German Reformed. He is not one who would think a tent revival would be in order. I just know he wouldn't let you have the lot." Homer and I went to the oil fields a few miles away to find him and I gave him the whole background of the revelation. After I had finished sharing, he said, "That is wonderful. You may have the lot. The only request I make is that you not allow cars to pull in on it when it is raining. It is your lot anytime. It doesn't make any difference when, just whenever you feel God wants you to have it. You may have the lot for nothing." When we returned to Mother and Dad Pumphrey's, Mother Pumphrey said, "I have to believe it, even though I can't grasp it." She knew it was a vast, immense, and wonderful answer to prayer.

When we went to the tent and awning company to procure a tent, I only had a few dollars in my pocket. The company wanted two hundred dollars for the tent and two hundred chairs, which was out of the question because we had no one to help us financially. I said, "The Lord knows how to make the way." As we cried out to God together, I said to Homer, "I will go home and pray and trust. The Lord, someday, and in His time, will help us."

I boarded the train in Irvington and came home. I took the bus from Muncie to Hartford City, carrying my Bible and old black luggage. When I got off the bus in Hartford City, I saw our car, for my wife had come downtown to get something. I was so glad to see my wife and children. We were all happy and delighted. I put my luggage in the trunk, and we all got into the car. My wife said, "I just received a letter from Sister Heintze (a woman truly led of the Holy Ghost) from Cameron, Texas. She had had a dream, a vision, last Sunday evening." Her letter stated that in her dream she had fallen into a deep revelation. She said, "I saw you, Rev. Helm, and your wife, praying by your bed. You arose and took what belongings you had and put them on the end of a stick. You threw them over your shoulder, kissed your wife goodbye and left the front door of your home to go out through field after field. There was only an occasional tree; just a shrub now and then." She said, "You know, I watched you for the longest time until you came to an unbridgeable river. I saw you stand and look to the right and to the left of this unbridgeable stream. Then you went down into it and were submerged. I looked for you for a long, long, long time; I don't know how long." Then she saw me coming up through a field, heavy with beautiful golden grain. She said, "I heard a voice say, 'I will make the way plain.' Brother, as I see it from here, there is nothing to worry about. Just press on, and God will help you to win souls; He will take care." My wife and I were excited about the letter. Even if we didn't have the money for a tent, we knew we were to simply trust and wait.

In 1945, God revealed to me that my father and mother were to go to the Kimmell, Cromwell, and Wolf Lake Circuit. My father wanted to stay where they were, for the people loved them very much and they had a modern parsonage with a bathroom and two churches with good attendance. He had thoughtful laymen who knew how to take care of him and be a help, but the Lord revealed to me in prayer in 1945 that he was to go to Kimmell Circuit. An elder had written him a letter ten days before, saying, "Mr. Helm, please consider going to Kimmell Circuit. I would like for you to go there if you would be willing." When my father shared that with me, the Holy Ghost revealed that he was to go.

My wife and I went with him that first day, and I was under such anointing at all three churches that you would have thought I was the pastor.

The Holy Ghost was upon me so sweetly that I had to work to keep quiet. We were so marvelously moved and had such a great time that when Claude Swartz came down the middle aisle to where my wife and I were, I saw a light on his face. Our fellowship in the Holy Ghost began, and Claude and I became very close.

I would like to share that on March 17th of this year, I called Lillian Hersey, whom my father and I had married in 1946. I was privileged to lead her to Jesus in January of that year, and in just a few weeks she married Darrell Hersey. My wife sang "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us," at their wedding. The Lord led me to call them on their fortieth wedding anniversary to wish them a happy anniversary. Two years later, Darrell died. Lillian has been faithful and is an old-time Christian. She is a saint of God, a mother in Israel. When I called, on March 17, she said, "Oh, Loran, you and Florence have been on my heart so strongly. Jesse Swartz is in the hospital with a heart attack. We don't know how bad it is, and she and Claude need your prayers." I began to pray for them that day, (Wednesday) and on Saturday Jesse came home from Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

I called Claude and Jesse at home, and we had a wonderful time sharing together, for the joy of the Lord was so precious. She said, "Loran, do you remember being here with us? (I was there scores of times in the forties, fifties, sixties and seventies.) Do you remember the time you and Claude and I and our youngest son, Lowell, were sharing together, and the Holy Spirit came into the room? Do you remember how God helped you to lead Lowell to Jesus?" We had a precious time of review. Jesse said, "Loran, do you know that you are one of my husband's most wonderful, best, earthly friends?" They were such a help to me when I was in great trial. We would have fellowship together, for which I was very thankful.

At the time Lillian Hersey was saved, in 1946, my father was holding a meeting at Wolf Lake. When we thought that the meeting would surely close, the Lord revealed to me that we were to continue on. After another two weeks, my father thought it would end, but when I went upstairs to pack my clothes and hurry home to my wife, as I reached for the clothes, the Lord spoke to me in my heart, "Pray." I turned and went back downstairs to awaken my father, who was asleep on the old couch. I said, "Father, we cannot close the meeting tonight." He

replied, "Is that right?" We went into the third week, and I cannot tell you how many souls were saved in that week. We were privileged to lead an old gentleman, who could neither read nor write, to Jesus.

I felt sure the meeting would close then, but when I tried to close, the Lord said it was not yet time. We continued on through the fourth week, and on the first day of the fifth week, as I entered the pulpit, I saw that Grover Brown, his wife, Ruth, and their daughter, were there. Ruth said to me later that as I entered the pulpit to pray, the Lord spoke to her, "Here is your evangelist for Oak Grove." She had been praying for two years for God to send someone to Oak Grove, and the revelation God gave her that night pivoted on the leading He gave me to continue the revival beyond the third week.

We began the meeting at Oak Grove on April 1, 1948. As I sat in the Sunday School class that morning, preceding the worship service, I listened to the man who taught the class. He was a graduate of a liberal school. I prayed silently, "Jesus, I desperately need help here at Oak Grove." As I sat in that Sunday School class I didn't know what message to bring. I cried out to God for wisdom to know what to say. The Bible says that if a man needs wisdom, let him ask of God, Who giveth to all men liberally.

The Lord then led me to preach on the text, "At evening time it shall be light." I began by sharing about John and Mary. John was a young man who dated Mary, who was from a Christian family. They were married, and I shared how they were converted and began in family prayer. I took them through family prayer, then the birth of their first child, and then another. I went through the whole picture of salvation, of how families should live together, of how we are to be thoughtful of one another. The glory began to fall, and people laughed in the Holy Ghost. My wife said that if it could have been on video, she would have never wanted to lose it. I wouldn't either. My wife, in all our years of preaching, has never heard me preach like that, before, or since. The Lord helped me so much that the people were laughing in appreciation, in beauty, in wonder, and in marvel.

The next night, the people all came back. I want to note here that this church had only three families who ever attended revivals. The other families (around seventy) never came to a revival. Each night the people returned. Many people in the church, including

some of the officials, were converted, and the Sunday School superintendent was at the altar. His brother, Fred, was the song leader. He had a beautiful singing voice. The Lord told me at the end of the third week that I couldn't close the meeting. I wanted to because I thought the people were tired, but the Lord said, "No."

We continued the meeting, and on the following Tuesday night, during the altar call, down the aisle of the church came Wayne Bechtel, a man thirty-nine years of age, who had never known Jesus. He was a farmer who lived in a brick home about half a mile east of the church, on the north side of the road. He and his wife invited Florence and me to eat with them that evening. I was sitting in the living room with Wayne, while the women were in the kitchen, and he said to me, "They told you, didn't they, what happened last Sunday night?" I said, "No," and he replied, "When you were speaking, God told you not to end the meeting. When we got home that night, we turned all of the lights off and went to bed. There were no lights on inside, or outside the house. When I got into bed and lay down, a light came right above me." Wayne said he was startled; he got up and opened the blinds, but there was no light in sight. He said, "I would get back in bed and that light would come right back above the bed again, but every time I would get up, I could find no trace of a light. I said, 'Jesus, if you will spare my life until Tuesday night, I will give You my heart.'" Wayne had an obligation on Monday night, but on Tuesday, he walked down the aisle, took me by the hand and met Jesus. He told me years later that this revival was the greatest thing that had taken place in that community for a quarter of a century.

Several years later, while Wayne was living in Fort Wayne, Indiana, he and his family opened their home to David Loran Bagley; David worked for Otis Wells at that time. I took David to Fort Wayne, and while I was there I went to the hospital to see an old friend, Henry Losh, who was very ill and near death. When I went to his room, he wasn't there, so I came back out and started to walk to my left. When I turned left I saw Dale Milner. While in a revival, led of the Holy Ghost in 1951, the Lord led me miraculously to the Friends Church, where Dale received a call to the ministry. One year before that, a friend of Dale's, by the name of Roger Willis, attended my father's church on a Sunday morning. "I have a friend I want you to pray for," Roger said. Everyone had gone home except my wife, my

father, and me. I began to bombard heaven for Roger's friend. He didn't tell me that it was Dale Milner, but I prayed for Dale, and the glory fell. The Lord told me that he would be changed in one year. One year later, at the Friends Church, he received, under the power of the Holy Ghost, a call to the ministry. Dale was now chaplain of the Parkview Hospital and had been for many years. I hadn't seen him in a decade or two, but I recognized him, and exclaimed, "Oh, Dale!" He said, "Why, brother! I thought you were one of the doctors here!"

After my wonderful meeting in the hallway with Dale, I went back to the room to look for Henry, and there he was. He was in great darkness. I took this man by the hand and began to pray (as I had been doing for some years). While I was praying, I had my eyes closed. Son James said to me a little later, "Dad, I want to tell you that when you prayed, the gloom went out of him and a light came in." The darkness left and a light appeared after all those years of waiting. All of that was connected with Wayne Bechtel, who was saved in that last week of the Oak Grove meeting, where Mrs. Brown had prayed for two years for me to come. Just think of how we were timed at the hospital with precious Dale Milner whom we had been privileged to pray for years earlier. I want you to see that this is all the background leading up to the revelation to leave for the Irvington, Illinois meeting on June 1, 1948.

After the Oak Grove meeting ended, and we had all gone home, I became burdened for one of Homer's friends, Phillip Stanley, who lived in Redding, Pennsylvania, and whom I had never met. The Lord revealed to me that he was carrying a great burden. Homer said, "We really can't go to see him now." Homer wasn't feeling well and didn't have any money. I replied, "I will take my offering from the Oak Grove revival," and so, doing that, we began our journey to Redding, Pennsylvania, in our old car. Homer had to lie down, and it took a hundred and eighty miles of prayer for him to feel well enough to sit up. When we arrived in Redding, we were greeted by Phillip. I said, "God has revealed to me that we are to stay at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel." "Oh no," replied Phillip, "you don't want to stay there. It is a ritzy place." "That is where He has told me to stay," I said. When we entered the hotel and registered, I was carrying my Bible and the same old black luggage. The bellhop, forty-two years of age, carried our luggage up to our room and I handed him a thin dime. (A dime in 1948 would be worth a little over a

dollar now.) When he set our luggage down in that beautiful hotel room he said, "I used to be one of you men who was called to the ministry, but I got discouraged and gave up." I said, "Oh, please, my brother. It is important that you come back. God loves you. Don't let anything disturb you, or stop or discourage you." We then knew why we were sent to the Abraham Lincoln Hotel.

When we had prayer with Phillip Stanley and his mother, God delivered Phillip from entering a wrong marriage. He then married the right one and years later became a missionary in India. God, then, revealed to me that we were to go on to New York City, where I had never been. This took place in May of 1948. When we arrived in New York City, the Lord revealed to me that we were to stay at the Hotel Lexington. Homer and I had a marvelous time there sharing things of the Kingdom of God with the maid, and were privileged to be at Times Square, when the announcement was made that Israel had become a nation, after hundreds of years of wandering. It was truly a significant time.

On our return journey, we arrived in Pittsburgh at about four to five o'clock in the evening. There, we picked up my car, which we had left, to take the train on into Redding. As we started out, the generator began to malfunction. I pled with Jesus, "Oh, Jesus, we have been on a trip that You sent us on, and I ask You, Jesus, to get into this generator and make it charge." Right then the hand on the dial went over to the charge area and we drove the three hundred miles home.

On our return from New York City, Jesus revealed to me that we were to leave for Irvington, Illinois on June 1, for the revival which God had revealed to me in August of 1943. On June 1, 1948, I left home to pick up Homer and Rebecca, their precious family, and all of their luggage. We drove three hundred miles to Irvington, Homer's hometown. We arrived at his parents' home, and the next morning I went over to see Uncle Earnest and Aunt Maude. Homer's Mother and Aunt Maude were sisters. We got into a meeting, and the joy of the Lord came down. While I was sharing, a broom salesman knocked on the door. I continued sharing about the Kingdom of God, and when I had finished, Homer told me that the broom salesman had been there. This gentleman had heard me talking, and he said to Homer, "I am an evangelist. I live in Mt. Vernon and travel as an evangelist for the Church of God. I have a tent and I take it wherever I am led to have a

meeting." I replied, "Homer, that is wonderful," but Homer said, "I want to tell you, though, that he told me the tent is used only when he goes to an evangelistic meeting." I prayed for an hour or two and said, Homer, come with me. We are going to Mt. Vernon, Illinois, twenty-five miles away." (This salesman could have been in scores of places within a radius of twenty-five miles, but God got him to Uncle Earnest and Aunt Maude's front door right after we arrived.) We had been waiting for this revival to take place for nearly five years.

As Homer and I were driving to Mt. Vernon, Homer asked, "How can we find a broom salesman in a city of a few thousand?" I replied, "The Lord has revealed to me how to find him." I found him in just minutes after our arrival. The Lord told me to go to the pastor of the Church of God and he would know where to find this salesman. I went to the place where I was told, and he was sitting on the front porch of his trailer, visiting with a family. He said to us, "I wasn't expecting to see you so soon." I shared with him the entire revelation that God had given me in 1943, in the month of August. I shared how the Lord had led, how He sent me to New York, and how He helped me to pray for a young man who was about to enter into the wrong marriage. I told him how this young man, later, married the right person and became a missionary in India.

After about thirty to forty minutes of sharing about the Kingdom of God, the broom salesman said, "Say, something just came to me. You men are servants of Jesus. You may come early in the morning to get my tent. It is nine miles south of the city at my brother's farm." I said, "What!" And he replied, "Yes, you may come early in the morning because I am going to let you use my tent." I said, "Oh, brother, we are so unworthy." We didn't ask him for the use of the tent. We just shared our experiences. I arose early the next morning and Homer said, "I am not able to go," so I went by myself back to Mt. Vernon. I wanted to take this precious man to breakfast, but he wouldn't let me pay for the meal. The Lord took care in that way, because I only had five to six dollars in my pocket. After breakfast we drove the nine miles to his brother's farm to hook up the trailer, which was the pulpit. He had the organ, all the song books, all the lighting, and boards for seating two hundred people. He had everything we needed in that trailer. It was a miracle that God ever got him to the door of Uncle Earnest and Aunt Maude's home at the very time we were there. He had everything, we didn't

ask for anything, and yet God provided all that we needed. We had nothing but trust and faith. The Lord helped us in such a realm of wonder that we cannot praise Him enough for the way He led.

This gentleman wanted to tie the big poles to the side of my car, and the tires on the right side of my car were already into the fabric. I tied the poles on the left side so that the weight would be on the side where there was rubber on the tires. We drove thirty-four miles to the lot where the tent meeting was to be held. As we drove onto the lot, Jesus spoke to me in my heart, in inner revelation, that a storm was coming in so many hours. (It was as beautiful a day in June as I have ever seen.) I said to him, "We will have to wait to put the tent up." However, he went ahead and put it up, and the storm hit at four-thirty that morning. It took limbs off the trees three to four hundred feet from that tent. Now I want you to know that this tent was a patched up one. It was very old and not in good shape. One hundred and eighty rods from us a man and his wife were building a new home. They had purchased a brand new tent, and the wind pulled those steel rings right out of the canvas. I was very burdened for this storm and cried and pled with God for protection. When Uncle Earnest came the next morning, he said, "It is a marvel to me, but that old tent is down flat, and the only thing wrong with it is one corner. Rebecca can sew it up in twenty minutes." And she did.

The Lord told me to start the meeting on the 10th of June. Homer's parents and Uncle Earnest said, "You will not be able to get electricity. When our Methodist family came they went to the Illinois Power and Light Company and it took them three weeks to get electricity. You will have three weeks to wait." I prayed and then went to the Illinois Power and Light Company and said, "I would like to speak to a person who could help me." I was ushered into the private office of a certain gentleman and began to share with him how Jesus had revealed to me in 1943 that we were to hold a tent meeting in Irvington, Illinois. I gave him the background and he replied, "You know, this is really something. I married a Helm. My wife is a Helm. I will have a truck out there this afternoon and you will have electricity today." The Lord gave us a miracle, which caused Homer's people to believe. God miraculously answered prayer.

God helped us so wonderfully.

Rebecca played the organ, Homer led the singing, and I did the preaching. The first Sunday we went to the German Reformed Church, and on the next Sunday we went to the Methodist Church. Homer's mother said that in all her life she had never seen the churches quite so close as they were then. Even though there weren't many at that revival, we tried to encourage the people there in Irvington, Illinois. This took place in June of 1948, and here it is forty-five years later, June, 1993.

I would like to share a little word concerning the words of Jesus, "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 18:3) I pray for all of us to have unity, to be one as the Father and Son are one. I pray that there be no divisions among us, that we all speak the same thing, that we be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. I would that all ministers would preach this. So many are just preaching about repenting of our sins and we will have eternal life. Jesus said that we are to be converted and become as little children.

Some time ago I was sharing with Dr. John Scott Reece about the fact that we have to die, to persevere in obedience and listen to the voice of Jesus. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:" (Jn. 10:27) He said that if we do not become as little children after conversion we will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. This precious doctor agreed with me that it is easier to become a medical doctor than it is to persevere to become like a little child. I also shared with my Jewish doctor in Florida a few years ago about the fact that we have to persevere to be obedient and follow Jesus. His reply was, "I can agree with that."

We must, by the grace of God, and through the blood of Jesus, die out to the carnal nature which is in all of us. "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9) I believe that only through God in Christ can we ever know how desperately wicked the heart is. If we don't obey every leading of the Holy Spirit, our inner thoughts begin to plan our lives. We begin to arrange that which is good and religious. Jesus wants to lead us. The Bible says in Romans 8:14: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." He wants to lead the church. Jesus sanctified Himself that we also might be sanctified, that we all may be one. All Christians are to become one as God and Jesus are one.

My burden for many years has been for the people of the church. People are so easily offended. If we don't obey the Holy Spirit, we are easily upset. If things don't go just as we think they should, we get offended. This kind of spirit is very wounding and hurtful in a church. God's Word says that nothing shall offend His people. If we have a tendency to talk about people and see their faults and weaknesses, their shortcomings, we do not have a sanctified heart and cannot be led of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is pleading with us to love and encourage people, to follow Him. We must continuously resist Satan, because it is the tendency of man not to like this or that. The unsanctified heart cannot be pleased. Self cannot please its own self. The spirit of offense is a very dreadful spiritual disease. It destroys, crushes, and hurts. If we are going to have a church, we must be faithful and follow what Jesus leads by the Holy Spirit. The only way a church can exist is when the people have a spirit of thanksgiving, a spirit of appreciation, a spirit of compassion; this only comes by the Holy Spirit, through the precious blood cleansing us. If we talk about people, complain, and get offended, we are not really the church. We are just a group of religious people talking about religious things. God's people are one. This is what Jesus prayed. As long as we are carnal and not willing to die to self continuously, self will come back in and arrange things in the self-assertive life. We need to live a life of self-denial, in obedience, to become as little children, to love all people as Jesus loves us. God's Word says, "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them." (Ps. 119:165)

We have no strength of our own. We have nothing to boast about, save to cling to the cross of Christ. A charge to keep we have, a God to glorify. We must serve this present age, our calling to fulfill. Oh, may it all our powers engage, "yours and mine," to do God's precious, sacred, holy will, to maintain balance, humility, and sweetness, without a dictatorial or pressing spirit, but with a childlike spirit to fulfill God's will on earth as it is in Heaven. It takes much prayer and trust in the Lord. We must not lean to our own understanding. Most all mortals, since the fall of Adam, have leaned to their own understanding. The Lord did not call us to do that. We must die out to self and follow as the Holy Spirit leads, that we may be sanctified, cleansed and filled with the Holy Spirit, that we may live holy lives

with our companions and children, with our neighbors and enemies. We must press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. From the days of John the Baptist until now, Jesus said, the Kingdom of Heaven is preached and every man presses into it.

I am seventy-seven years old and have never heard it preached. Jesus said, in the thirteenth verse of the thirteenth chapter of Mark, "...but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." He also said, in the last part of the fourteenth verse of the seventh chapter of Matthew, that few would find this life. He states in Luke 13:24: "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." This message must be preached so that we, in the church, can see that we must not arrange our own lives, but follow Jesus, humbly, as little children.

Thank you for praying for us. There is nothing in us, save His grace, His power, His true holiness and cleansing blood, His Holy Spirit. The Lord is able to lay it upon the hearts of men and women to see His Kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven, which is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Thank you for your support, your prayers, your fasting on our behalf. Our need is great, but God is able to supply all our need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Thank you, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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p.s. I want to share a wonderful report with you that I received from Dalton Landers. When he read A Voice in the Wilderness for the seventieth time, he laughed and he cried and he laughed and he cried. After that he thought he would let Daniel Light read it to him on cassette tape. That went on for some time, and then he decided to read it again for his seventy-first reading. He told my brother Edward's wife, Jackie, "You tell Brother Helm that I got more out of the first paragraph of the seventy-first reading than I had the previous seventy." We were encouraged, giving God all the glory, Jesus all the praise for what He has done, for what He is doing, and for what He will do as we follow Him. Praise the Lord.

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

"If thou but suffer God to guide thee,..."
(Methodist Hymnal, P. 272)

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." (Rm. 8:14)

"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)

"Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." (Mk. 8:34b)

"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it." (Mk. 8:35)

"If thou but suffer God to guide thee." St. Francis of Assisi read about suffering in the scriptures. He saw that suffering was the great part of Christianity, so he threw himself into a thorn bush to try to create it. The suffering I want to share about is spiritual suffering.

Adam and Eve refused to suffer to the extent of denying themselves. With one or two exceptions, mankind has gone to the cemetery ever since. The relationship between suffering and obedience is the inner life of denial resulting in the death of self so that He may guide us. Adam and Eve lacked the willingness to suffer God to guide them. Because they refused to suffer, mankind has suffered the consequences ever since.

God searched to see if He could find someone who would be willing to suffer Him to guide them. When He walked in the Garden, Adam and Eve hid themselves. How far can we hide before we receive the revelation of the urgency of spiritual suffering? of inner denial? We can pray, preach and know the Bible by heart, but not be willing to suffer God to guide us. He finally found one who gave a good offering, but those who would not suffer holiness of heart destroyed it and took it away. He asked one of His servants to go to a city, but Jonah would not suffer himself to be denied. He chose to go to Tarshish and placed all the people on the ship in jeopardy and upheaval.

Concerning the parable of the prodigal son, what if the young man had been willing to suffer to be guided, to suffer the inner denial necessary for him to assume his place? If he had been willing to deny himself to be faithful, and had not gone into a

world of wild living, life would have been different for his family. They would have escaped loneliness, hurt, and other kinds of suffering.

This is an illustration of what happens when we do not deny ourselves and take up the cross to suffer. We put everyone around us in a hard place. We bring disappointment to our families. We go out into the world and cause others to suffer. Because the prodigal son did not deny himself, he lost everything he had and brought upon himself the suffering of hunger. He not only had spiritual hunger, but physical hunger. He was cut off from the relationship of communion. We crush friendships when we do not suffer to deny self.

Now let us look at the faithful one who stayed at home and suffered. He had to carry his brother's load as well as his own. He could be counted upon, but the toll on the flesh brought a great disappointment to him. He experienced a great hurt on his brother's return. He wanted him to come back. He needed him to return very much, but he had forgotten to suffer himself to be denied. The younger brother had placed a heavy burden on him because he wasn't willing to stay faithful. The elder brother had to suffer many things to take up his brother's responsibilities.

Many people don't assume their responsibility in the church. At times they will be faithful and are a great help to the local church, but suddenly they are gone, allowing trips, families, jobs, minor illnesses and cares of the world to lure them away. They depart and do not suffer to be faithful, to persevere, even through death or suffering, or things that come upon the physical body. There are wonderful families in the church who are in services for awhile, and then they are not there. When this occurs, it places a great suffering on the church and on the pastor.

Two Sundays ago we had such a great time in church, but there were many families who had situations that prevented them from coming. I missed them and longed for them to be in on what the Lord had given us. The prodigal son went his own way because he wasn't willing to suffer God to guide him. He wasn't willing to deny himself. He wanted to experience things that were not of the kingdom. Many people want to do that. They may not live a wild life, but they want to try other things. They want to visit or take extra jobs to make more money. When

this younger brother came back, his family had a jubilee to celebrate his return. But the brother who had stayed faithful and suffered, reacted wrongly. He should have died out to self so that he would not resent his brother's jubilant homecoming.

When the prodigal son returned home, his older brother was disappointed and would not join in the celebration. He resented his younger brother's riotous living while having left him with great responsibility and work. He could not find room in his heart for rejoicing over the truly important thing, that of his younger brother's turning away from waywardness. Had the elder brother continually denied self during his younger brother's absence, his heart would have rejoiced at the return of his brother. It would have taken a great deal of self denial for the elder brother to reach this degree of sanctification, a place that only a few of us have ever reached. Consequently, we just go around in circles. We are not aware of it and don't see it. Maybe one or two will get the vision and say, "Oh, my, I never dreamed I created such chaos because I wasn't willing to suffer to be faithful, to deny myself from morning till night, to suffer myself to be true and obedient." The carnal nature in us gets miffed and is resentful and angry. You can't depend on it.

If we would but suffer God to guide us, we would avert many physical and mental storms. What would happen in our bodies or our spiritual, or mental lives, if we would deny self and do what is really the will of God? If everyone were willing to suffer God to guide them, there would be no crime, no alcoholism, no divorce, no conflicts. The Holy Spirit would be working with people to cleanse out of them that which causes these conflicts and selfish desires. The willingness to deny self would eliminate almost all problems and difficulties in life. Wonderful people are not willing to suffer inner denial. When we go on to make our own plans, we crowd Jesus out, and there is no glory or victory. Then when tragedies occur, instead of holding steady, we stop. I have only known a few who haven't let death stop them. They continued on and stayed faithful in service. If they had any kind of sickness, they were faithful in the face of it. No matter what the difficulty, they went on to suffer obedience in order to eliminate the suffering of others in the future. Because we have not been willing to suffer God to guide us, we have brought many things upon our own lives and then asked, "Why did this happen?"

It was because we didn't suffer inner denial from the moment of conversion and assume the cross, which would have cleansed out of us all of that which has brought trouble and suffering to our lives.

We can talk about all the great and wonderful blessings and miracles, but if we don't come all the way back to inner denial from conversion on, we are missing our purpose on earth. We create suffering because we are not willing, as individuals, as groups, as the church, to suffer inner denial. The Holy Spirit wants to guide every step of the way. He wants to guide us into all truth. He said that if any man is going to come after Him, let him deny himself. Who is able to ever find this out in a lifetime? It is the very core of Christianity. It is the very center. We work to get miracles and programs, but miss inner denial moment by moment. We miss obedience to Him and the crucifixion of the carnal nature continually. Paul had to die daily. Who is willing to suffer to die daily? to be guided? to be the church? We are living in reverse. Instead of seeking first the Kingdom of God, we want all the peripheral beauties. Only a few have been willing to suffer God to guide them.

At one point Jesus turned and asked those with Him, "Will you also go away?" They could not suffer His message or the fact that He was the Bread of Life. It was too hard. They left Him. They did not want to suffer His holiness, His Sonship to God. When they came to a crucial and hard time, they all fled. We flee from our responsibilities, our privileges. We do not suffer God to guide us and when we don't, we lose what is ours, what could be the salvation of the world through His work in the human heart. Who is going to teach us how to start and how to keep on track in the straight and narrow way? We do not realize that we can read, pray, talk and do all kinds of religious things, yet not really deny ourselves step by step. We can have church, but there is no power, no glory in the sanctuary. If the people were willing to suffer God to guide them, He would send the power of His presence.

The scriptures say that the very reason for following is to have the fruits of the Spirit. We read about it, but go right over the top of it. We do not suffer it to stay in our hearts because the flesh won't have it. It does everything it can to bypass and avoid suffering inner denial and God's will. The reason for the northern and southern kingdoms was because those who were at the very core would not suffer

God to guide them. It is why families break up and churches are powerless. We must deny ourselves continually because self is absolutely not willing to give up. It wants to reassert itself even after we have lived faithfully for days, weeks and months. Self tries constantly to get us away from suffering God to guide us.

For two thousand years God has been seeking a church that would be utterly dependent upon Him. Who is willing? We can know the Bible by heart. We can know theology. But if we don't deny ourselves and suffer God to guide us, we bypass the cross and have Christianity without the basics. Instead, we want great consolation or blessing. The human heart does not want to suffer God to guide. Self wants to be the leader.

When I was converted sixty-one years ago, and after returning home from the service that evening, just as my hand touched the gate, the Lord told me to go to the home of my basketball coach and have a prayer of thanksgiving with him for helping me at the altar. I didn't want to kneel at the altar that night. The devil didn't want me to go with Jesus. He didn't want me to walk this pathway of spiritual suffering. My high school basketball coach had come down the aisle of our crowded church that night and put his arm around me. How much did he have to suffer humility to come down in front of all those people? I had never seen him in that church before. What suffering do you think he went through to deny self to get down to me? He was a teacher in the school. How much suffering and pressing in humility and obedience did it require of him to come down and put his arm around me and say, "This is the right step to take. Don't let the school stand in your way. I am for you."? What kind of suffering did he experience in his shyness, quietness, and loneliness to press out? What kind of suffering did he have to go through?

After I was willing to resist the stubbornness in me, the sin, the self-desire, the unwillingness to suffer God to guide me, I finally said, "Oh, God, I don't want to be a ninety-nine percent Christian. I was born and raised in the church. Oh, God, please help me." Am I going to persevere to be willing to actually come to conversion, to begin the life of inner suffering? Are you willing? Who will be willing? Who will go for God? Instead of becoming fanatical or radical, He wants us to go with Him in humility and childlikeness. Who will suffer himself to become like a little

child? Has He ever found many in the ages who would suffer themselves to forsake all? How much suffering does it take to forsake all? to forsake father, mother, brother, sister, bishop, friends, minister, lover, and companion? What is required for us to persevere to this suffering of forsaking all? Have you forsaken all, including yourself? your will? your desire? He said that if I didn't, I couldn't be His disciple.

Can you hear me? When the Savior, the Perfect One, was here, they didn't hear Him. Possibly only one out of a multitude could hear. According to the nineteenth chapter of Luke, there wasn't one who heard Him. When He went home to be with a sinner, the multitude left Him. This reveals the fact that they hadn't been willing to suffer at all. They all forsook Him and murmured at Him because He went home to be with a sinner. Wouldn't it have been wonderful if they could have inwardly suffered? How much would they have had to suffer not to murmur? Now this is a volume. It might even be more than an encyclopedia. They had had a great meeting with Jesus, but when it came to the place of that which God willed, they murmured and they all left Him. Wouldn't it have been marvelous if, while they had been in that meeting, they had been willing to die sufficiently so that when Jesus went home with Zaccheus, instead of murmuring, they would have danced for glory and said, "I'm excited about His going home with Zaccheus." How much do we suffer before we cease to judge, complain or murmur?

"If thou but suffer God to guide thee." After Jesus spoke to me that night, I ran into the kitchen and said, "Oh, Daddy, I've got to go on a mission!" When I ran in to tell him that I had just gotten word to go have prayer with my coach, I didn't know anything about suffering. I was a long way from it. I was full of the desire to obey. I was to press out in the dark of night to make my way to a home I had never been to before to pray with a man because he had come down the aisle of the church to lift me out of an awful place. I hadn't suffered yet. I didn't know anything about spiritual suffering.

If we suffer with Him, we will reign with Him. How much suffering of the interior life is required to take the second step of obedience? of submission? Everyone wants happiness and blessing. We don't go to church to be slain of the things in us that keep us from spiritual suffering. We want things to be easy and lovely. Ever since the fall of Adam and Eve, we have

not suffered God to guide us. Spiritual suffering is involved with dying to the world. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." (I Jn. 1:15-16) How far will we come to suffer in the life of following in obedience and becoming like a child, that we might forsake all and deny ourselves?

Before I arrived at my coach's home, (Remember, this was my first time to deny myself.) when I crossed the bridge, the glory fell upon me and I shouted almost all the way there. I was against shouting and didn't want anything to do with it. I wanted to be dignified, but I lost my will for dignity. How much suffering did it take to get rid of it? Howard Moulton, my friend and a childhood companion, said, "I've never seen you like this." I had never been on a trip like this. But had I come to any suffering yet? No. I didn't even know spiritual suffering existed. How far from conversion do we go until we learn about it? How much spiritual suffering is required for us to deny ourselves that which prevents us from this place of holy suffering for Him. (This touches my heart in light!)

My basketball coach opened the door and there stood one of his geometry students and one of his basketball boys who had never been to his door before. He said, "I'm not surprised to see you. Come in here." He was expecting us. Who is expecting you on each trip of obedience? Who is going to be fed by you if you are faithful to suffer God to guide you? to speak? to be holy? to praise Him? How much spiritual suffering do we encounter to be filled with praise and adoration? What degree of suffering in obedience and death will bring us to that sphere of praise? When does the sufferer cease to praise? If we doubt or analyze, we cease our spiritual pact. If we murmur, we have left the willingness to be guided by Him. If we love self or anything of the world, it will rob us before we know it and will take all the suffering to do God's will out of us.

I believe I am in a very serious, sacred, beautiful place here. It is a place of revelation to teach us to begin the life of submission and surrender completely, entirely, wholly and happily to God. Where is He going to find men and women who are willing to forsake all and assume the cross,

maintaining spiritual balance not to injure, or disappoint, or press anyone? How much spiritual suffering is required in you and me to love everyone as He loves us? How long do we suffer before He can pour His love through us to obey, to do everything He wants us to do? "If thou would but suffer God to guide thee." How many, from conversion, have been willing to take this suffering place and assume it with happiness, with gladness, with inner death? What measure of suffering do we encounter on our first experience of obedience or of self-denial. Suffering always precedes obedience. It never follows.

Who will go for Him? Who will leave all? Who will forsake all at conversion? at transformation? Who is going to take this path? He looked around and said, "Will anybody stay with me." Most all of them left, and the ones who did stay for a while didn't suffer to the end. They ran when the cross appeared. Where can He find a people who will be faithful, wholly submissive in obedience, in spiritual suffering to follow Him. The carnal nature will say it is too hard and can't be done. We must say, "Self, you are a liar. You must be denied. You can't any longer hold me from the life of spiritual suffering. By the grace of God, you can't prevent me from persevering."

How far is it from conversion before we begin to become like a little child? What is the distance? How much suffering is required before we begin to become like a little child in utter dependence upon Him? What obstacles are there to prevent us from this holy place of spiritual suffering to follow and become like Him at home with our companion and children? Who is going to suffer to the place of this precious sacred city of submission? of holy dedication? How many times am I going to be obedient before I begin to learn what spiritual suffering is? There are many characteristics and traits within us to prevent us from beginning this life of inner suffering. Analyzation will cease the walk with God instantly. Questioning will crush it to death and we won't know anything about the spiritual walk with God. What does doubt do to the life of spiritual suffering? What does asking "why" do to the life of spiritual suffering? Are we filled with questions? If so, will suffering remain? Will we keep in this strain, or will we leave and take a walk in self again?

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could, by His grace and mercy, convince a few precious ones to forsake all? I've seen people attempt to do it, but they go into fanaticism, which ruins

everything. We have someone Who can help us. He is closer than a brother. He is the Friend of sinners, the Ancient of Days, the Everlasting Father, the Counselor. But if we are to follow Him, we must come to the life of surrender, submission, spiritual suffering, faithfulness, holiness, truth, rejoicing and wisdom. Would God pour wisdom into a heart that was willing to be childlike and suffer to be guided by Him? Would He be reluctant to withhold such a great gift? "If thou but suffer God to guide thee."

A very wonderful person, a man of means, wanted to know what the requirement was to come to eternal life. When Jesus gave him just a little bit of it, he went away sorrowful. Will we suffer? How much suffering does it require to forsake all or to do as He says? Suffering is not for us to flee from. It is for us to run to. Since the fall of Adam it has been in the reverse. How much suffering is required to seek first the Kingdom of God? How much do you and I have to be slain of this carnal nature to be willing to begin to know anything about the fringe of the alpha of spiritual suffering, to be led by Him and to be delighted to do so?

This life is so wonderful and He has given us everything. Dear beloved ones, will you suffer God to guide you? What suffering is required to find the steps of Jesus? What spiritual suffering do we enter into to find and not miss the steps of Jesus as we walk in the light and follow Him, our heavenly Father's Son, Who was with Him at the foundation of the world?

In 1942 I was in a revival at Mt. Carmel. When I went into the church the night of the second or third service, I entered into a realm that I didn't know existed. When I went home that night, I entered into a spiritual suffering I had never before known. I said to my wife, "I think I'm dying." I was experiencing spiritual suffering within my heart and within my being. I was in an indescribable realm. Look at what Jesus suffered before He arrived at the cross. Look at His suffering in loneliness. Who was going to stay with Him? Who was going all the way with Him? Who was going to confess their sins and take up the way of inner denial and the cross? I was suffering physically. I was suffering spiritually. My wife would come from the kitchen and stand by my bed. (And this operates in my heart.) I was in a spiritual place of being slain of this wickedness in me that would not allow me to suffer to be guided. I

had been walking with Him for years. I had been striving to obey Him for years.

As I was suffering, my wife would say to me, "I know it is God." Who would know that? If I hadn't had the right companion, they might have thought I was crazy, or odd, or off, or peculiar. She had lived with me and she didn't scold me or forsake me. The devil would have liked for her to leave, but she didn't, by God's grace. That suffering went on for days. Then the baptism of the Holy Ghost came upon me after two weeks of spiritual dying, spiritual crucifixion, spiritual suffering. He needed to cleanse out of me all the wickedness and deceitfulness. His Word says that the heart of man and woman is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, who can know it. No one on earth knows except that God reveal it. I was never again to judge anybody. I was never again to murmur, find fault, scold or complain about anyone. He revealed to me that it is wrong to do that. How much suffering do we go through to be taught that?

"If thou but suffer God to guide thee." How much did Jonah suffer? How much did Solomon suffer when he took his second wife? How much did Lot suffer? He couldn't suffer to be away from Abraham. Look at Lot's refusal to separate himself from the great man of God. He couldn't suffer the absence of Abraham, so the Middle East, as well as the rest of the world, is suffering. How much suffering would he have been spared if he had simply suffered to stay where he was? What if he had suffered not to go? How much suffering would he have escaped if he hadn't been in the fellowship of Abraham? But he wouldn't suffer to be away from him. He persevered from the place where he was supposed to stay and didn't suffer. He violated that suffering of loneliness and pressed to go with him, and then mankind fell into a terrible place. The upheaval has never ended. It has not ceased. All efforts to end it have failed. Lot's suffering would have prevented the upheaval way back in the beginning. How much suffering are we willing to submit to God?

What would the world have been like if only this precious one could have suffered to stay where he was instead of going on to be with this great, faithful man, this mighty man of faith? Can we perceive this truth, or is it too deep? He calls us to be His witness, to be His follower. Are we willing to suffer this? Are we willing to suffer to the place where we become, or will we go with Lot? The self in us wants to take us where Lot went, which was the land of disobedience.

"If thou but suffer God to guide thee." When do we cease? When do we begin? We begin by following in praise, adoration, obedience, and thanksgiving, and in forsaking analyzation, problems, battles, and things we don't understand. Don't dwell on that which you don't understand. It will instantly take you from spiritual suffering. "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)

It will be by God's grace that we will not stumble over ideas, good intentions, beautiful things, plans, or arrangements. Who is willing to suffer for God to be first in their life? When the twins were about a year-and-a-half old, I had to leave my wife when God told me to go to a place to pray. At that time she wasn't well and couldn't even get up off the couch to take care of the children. Did I suffer to leave her and the children to do what God had asked me to do? Who will suffer for God to guide them? The eyes of the Lord go to and fro throughout the whole earth, seeking to show Himself strong on the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him.

Aren't we in an oasis? I am so unworthy. I am clear down at the bottom somewhere. Don't get discouraged when you are on the bottom. Everything will roll down to you after a while. It may take a long time, but it will all come down. Whatever is yours will come in time. We work so hard to get what we want and what we like that we miss what is ours. I've got to deny myself so that He can lead. This is the secret which tells us of the circumstances of the world, of the church. How encouraged are we to begin the inner spiritual suffering to life, joy and fulfillment in Him, that we might lift our brothers' burdens, love our neighbors as ourselves and love everyone in all the world as He loves us? How much refining in my heart is required before He can love through me? This can be only by His mercy and through His grace. I trust that your hearts can hear this. I would that we could all be in the spiritual realm to follow, to be like Jesus and help everybody, to be willing to deny self sufficiently, continuously, so He can slay out of us that which is keeping us from suffering God to guide us.

hearted, the discouraged, the weary, the hurt, to those who are waiting to be healed, inwardly and outwardly. Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me." In taking the yoke, we come to rest. It is by His mercies we suffer God to guide us to His will, to His purpose, for His kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.

Thank you for all your prayers, for your compassion and understanding. It would be so wonderful if the one or ones who have the vision could share and help us as we endeavor to build this church. We trust it won't be just a building. It will be, unless we obey and give Jesus all the glory, God all the praise. We trust that His power, His kingdom, His holiness, His presence will indwell this church building so that when everyone comes in, God will operate in their hearts and deal with them. We trust that there will be nothing in us to prevent that, by God's grace, and through the blood of Jesus. When Solomon made an end of praying, the place was filled with His presence, His fire, so that it consumed the sacrifice and the priests could not even stand up. We need persons who will deny themselves and suffer God to guide them. The Holy Spirit will lead us into all truth and show us things to come as we follow. We also need help to lift the shield of faith by whence we are able to quench all the fiery darts of the enemy to have true Christianity, true submission, true obedience to His will as we rejoice and love everyone with the holiness and purity of God.

We want to express appreciation for our secretaries and staff, and for Harmony Press. We want to express much gratitude for all Thomas Harman and his people have done for us these many years. It has been a great gift, and has saved us thousands of dollars in the last few years. I would be grateful if you would take time to express in a letter or note your appreciation and thanksgiving for their assistance to us. Thank you for doing this for me. I trust you will remember to send your expression of kind appreciation to them. Thank you so much for all your prayers, sacrifice, and supplications to God on our behalf. We are unworthy but humbly grateful to God in Christ.

In Jesus' Name,

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p.s. I would like to share a word concerning conduct in denominational

He will guide us to the best, to the richest, to the fullest, to the rest that remaineth to the people of God. He will guide us to the lonely-

church services. When we go into a denominational church where persons do not know us, if we become happy, saying, glory to God, or amen, or praise the Lord, it hurts the church. It often offends those who may not be used to it. The people don't know what to do, so they draw back. We lose them because of an overzealous spirit. When we are in Waitings upon God or Revival For Our Day meetings, we have freedom, and we need it, but we need wisdom when we are in denominational churches.

I learned that one of our singers was in a Methodist church and pressed the people to praise the Lord. This person kept it up until it caused upheaval in the church. They didn't realize it, but they were trying to get the people to sing and praise the Lord, and this church wasn't used to it. Because of the pressure, there was an aftermath. We are used to shouting and praising the Lord, which I enjoy, but if a church is not used to it, it creates upheaval.

Paul said that we need to be all things to all people, so when we go into other churches, we need wisdom to know how to be quiet and praise the Lord softly within, and not offend people. We pray that each of us will have wisdom and understanding. We need to be informed so that we will not be an offense in denominational churches. If vocal rejoicing is in the flesh, it is repugnant anyway. When it is in the Holy Spirit, and we are in Revival For Our Day meetings, it is helpful.

We don't want to grieve the Holy Spirit, but we want to teach people

who don't know this. Many know it, but a few may not realize it. When they go to denominational churches, they conduct their behavior just as they would at a Waiting Upon God and the people of that church do not understand it. It then causes them to be withdrawn. Please pray about this so that we will have wisdom when we go to denominational churches where they are not used to demonstration in praising the Lord. It creates an aftermath that the people never get over unless God does a miracle.

When we go fishing, we don't make a noise if we want to catch any fish. If we go into certain congregations and are overzealous, we lose souls. While fishing in 1933 and 1934, Dad Spence told me, "Now don't make any noise. Don't make any sound at all, otherwise we won't catch anything." I have learned that when I go into a church that hasn't had revival, I need wisdom to know what to do. God can then work with individuals and they can come to the state of rejoicing, in time. But to press them into it, like some have tried to press people, is lack of wisdom. A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold and pictures of silver. We need to know how to pray, how to praise the Lord and when. The Israelites couldn't blow their trumpets all the time around that wall. It had to be done correctly. Most people know that we need wisdom, but a few are not aware of it.

We pray for help, for revival, for the work of the Holy Spirit. We need it so desperately so that we won't make a noise in the flesh which causes sensitive souls to retreat. Thank you for that consideration.

Revival For Our Day, Inc.

September 23, 1993

Dear Ones in Christ Jesus, Greetings in the Holy Spirit, the kingdom of God, which is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Some time ago I received a precious letter of invitation to hold meetings at Rev. Paul Mark Hill's church in Stockwell, Indiana. The Board of Evangelism and the Church Board had unanimously voted for me to come, but Paul Mark said to them, "Rev. Helm will come only as the Lord leads and at the time He leads. The services will be as the Lord leads in length. I do not know whether it will be one service or several services. He only goes as the Holy Spirit guides him." A board member spoke up, "What is better than that? We need God's guidance to have a revival." It was a very beautiful letter of invitation, and he signed it, "Your son in the gospel." We were so humbled, and deeply appreciative and grateful to our heavenly Father, the blessed Jesus, for this precious son in the ministry.

It has been my desire to go to Kokomo, to White Harvest, to Zion Unto Christ, to Fair Haven, to Mentone, and to churches in other states, but I did not have any leading until I received this precious letter from Rev. Paul Mark Hill. Since he has been in the pulpit he has told me I could come preach for him anytime, which I thought was so precious. When he introduced me on Sunday morning, the twelfth of September, he said to the congregation, "If it hadn't been for this servant who is just about to speak, in all probability I wouldn't be here."

Years ago when Paul Mark was in theological seminary he was very discouraged. The Lord got us together for a wonderful meeting and I told him, "If you will persevere and press, I believe that God, through you, will love, guide, and help people." So instead of going into sales work, which he thought he might do, he went into the ministry and God has used him miraculously and marvelously. His ability in preaching and speaking is extraordinary, for Jesus' glory, honor and thanksgiving.

Paul Mark shared with the people that I have known him since he was six years of age, and how he could hear his father and me pray together in their home when he was a little boy, and on through the years as we would have wonderful fellowship together. Some months ago his father, Rev. Paul F. Hill, called me and said, "I just

read your newsletter, and it helped my wife and me. I just had to call and share it with you." Since 1959, our fellowship together has been in full agreement. He has been supportive and the Lord has helped us. And now, years later, their son and his wife, Rebecca Sue (our niece) have a wonderful ministry in the church. We are very thankful to God for all that He has done.

The Holy Spirit was so gracious to grant help and healing during the meetings, for I had been suffering in my throat for some weeks previously. The Lord, through His mercy, and through the prayers of His saints, gave strength for us to proceed. The first service began on Sunday morning, September 12. There were about a hundred and sixty persons in attendance, and Paul Mark and Rebecca were so hospitable, kind and gracious to us. My brothers and nephew were with us, and they were very much appreciated and quite a blessing. The Lord gave us help from above. He gave us a time of joy, blessing, help and strength.

We were so thankful for Rebecca Sue, and for all the singers, pianists and song leaders. Joybelle Cox came with her two sons, and they sang beautiful numbers under a precious anointing. We also had with us Rev. and Mrs. Reimar Schultze, Rev. and Mrs. Oliver Hogue, Mr. Charles Henry and Mrs. Lynn Reece. We called Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Light to come and be with us for the last two services and they drove many miles from Owensville, Indiana to help us in these meetings.

I want you to know, dear ones, that the Lord gave me the power, the strength and the anointing to present the precious word of Jesus that Sunday morning in a manner for which I give Him all the glory and honor. Then on Sunday night He worked in a special way, and Oliver Hogue told me that he was reviewing some of the things the Lord had me to share because it stirred him up in a very dear way. He felt it was most important and he was very intrigued with it. We were in debt to Jesus for His guidance, blessing and anointing.

The Lord helped us again on Monday night, and only through God could we ever convey how He worked, led and guided. That evening before the service, we were praying about where we were to eat. The Holy Spirit showed me that we were to eat at the Olive Garden, and I didn't even know where it was located. There were about seven of us around the table that evening, and God gave us one of the most wonderful

times that Oliver thought we have had together around a table in twenty-seven years. It was so sweet and glorious that we didn't want it to end. The presence of Jesus, the leadership of God, was present as we shared with the waiter. We were in a wonderful and high place of His grace and help.

On Tuesday night the Lord helped me to preach in a way that I cannot explain or express. As we began the meeting that night I had thought we would surely stop in an hour-and-a-half, but two hours and twenty minutes passed before I knew it. After the altar service, about nine-thirty, the pastor said to the congregation, "I know that we are all tired." I spoke up, "Oh, by God's grace, pastor, I am not tired." I thought it was so wonderful that the Holy Spirit would give me strength for the services.

Earlier that evening, the Lord directed us back to the Olive Garden for our evening meal. When we were seated, the waitress told us that the section of the restaurant where our party was seated was to have been closed that evening, but after our reservation was called in, the manager decided to keep it open and he asked her to stay a second shift and work that section. She wasn't feeling well, but when she heard a special group was coming in, she felt impressed to stay. As she began to wait upon us, the Lord gave us wonderful fellowship together. We had a glorious, precious, sacred time in the Lord. As we continued to share with this waitress, she said, "If you don't be quiet, I'm going to start crying." When Rev. Schultze gave her a twenty dollar bill she exclaimed, "This will pay my rent." Then another twenty came and another twenty, and then some more. She was lifted up into a high place. We were all blessed, for it is more blessed to give than to receive. She was going to go home with a good report of how she was helped, encouraged and lifted, and that the rent would be paid and they would have a few dollars for groceries.

I didn't realize until we were almost finished that there was a man and his wife at a table next to us who were tuning in to our fellowship. As we were leaving, the wife said to us, "May you have a wonderful evening." I seldom have had such an experience. I wouldn't be surprised if she has a very important calling in the church. There seemed to be a light on her face that spoke of appreciation for our fellowship.

The Lord helped us again on Wednes-

day night, the last night of services. I had requested that the churches stay home and pray for me, because I knew that there were three hundred people who would come if they could. I knew that the sanctuary wouldn't hold them and people cooperated marvelously, for which we thank you. I did call for the men's choir of Kokomo Christian Fellowship to come and help us on that last night, and their singing was outstanding and anointed. Their message was unusually beautiful. God put it together and there was much rejoicing. The leadership of Rev. Don Litchfield, the son-in-law and associate pastor of Rev. Reimar Schultze, was outstanding. As I preached, I would look to my left at the choir loft where they were sitting, and all of these men were shining. All of their faces were at the same angle toward me, and they were appreciative and receptive. They were chocking the wheel. There was not a drab look on one face. Each one of those men was an inspiration, help and blessing to me.

I shared earlier that I had called Lynn Marie Reece, our doctor's wife, to come and help us, and she was so gracious to come. The church had six homes where she could stay. The Lord witnessed to me on a particular name, and Lynn was privileged to be entertained there. The first night she stayed up until almost two o'clock in the morning sharing with the wife and mother of the home. The wife said to Lynn Marie, "If God ever leads Rev. Helm back to Israel, I want to go, the Lord willing." It seemed to me that Lynn's ministry to this family was important and wonderful. The wife called her husband at work (He works the evening shift.) and said, "You just have to come to the meeting on Tuesday night. You just have to get off and come." Well, he came and I could hear him say every little bit, "Amen." He was a light and a help to me.

We were so grateful to each one of the congregation, for they were so receptive and appreciative. One of the saints came up into the pulpit where I was and said, "What the Lord had you to share has been the burden of my heart for the last two years." We were in debt to Jesus for it all.

We stayed in Lafayette, Indiana, a little distance from Stockwell, at a hotel called the Homewood Suites. I believe it is one of the nicest places we have stayed in our fifty years of evangelistic work. On Sunday and Monday we didn't have the maid to sweep for us, but on Tuesday I said to Charles Henry, "Would you go get someone to sweep the floors for us." He went to find the maid and returned with

a young man who began to sweep. I had to lie back down, for I had had very little rest, and when this young man came into my room to sweep, I sat up and was led of the Holy Spirit to take him by the hand. I began to pray for him and share with him. As he stood there, I saw that his eyes were full of water when I touched on different things in prayer. I had never seen him before, and did not know that his mother had had eleven operations for cancer before her death some time back. I did not know that this son had gone through so many tragic, hard and lonely experiences. He and Charles and I got into a meeting and he was shining and weeping.

The meeting we had with him in that room is unexplainable. I wanted to give him a couple of dollars and he didn't want to take it, but I insisted. The meeting we had with him was important, serious and healing. He said, "You know, I am alone. I have nothing." He wasn't bitter and did not complain or say harsh things like some young men might say if they were upset, disturbed, disappointed, hurt or crushed. My time there with him was worth the revival.

I would like to share with you the sermon I preached on Sunday morning at the Stockwell Methodist Church. My text was: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness;..." (Mt. 6:33). Romans 14:17 also reads: "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." If we are going to seek first the kingdom of God, we must be prepared. In the third chapter of St. John, we are told how to begin and pursue the entering into the kingdom of God. We see that Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, has come to Jesus by night. He said, "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him." Jesus answered Nicodemus, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

The new birth brings us within sight. As we seek first the kingdom of God, we come, by the blood of Jesus, to repentance, to be born again. And when we confess our sins and ask Him to forgive us, He is able to transform us and bring us into the light. He is able to separate our sins from us as far as the east is from the west, and bury them in the sea of His forgetfulness. So we see here that in order to enter in and see the kingdom of God, we must be born again.

Jesus said in the second verse of the thirteenth chapter of Luke: "Suppose ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered such things?" The third verse says: "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Here we see that we are born again by repentance, by asking God to blot out our transgressions, our iniquities, our evils, our wanderings, our bewilderments, our doubts, our unbeliefs. When He comes into our hearts, we are changed and transformed. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2 Cor. 5:17).

We praise God that He is the Mighty One of Israel to transform us and make us into a beautiful creature, a trusting soul. The Word says we are to trust in the Lord with all our hearts and lean not to our own understanding. After conversion, our difficulty is that we lean to our own understanding. As soon as we find Christ and Jesus comes into our hearts, we are happy. Then immediately following our conversion, the Holy Spirit says, "Give the Lord praise for this. Give God the glory for this. Thank Jesus for saving you." But right away, that old self in us will say, "Now hush. You be quiet. Don't become radical. Don't go off the deep end here. You just be still." We then lose the victory because self talks us out of the praise that we were supposed to give.

We have been in evangelistic work now for over fifty years, preaching for over sixty, and have seen many wonderful people give their hearts to Christ. But when the Holy Spirit prompts them to praise Jesus, and self says to be still, they actually backslide before they get back to the pew from the altar where they have just found Christ as their Savior. They backslide because they have missed the first leading of the Holy Spirit. I am sharing about the kingdom of God.

I was saved for four years before I entered the pastorate. I thought everyone in the church was saved. Did you know that many people in the church have gloom and darkness on their countenances? Now, if someone has witnessed for Jesus, denied self and lived humbly, he is a light. He is a help and encouragement to the pastor. He is a spiritual strength. In 1941, during a service at Mt. Carmel, my wife was in the pulpit with me. When she looked out over the congregation she was frightened. She said, "I didn't know people looked at you like that." I replied, "This is the way it has been

since I was converted." The only people who smile at me have lights on their faces which reveal that they have been obedient to the Holy Spirit and are endeavoring to follow Jesus. Many people think they are Christians, but the fruits of the Spirit do not dwell in their lives. Every person who is really walking with Jesus has joy because he has obeyed the last leading of the Holy Spirit. But obedience is never experienced unless self is denied.

When we are converted and born again, the Holy Spirit says, "Witness," and self says, "Quiet." If we don't press to obey the Holy Spirit, we miss that first leading and don't know what it means to be led of Him. We just simply arrange things in our minds. Jesus said, "If any man is going to come after me, let him deny himself." Just as soon as we are converted, the first step we take is inner denial, pushing that old self back and testifying, "Jesus just saved me." And we need to testify on our own instead of waiting for the pastor to say, "You need to testify now." If we don't do it on our own, we will soon dwindle away unless a miracle takes place.

Many wonderful and beautiful people think they have the victory, but unless we have love for our neighbors as ourselves, and have the joy of the Lord, we just look like we are saved. We don't have to look gloomy and pressed down. We can say, "Praise the Lord." You know, football and basketball fans just yell and scream. They are really in that game. Years ago I said, "If I could just find a few people who were as much for God as the fans are for the game, there would be a great awakening in the community." In all my travels I have been looking for lights, for people who will love God with all their hearts, with all their souls, with all their might, with all their strength, and love their neighbors as themselves. When a soul really finds Jesus, he wants everyone to find Him. It is the best evidence of true salvation. "A new commandment," Jesus said, "I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you..." (Jn. 13:34). Isn't it wonderful when He cleanses us of that old carnal nature and His love flows through us so that we have love for everybody in all the world?

When the Holy Spirit came upon me in 1942, He revealed to me that I was never again to criticize anyone to my wife. (I have been with her now for over sixty years, by the grace of God, and I praise the Lord for how she has helped me.) It is important and abso-

lutely urgent that we hear the voice of Jesus, for He said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." (Jn. 10:27). He revealed to me that I was never to judge anyone to my wife again. I was never to criticize anyone or complain to her about any person's weakness or failure. I was to never murmur or complain again. The Bible says, "Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;..." (Phil. 2:14-15).

He revealed to me that I wasn't to find fault with people. The carnal nature in us will find fault, but this grieves the Holy Spirit and we cease to follow Him. As soon as we find fault with anybody, we cease to follow Christ. Instead, we begin to follow in the life of self-assertiveness. This is a tremendous challenge, an opportunity, an open door. Over fifty years ago I used to preach that the real test of a Christian is how he lives at home with his companion and children, how much compassion, joy and understanding he has so that the Lord can work in his life.

Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." He also said, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." (Mk. 8:34). This is the way of the cross, and the way of the cross leads home. The joy of the Lord comes as we obey Him, as we are directed by the Holy Spirit. There is a verse in Luke that has stirred my heart many times through these last fifty years: "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." (Lk. 16:16). From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of God is preached and every man presseth into it.

My burden has been that many people are getting saved, but we are not teaching them how to deny themselves from the moment of conversion. Since I found Him over sixty years ago, I've had to deny myself step by step, moment by moment. In just moments after my conversion, the Holy Spirit revealed to me that I was to go and have prayer with my basketball coach. I had never been to his home before. I had to deny myself of what he or anybody else thought. It was late at night when we went to his home, but when he opened the door, he looked at me and said, "I'm not surprised to see you." I had to deny myself to go that night because the enemy was saying, "You are bothering the coach. He is in bed. It is

late and what will he think of you." I had to deny that, because if I had not, I would not have been led again until I repented of that disobedience. Romans 8:14 tells us something significant concerning the kingdom of God: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Those who are following Christ are led by the Holy Spirit.

When we are born again, we take the first breath. When we deny self the first time, we take the second breath. That, then, leads to obedience, to do what He has led us to do. When we are led by the Holy Spirit, we want everybody to have what we have. They can't have exactly the same thing, but they can have something else that is equally good and just for them, by the help of the Holy Spirit and the presence of Jesus. Seeking first the kingdom of God comes by the new birth. It comes by repentance, by humility, by denying self. This message is so important that I cannot convey the importance of it. Jesus said that if any man is going to follow Him, he must deny himself and take up his cross. When I denied myself that night and went to the home of my basketball coach, the power of God came upon me until the joy I received at conversion seemed to triple. As I did what God told me to do, the glory fell upon me. I preached to my mother and father until Mother thought surely it was almost sunrise, but I believe it was somewhere between one and two o'clock in the morning. My brother told me, "If you don't get settled down here, I'm not going to rest anymore tonight." I agreed with him, but I couldn't help it. Seventeen years later, on the twenty-second day of January, I was visiting my brother in his home. He said to me, "I have a confession to make." I asked, "What wrong have I done? Where have I failed?" He replied, "Seventeen years ago tonight when Christ came into your heart and I saw you go to the altar, I thought you would just lose out like most everybody. I thought you would just get lukewarm and cold, dreary and gloomy." But he said, "Before the night was over, I changed my mind about you."

The Word says we are to lay aside every weight and sin which so easily besets us to run with patience the race He has set before us. We are to look unto Jesus Christ, the Author and Finisher of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame and is now set down at the right hand of God, interceding. The Word says in Matthew, "He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved." We need to teach people how to start following

Jesus after conversion. We need to teach them about inner denial from morning to night. I don't know how many times we deny ourselves before we assume the cross, but the cross is the instrument of death upon which we are crucified.

Jesus said in the fourteenth verse of the seventh chapter of Matthew: "Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." This verse struck me sixty years ago when I first began to preach. I do not hear this message preached. All I hear preached is that we just need to be saved. Oh, my friend, when we are born again, when we are saved and transformed, it is just the first breath. We then must go on to inner denial from morning to night. We must press into the kingdom of God. I have to press from morning to night to do God's will or I will do my own will. My burden is that very few people are willing to press to do God's will. Instead, they figure it out in their own minds. They arrange it in their own thoughts. He wants to lead. If we are willing, there is great joy and peace to be found.

We thank Jesus that He is mighty to deliver the godly out of temptation and deliver those who will put their trust in Him and not look back. We must look to Jesus. We must look at the promise, and not at the problem. We must look at the Son, and not at the storm. To seek first the kingdom of God is to come to repentance. It is to come to inner denial. It is to begin to obey, to surrender. As we seek the kingdom of God, we walk in the light as He is in the light. We then have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin. When I said that, a light came into my heart!

When we were in New Orleans some years back, my wife wanted some ice. I couldn't find an ice house and had to go a long way before I located one. (In those days they had ice houses built of thick walls, with four hundred pound blocks of ice.) When I finally found the ice house, I said, "Honey, I've found it." I saw the office was empty so went down to the old thick door. When I opened that old door, I looked down at an old gentleman who was about sixty-five years of age. He was on his knees chipping ice. I said, "My brother, it looks to me like you really like that." He replied, "I dearly love to chip ice." I responded, "Glory!" and he said, "Hallelujah!" We got our arms around one another in that ice house and praised God! This occurred because of the leading of the Holy Spirit. I had to press to find him.

I stayed with him for two hours. When you find somebody who has the victory and the joy of the Lord, you have fellowship with them. You have fellowship in light. When I see souls who are all for Jesus, wanting to do God's will and not their own, I get happy.

We must be born again in order to see the kingdom of God. We must press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. "He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!" (Joseph H. Gilmore). "A charge to keep I have, A God to glorify; A never-dying soul to save, And fit it for the sky. To serve the present age, My calling to fulfill; O may it all my pow'rs engage To do my Master's will!" (Charles Wesley).

I want to thank each one of you for remembering us in prayer. Please continue to pray for us, for our need is great in the throat and prostate. My wife needs special prayer in the situation with her eyes, blood pressure, back, hip, stomach and throat. I am thankful that God has given me the strength and healing to once again dictate a letter to you.

I want to express deep appreciation to our secretary, Kathleen Hecke, to Lee Ann McAdams, who is assisting her in the office, and to Jane Langdon, our financial secretary. We are so grateful to our staff and for all those who come in to pray with them each day. We need much prayer concerning the building of the church, that the Holy Spirit will work in all aspects surrounding the property. We are praying for the Holy Spirit to indwell the sanctuary, for unless we have that work of God, we can do nothing. We can draw no one to Jesus, except the Holy Ghost do the work. We are thankful for each one who would join us in prayer concerning the financial need, for it is too big for us, but not too big for God.

I want to thank each one of you for sharing and giving to Revival For Our Day, for assuming the responsibility of supporting this ministry. I feel as if I have come far short, but the Lord has been merciful to see a few souls saved and a few believers sanctified. We are thankful for each victory He gives. I trust all of you on the mailing list will be encouraged and strengthened, and lifted from disappointments, heartaches and things that each of you encounter in your daily lives. Thank you for your financial support and prayers, for they are desperately needed. We feel so unworthy of all that has been done for

us. It is marvelous how the Lord has taken care and made a way for us these nearly sixty years. God has helped us through trials, tests and struggles. He has blessed, guided, directed and provided for our children, our grandchildren and great-grandchildren, brothers and sisters, friends and loved ones, parishioners and people that we have found along the way. Our desire has been to pray for people to deny self and obey the Holy Spirit. If we don't deny self and take up the cross to follow, we are not really a church. We are just a group of people talking religion.

Thank you, each one, for praying for us, for your concern and love. We give God the praise and glory for what He has done and for what He will do, for the salvation of souls and the sanctification of believers; that we may become one as the Father and Son are one. When that occurs, Jesus will be lifted up by the Holy Spirit, for He is able to draw all men to Him as we follow in obedience with childlike and submissive hearts, doing God's will instead of our own. We have nothing to boast of, save to cling to the cross of Christ.

We are grateful to Jesus for all soul victories and help through these days, weeks, months and years of nearly a decade and a half since Revival For Our Day was begun by Rev. Emory Reece. We praise God for his perseverance, and for those who assisted him in this endeavor thirty-one years ago. We praise God for what He has done, for what He is doing and for what He will do as we follow Him every step of the way.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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p.s. I would like to share portions of letters for God's glory. Please remember to give God all the glory, honor and praise for these letters.

Dear Brother Helm:

...The meeting in Stockwell was one of the finest of those I attended anywhere at anytime. Jesus helps you wonderfully to mix profundity with simplicity. Straight preaching with grace and hope, and tenderness with power.

Marcia and I want to re-affirm that it is always a special time of blessing for us to travel with you, to assist you, and to pray for you. It seems it is something that we were born to do as long as the Holy Spirit should lead.

We don't claim to be the best; however, we are willing.

The repercussions of extended times with you upon our church through us are always significantly positive...His servant and Yours, Reimar Schultze.

Dear Brother Helm,

...We appreciate receiving your newsletters. Often when reading the letters I feel like a little mouse in a corner, watching the story unfold--these adventures with Jesus. I don't know of any place that I can turn to to read of such accounts that are as exciting as that which is recorded in your letters. Thank you for sending them our way.

We pray the Lord's blessing, help, strength, healing and direction upon you. Thank you for your perseverance and faithfulness to the Lord Almighty. Praise His name. Gordon and Carol Gaetke.

Dear Rev. Helm,

Colossians 3:13 says, "Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another." How wonderfully you and Pastor John have done this over the years.

We have not been "got" after, but rather encouraged and helped along, as a gentle shepherd leads his sheep.

I want to thank you for the letter of instruction you sent those of us in PCCF. Thank you for the truth, for the spirit in which you presented it and for the care which inspired it. How great to know that through it all, you "bear" with us and "forgive" us. May God help us not to use that love and gentleness as an excuse to go our own way, but rather to respond heartily and joyfully! Love, Kim Gilbert.

Dear Reverend Helm,

Ann and I received your letter concerning "A Greater Vision for Church Attendance" today. Thank you for sharing this burden upon your heart with us. I could sense in it the true meaning of what it means to be consistent, not only with church attendance, but all aspects of the Christian walk. Jesus being my helper, I welcome the admonition to my heart for a greater vision of church attendance. I am grateful for every time Jesus would use you to help me draw closer to Him.

I am praying for you and Florence. Thank you for obeying God. With love, Steven Curtis.

In his last newsletter, Rev. Helm asked that we write a note of "Thanksgiving" to Thomas Harman and Harmony Press for all they have done for us through the years. We inadvertently left his address out of the letter and would like to include it for those of you who have not yet sent your notes of appreciation. Thank you for your understanding.

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Dear Brother Helm and Revival For Our Day Staff,

Thank you, with much appreciation for the notes that I have already received. At my home address and also at the office. Well over 60 cards and phone calls have been received representing many more people and families.

It is a joy to assist Rev. Helm in this way. My children and complete staff are in agreement when the letter comes in that it is important to get it out quickly. We love you very much.

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