

Revival For Our Day, Inc.

January 11, 1994

Dear precious ones in Jesus Christ, the Son of God,

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

Let us look at the word, "come." Let us view it as a dwelling place, a palace, a home, a beginning. In order to come to Christ, there must be a yieldedness. The only way we will come to Christ is by conviction, for no man can come except the Father draw him. This palace of "come" is where all things begin in Jesus.

I recall the time we were in a palace in Vienna. The beauty of that place intrigued me to the degree that I marveled at it. I want you to see that the word "come" is a marvelous invitation to a dwelling place. If we will come to Christ, we must dwell in Him. When we dwell, we dwell in a home. At the entrance of this home is a porch called humility, and leading up to the porch is a walkway called conviction and perseverance. Only the heart that will persevere up that walkway to the porch of humility, through the door of Jesus Christ, can come into this beautiful palace of fellowship, joy, and love.

We all need to come to this dwelling place in Jesus, but unless we are willing when the Holy Spirit draws us, we are not able in our own strength or knowledge. We must have the drawing power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "Whosoever will come." Everyone who comes has to persevere. We have to be determined to get to conversion and transformation, which is an inner dwelling place of great joy. It is a beautiful palace.

I remember when we were in a beautiful palace in Germany. As we entered, I marveled at the number of people there. I shall never forget how we began to sing some of the old songs, and the manager came up to our travel agent and said, "Stop this group from singing." There were so many people coming from all directions that she was afraid the floor was going to give way. She thought we were a professional group, and there is a law in Germany that says professional choirs cannot sing in that palace. Tina Brazil, our travel agent, could not convince her that we were not professional. The manager said, "You sound like professionals, so you are." Tina replied, "No, these are just people Rev. Helm has found as

he has traveled with God through the years. Some are monotones and can't sing at all." We were singing in a palace.

When you enter this great palace of "come" there is a song in your heart. The joy of the Lord comes in because there is such welcome. But we have to persevere with determination along the walkway to get to this precious place of humility, into the confession of our sins. No one comes except he confess his sins. If we will confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We must repent. We must ask Jesus to forgive us of all our sins, or we can't enter this great dwelling place, this marvelous relationship, this wonderful, beautiful palace of love. We can't enter unless we ask God to forgive us of all our iniquities, evils, disobediences and wrong attitudes. We can only come into this beautiful palace of love through Jesus Christ.

Along the walkway of this great palace of love, the yard is filled with vast numbers of people wanting to get in. But the only way we will be able to enter is to press in by confession of sins. We must say, "Lord, forgive me. Transform me. Come into my heart." And at that moment, we enter in through the front door. Hallelujah! When we arrive, we never want to leave this place, because there is a room of peace, a room of joy, and a room of love, and these rooms are beautifully full of His gracie and truth. But when I look out on the walkway to this palace, I see throngs of hungry people who are crying for help. The powers of hell in this world are trying to keep them from coming to Jesus, to keep them from coming to conversion and transformation, that they might enter this beautiful palace. But when we are compelled to enter in, and are changed by His blood, we want everyone else to come in too! We want to send word out to the hungry throngs to come soon, to persevere, and to be faithful.

As I view this palace of "come," I see that we can no longer stay where we began. We are to leave this place, and there are only two exits by which to depart. One is marked "follower" (the straight way) and the other is marked "figurer" (the life of self-assertiveness). No one goes through the gate marked "follower" except the person who is willing to deny himself. Many people come, but they leave by the way of the figurer. Jesus said, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow

me." As we leave through the doorway of the follower, we are ready to receive a cross, but we can't receive that cross unless we stay on the straight way and deny self.

The figurer can go right on out. He can live the life of self-assertiveness, witness when he pleases and go where he likes. But there is only one way to go through the exit marked "follower" and that is to deny self continually. The way of the straight road is self-denial. It is so easy for us to be figurers instead of followers. To be a follower requires inner death, inner denial. When we come out of this great palace experience of conversion, transformation and joy, we must persevere on the straight way. Jesus said, "Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way...." (Mt. 7:14) That exit is through Jesus Christ as we leave this great dwelling place of grace, power and glory that we find in Him, through the blood of the Lamb.

As we begin on the way called straight, we are taught by the Holy Spirit to no longer run our own lives, but let Him lead us. He wants to lead His people, His converts. And He not only wants to lead us, but He wants to indwell us, which comes by our taking up the cross. Jesus says in Luke 14:27, "Whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." When we get to this palace experience of His grace and truth, and if we do not have the willingness to accept the cross by the way of inner denial, He said we cannot find the straight way. Instead, we get off onto the way of the figurer and try to arrange things ourselves. I suppose there could be volumes written about the self-planned life after conversion. God wants a people who will no longer try to work things out in their own minds, but who will let the Holy Spirit lead them.

When we leave this palace of conversion, by way of the exit marked "follower," the first thing we are to do is be His witness. In the dwelling of His presence we are to witness for Him in Jerusalem (at home), in all Judaea (our home state), and in Samaria (where we have our trials and misunderstandings). And we are not only to witness in these places, but also to the uttermost parts of the earth. Everyone who leaves this palace of love, transformation, joy, and glory, by way of the straight gate, are to witness about Christ, about the Son of God, about how He saved them and changed their lives, and about how He is sending them forth as lights in the world.

Jesus said in Matthew 11:28, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." In the word "come," there is a sweet dwelling place of His love, but we must leave that place of blessing. Many people go to church just to be blessed, and to get answers. In the life of trust no questions are asked, but all questions are answered. The figurer is trying to find the answer, but those who are on the straight way of obedience live in the answer. We live in Him. He is the answer. He will give the remedy, but it is only given as we walk by faith, holiness and purity, and forsake all. He said, "Except ye forsake all, ye cannot be my disciple." We have to put aside the things that are beautiful, the things we like, the things we sometimes enjoy, to take the cross whereby we come to inner death. We must take the straight way, or we will never be able to come to the place of inner crucifixion. We must deny self consistently, continuously, every day from morning to night, or we will never be led by the Holy Spirit. The soul who will not deny himself of all that is about him, will not be led by the Holy Spirit. One cannot lead the self-assertive life and expect to be led by the Holy Spirit. It is not possible. But the soul who will yield himself to the Lord and who will be obedient, will be led by the Holy Ghost. He will have joy and peace. The doorway to following Christ is through the words of Jesus, "If anyone will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

This way is full of prayer and communion. Prayer is not just our talking to Jesus, it is also our listening to Him. It is the only way we can stay on the straight way, which is by prayer, by the Word of God, by witnessing, and by obedience. Obedience is never known unless self is continually denied. It is always preceded by self-denial. The self in us will not let us witness when we ought. God has wanted many persons in the church to witness for Him and self will always say, "No, you just hush. People will think you are radical and fanatical." We then get off the way called straight onto the way of the figurer. It is so easy for us to miss the will of God unless we pray, obey, and trust Him.

The Word says, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not to thine own understanding." Everyone who is on the straight way is trusting in the Lord with all his heart. Since the fall of Adam, the tendency of man is to lean to his own understanding. Adam and Eve leaned to their own understanding, and because they did, we have had

great suffering and calamity ever since. We must persevere and not lean to our own understanding. I am convinced that there are few people who are leaning on God all of the time. Instead, they are leaning on their own understanding. Jonah did. Solomon did. David did. They leaned to their own understanding. At one time Paul said, "Demas is with me," and it wasn't long until Demas wasn't with him anymore. He got off on another way. He didn't stay on the way called straight. He took his own way, the way that he liked and chose.

I can see that few ever find this straight way Jesus is talking about. But, oh, those few who are on the way are carrying the cross. They are lights and they have a witness for Jesus. They don't know when they are going to witness, but they are leaning on Him. One place to witness is where we are buying our groceries. When we get to the cashier, we can say, "I praise the Lord for the privilege of buying these groceries. I am thankful you are here to wait on me." A man came over from Russia and went into a store. He couldn't believe what he saw and said, "This must be a special store." All the shelves were filled, the fruit was displayed solidly along the entire wall, and he thought it surely must be a special place. He didn't know that this country has been blessed with prosperity and wonderful yields of harvest. I want you to know that God has great provision for you if you will only deny yourself and witness for Him. You can say to the clerk, "I want to thank you and thank the Lord for the privilege of buying these groceries."

Some time ago I was in a store, and the lady at the cash register said, "This has been a day of trial." It was a day of trouble and heartache. Many people had given her a hard time at the cash register. Do you tell people you buy groceries from that you appreciate them? Everyone on the straight way expresses their appreciation. When I purchase gasoline, I tell the attendant, "I Praise the Lord that I can buy gasoline." Christians are full of appreciation and gratitude. This straight way is filled with light, with people of gratitude and appreciation who are walking in inner death, forsaking all to bear their cross and be cleansed of that which keeps them from being like Jesus.

The call is loud. The call is sweet. The call is inviting. But how many people are really going to follow by obedience, by prayer, by the Word of God indwelling, by witnessing when

they ought? Unless we witness, we will not be able to overcome the devil. Overcomers are those who praise the Lord and witness for Him at home, where they live, where they work, wherever they go. He said only a few are on this straight way.

Harry Denman was a great man in the Methodist Church who was in charge of evangelism for years. He didn't take much with him when he traveled. Someone would give him a suit, and he would give it away. In 1923, my father heard him preach in a Methodist conference and could hardly believe how disheveled he looked. My father wondered why in the world they had such a man in that position. He soon found out. He found that he had met a man who was on the straight way.

Harry Denman stood and looked around at the hundreds of ministers and laymen, and said, "And he died." My father wondered how he could get anything out of that. Harry continued, "Methuselah lived nine hundred sixty-nine years and all that was said about him was, 'and he died.'" Many people start out on this way, and they die. They go the way of the figurer. Harry Denman was able to obtain the spool of truth, take hold of a thread and pull it out into the fields of marvel until my father was stirred with him. "And he died" is about all you can say about a lot of people. You can't say they really walked or talked with God. How many souls have we won to Jesus? How many of the same souls have been willing to leave this palace of love through the straight gate and keep on this narrow way until they can convince the world that this is the way, the truth and the life, Jesus Christ, Who has paved the way clear through to glory? Hallelujah!

I want you to know that everyone on this way is a winner of souls. They are those who tell the good news, the wonderful story of love. They share about how the Lord answers prayer. When I was younger, I could stay on my knees in prayer one hour, two hours, three hours, four hours. Forty-five years ago my father told me, "Son, you will not be able to do this very long. When you reach your sixties and seventies, you won't be able to get on your knees like this." But you know, I can pray lying down. I lie on my bed and cry out to God, "Oh, God, help us to be able to convey to every heart the importance of leaving all to go with Jesus and really obey Him. Help us not to want to remain in this palace of blessings. We have to go out into the fields to labor, to die, to witness, to forsake all, in order to find and do the will of God."

Not long ago I preached on, "If thou would but suffer God to guide thee." Everyone who is on this way must suffer God to guide him. Very few persons are willing to suffer God to guide them. We try to work it out, and even though we are sincere, we cannot do it. We must become like little children. When we get out of this great palace of love, the assignment is to become like a little child. Only those who become like a little child after conversion shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus said something in Matthew 7:21 that stirred my heart many years ago, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Everyone who goes out the straight gate is doing God's will, seeking His will, pursuing His will, looking for His will. How do we know God's will? We know it by the Word of God, by the witness of the Holy Spirit's leading. And we only find His will by the help of the Holy Spirit, and by His grace and mercy, because we cannot figure it out ourselves.

Years ago a man came to me and said, "I want you to pray about whether I am to stay in the Anderson area or go south to Nebraska, Indiana, cut down my trees and build a home. I want you to pray and see what God's will is." I replied, "Brother, that is a great assignment for me." He said, "But you walk with God. God can tell you what I am to do." I answered, "Listen, the only way I can ever know anything is by the mercies of God. I don't merit His revelation." We must not seek revelation. We must seek first the Kingdom of God. We must be witnesses in prayer and in testimony. If we will deny self consistently, He will then give us the revelation.

There are so many people depending upon miracles. They want a miracle. I love miracles. I have a great time when God does a miracle, but we are to depend only upon the precious leading of the Holy Spirit. We look for miracles and wonders, but God is looking for people who will leave all. He said not everyone who says, Lord, Lord, or preaches and prays, will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. He also says in the seventh chapter of Matthew, "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name?" He said that great numbers will say, "Lord, look at us." There will be many who will say, "We have preached, we have prophesied, we have done all these wonderful things. We have done miracles." But Jesus will say to them, "I never knew you:

depart from me, ye that work iniquity." The real evidence of Christianity is not how we can speak or act, but it is that we love everyone as Jesus loves us.

The first verse of the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians says, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity (love), I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." This scripture says that I can speak like an angel or an orator, and still be on the figuring way instead of the straight way. Though I speak and accomplish much, unless the fruit of the Spirit is in my heart and life, I am not of Him. I must be like Jesus. And though I am able to speak like an angel or an orator, if I have not love, I become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. That is what we are unless we are filled with His love. I can be a great speaker, but if I do not have love for my enemies, for my neighbors, for all people everywhere, then I am not on the straight way. Whenever we complain, find fault, or judge people, we are not on the straight way. The straight way is so narrow that it excludes all complaints, all murmurings, all fault-findings, all judgmental spirits.

Verse two of the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians says, "And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing." On this way called straight we don't know where we are going, only that we are to follow Jesus. We must follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. We must forsake all, leave all, and become witnesses for Him so that we might walk in the light and become like Him.

Fifty-nine years ago God showed me our home in light. When my wife asked me, "Where are we going to live?" I replied, "Honey, I don't know." Just as I said that, I saw a light far off in my heart. I exclaimed, "Honey, I can see that if I am faithful and true, and if I obey God, walk with Him and do His will, He will build a home for us. It will be a testimony that God provides for His servants today as He did for His servants of old." Almost twenty years later that home was built. It is a miracle story of how God leads and guides, for which I give Him praise, honor, and glory forevermore.

This straight way is by faith, not by sight. It is walked by faith and not by feeling. So many people want to feel good. I do too, but much of the way is in pressing and suffering. They that suffer with Him will reign with

Him. St. Francis of Assisi read that and threw himself into a thicket of thorns, which is the exterior suffering. But we are to suffer in the interior life. We must leave the palace of love to go out on the straight way, the way of suffering, the way of separating ourselves from the world, from the self-arranged life. It is a pressing and going forth with all our might. The flesh doesn't want to do this. It will try to work out a spiritual bypass of figuring in order to make it without inner suffering. This is why He said, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Who is willing to die for the will of God to be done in his life? From this palace of beauty and wonder, of conversion, transformation, and joy, we must go forth into the fields of labor where we will become battle-scarred.

The Bible says, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." The saints are those who deny themselves the moment after conversion and from then on. They are those who assume the cross, who deny self faithfully and successfully, persevering with the cross. And they look like it. They act like it. When you find Jesus, the light of Christ is with you. The people around you will sense that you really love them, that you are really wanting to do God's will more than anything. When people look in your face, do they see sincerity and wholeheartedness? Will they see a person one hundred percent for Jesus? What do they see when they look in your eyes? in my eyes? What does God see as He looks in your heart? in my heart?

The book of Jeremiah tells us what keeps us from being led by the Holy Spirit, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" I believe that only God, the Holy Spirit, Christ, knows how wicked the human heart really is. Whenever we cease to deny self, that spirit of deception comes back into the heart. When we cease to live in the life of obedience, which requires self-denial, the old self returns and we don't know it. The scripture says the heart is deceitful above all things. It is desperately wicked, and who can know it? If I don't deny self and obey Him, the deceit will come right back into my heart and I won't have the joy or the victory. I won't witness when I should. I won't be on the way called straight. Instead, I will be on the way of the figurer, trying to ask, "How are we going to do

this? How are we going to do that?" We must come to Him and ask, "What is Thy will for me?"

In 1937, my District Superintendent said to me, "Loran, I have some pastorates for you to consider." I was twenty-one years of age. When my wife and I, along with our pastor and his wife, arrived at my District Superintendent's parsonage in Richmond, He said, "Loran, you and Florence may have your choice of three pastorates. The first one is Mill Grove Circuit near Taylor University." I had no inner guidance of the Holy Spirit. He then said, "The second one is Winchester Circuit, which has a salary of eight hundred dollars a year and an extra parsonage that will bring in a little more money for you." I still had no direction from the Holy Spirit. He finally said, "The last one is Redkey Circuit. It pays seven hundred dollars a year." The Holy Spirit spoke within my heart, "That is the place." To my District Superintendent's surprise, I said, "That is the place." He replied, "You have answered too quickly. Call me back in twenty-four hours." I answered, "Well, the Holy Spirit just witnessed in my heart that we are going to Redkey Circuit, and what God has revealed to me since I was converted has never changed. When He reveals something to me, it always stays the same." Twenty-four hours later I called him back and said, "It is Redkey Circuit, just like Jesus told me in your home." He replied, "I will put you down for it."

When you leave this palace of love and great glory, you don't always go where it looks good or where it is going to be great for you. You go on the way called straight if you have left by the exit marked "follower." I was happy. My wife knew I was happy. What does it take to live in a home with no indoor bathroom facilities or heat, and you are still happy? I hadn't been there six weeks before a saint at Mt. Pleasant (a part of Redkey Circuit) said to my wife, "I have prayed for your husband's ministry here for thirty years." I was twenty-one in February and that was April. She had prayed thirty years for my ministry there. What if I had failed to go to the least place in the district? What if I had gone to one of the other places? How many times do we go to the wrong place and fail to answer the prayers of the saints?

We give God the praise and the glory because He sent us out to leave all, to forsake all, to do His will, and to be faithful and true. You see, if I had not obeyed the Holy Spirit the night of my conversion, if I had not denied

myself day after day, month after month, I would not have had the revelation to go to Redkey Circuit. I would have taken the one with more money. But I had to deny myself all those years and take no vacation from it, because if I had, I would have backslidden and not known it. It is only by the grace of God that we can deny self, always, after we leave this palace where we came to find Him at conversion. We have to die. We have to surrender.

Years ago we were at a Waiting Upon God, and early in the morning of the last day, Florence Ann Bays was waiting for her husband, Jerry, to come and pick her up. We were late getting started with the afterglow service, and when Jerry came, she was not ready to leave, and said, "I want you to come in here with me." He replied, "No, I don't want to." Florence said, "If you love me, you will come in." He came right in and sat down forty-five feet from where I was. Florence said that she had only seen Jerry cry two times before; once when she turned him down for a date when they first met, and once when his mother died. Jerry is a strong and powerful man.

I began to share experiences of walking with Jesus, and when Florence Ann looked over at Jerry, the tears were running down his cheeks. He asked her, "What is wrong with me?" The tears just rolled down his cheeks. The Holy Spirit was working in his heart, and had opened up the tear ducts. This man had never known Christ. He didn't know about the Kingdom of God, but he had an honest heart. He had a heart of submission. He wept as I shared answers to prayer. The Holy Ghost got inside of him. His wife thought he was one of the toughest and hardest of men. He wept and wept because his heart was hungry, and his home was where God was leading, the great palace of "come" where Jesus leads, guides and directs.

I sent word to Rev. Oliver Hogue to tell Jerry that he was to go to Spain with us, and that we were to leave on the sixteenth day of July. Jerry said, "I don't want to go. I don't want to fly. I don't want to leave my children. But if God told Rev. Helm I am to go, I will go." I want you to know that Jerry took wonderful care of my wife and me in Spain. He did everything he could to help us. One evening we were holding a meeting on the fifth floor of the hotel in Madrid, and I had asked Rev. Daniel Light to sing. He sang, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," and then the Holy Spirit spoke within my heart that he was to sing another song. I asked,

"Do you have another song?" He knew one hundred and fifty songs by heart, but couldn't think of one. I asked his sweetheart if she had a song on her heart, and she did. Daniel began to sing, "Follow Me," and when he got to the words, "I've done a lot for Jesus," the power hit him and he began to inwardly weep. The power hit Jerry Bays and the McPhail sisters, and God did a miracle in that place that night. God is to be praised. He wants us to leave the palace of "come" after conversion and transformation, and take this great way down to spiritual suffering and obedience, in order to enter into the Kingdom of God.

I recently called Rev. Oliver Hogue early in the morning, and we got into a great meeting of thanksgiving as I tried to share our appreciation for the bountiful Christ's Birthday offering from Scott Depot. We were thankful for God's guidance, blessing, and direction, and for His provision for Revival For Our Day. We were giving God the praise and glory for the way He has led, and for how He has made a way through the years where there seemeth to be none. We had a rich time together in fellowship.

Then I called Reimar and Marcia Schultze and got into a meeting with Marcia. Reimar had just pulled out of the drive to come here to pray for us, for the church, for the Kingdom of God, and for our needs. He is praying for the needs of this church being built, that God will be merciful to us, that His presence will fill the sanctuary, breaking out like streams in the desert, to woo and tug at the hearts of the people of this village and those who pass by on the Selma and Windsor roads. He is praying that the Holy Spirit will work, woo, call and draw souls in the inner life. If we try to bring people into the Kingdom of God on our own, they are born with trustless hearts. They are full of questions and are not willing to deny self to become utterly dependent upon Him. They want the answers to come instead of living in the answer.

We must lay aside every weight and the sin which does so easily beset us, to run, with patience, the race He has set before us. We must look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is now set down at the right hand of God, interceding for us. We realize it is not by might, nor by power, but it is by His Spirit.

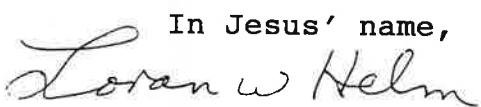
We pray for those of you who are in need, that you might be strengthened and healed in various parts of your

bodies as you read this letter, and as Jesus sees fit to heal the stomach, head, brain, heart, wrist, arm, elbow, knee, foot, heel, or wherever you need healing. We pray for the organs and nerves, and for His taking out cancers that we might be delivered, by the help of the Holy Spirit, giving God the glory and praise for providing, for clear thinking, and for revelation as God leads, guides, directs and brings refreshment.

Thank you for your support, for your supplications and fasting, for your sacrifice on our behalf, and for your prayers, that may touch heaven to bring in hundreds of thousands of dollars to take care of this need of the church of God. We desire this to be His church, hallowed, holy, pure, and right, not grievous to God, but always in divine order. We pray for souls, for the awakening, for the ingathering, for families to find their places in the will of God.

I was talking with Dr. Scott Reece recently, and he was sharing with me something that happened with their youngest son. The boys were at the baby sitters, and the couple who were caring for them saw Gideon, who is about three years of age, pulling a large piggy bank full of coins down the hallway. They asked him, "What are you doing?" His response was, "I need dis money. We building a church." Here is a little fellow who was thinking about our financial need without anyone prompting him. Wouldn't it be something if what was in his heart could leap from this page into the hearts of those who had finance to help?

My wife and I wish to express our gratitude and appreciation to each one of you who remembered us at Christmas, and to each church who was so generous in their giving. We are humbled and in debt to Jesus for your thoughtfulness, and for your prayers and sacrifices on our behalf. We give sincere thanks to the Lord and to each of you for all that you have done for us. Thank you for each remembrance, greeting, and word of encouragement. We are also thankful for how the Lord has worked through our secretary, Kathleen, to help all of us here in Parker City for these nine years.

In Jesus' name,

 Loran W. Helm

p.s. We share this letter with you, giving God all the praise and honor.

Dear Brother and Servant of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

...I did finish my twenty-fifth reading of A Voice in the Wilderness in the year of 1993. One of the most striking and important statements you made in the book is found on Page 305, "If there is anything in our life which takes precedence over our loving, listening to, and following Jesus--then we cannot be His disciple." I believe this is, without question, one of the most significant, profound, and yet simple and important, declarations of truth about discipleship.

One of my laymen recently went through a book called The History of Knowledge. He said that at the end of this book the author presented Christianity. At the end of that, he said in essence, that the church people embrace everything about Christianity except the one thing which is the very core of it...except a man deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Christ, he cannot be His disciple. Yet, it is this one thing, without which, Christianity has no life at all, and becomes only a form. Such is a tree with its roots disconnected from the soil, or a bird without wings, or a fish without fins. It is more clear to me than ever that you are indeed a lonely voice crying in the wilderness. May the Lord grant you strength and assurance for 1994. Sincerely, His servant and yours, Reimar Schultze.

SPECIAL NOTICE

We would like to share with you that Rev. Helm's 78th birthday is this February 3, and for those who would like to send cards, greetings, and gifts on this special day, please direct them to their Florida address:

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Spirit has revealed that we should return to Israel April 15 - 24, 1994. Please pray much that everything would be in divine order, and for the Lord to protect, provide, heal and deliver, giving good to excellent flights over and back. If you are led to join us, please contact Tina Brazil, Passports International, 5060 E. 62nd St., Suite 116, (317) 257-2342. Specific details will be forthcoming in the next letter.

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Revival For Our Day

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Dear ones in Christ Jesus, through the precious blood and the mercies of God, greetings in His holy name, in the everlasting Kingdom of God, righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost, of which there shall be no end. Praise the Lord.

Before we left for Florida, it was on my heart to take the families who have come to help us build the church out for an evening meal. While I was meditating about it, it suddenly came to me to ask Kathleen to call as many of our local people as she could, on such short notice, to meet us at the Yesteryear Restaurant in Redkey for a time of dinner and fellowship together. As we all gathered into the banquet room and the waitresses were ready to take our orders for dinner, I requested that everyone be silent so these dear ladies could hear better. I then requested that we begin to pray quietly in our hearts for different things as the Lord would bring them to my mind. We prayed for the nasal area, for something near the navel, for one who was weary and didn't have much strength, for the temple, and for many other things which I cannot recall. Cherie Caille testified that she thought someone had come up behind her and touched her. When she looked around and no one was there, she realized that the Holy Spirit had gone down through her body and quickened her. She felt refreshed and was praising God for this answer to prayer. John deWolde stood and said that the prayer for the temple was for him. We were in debt to Jesus for His touching these two dear ones there that night.

I then began to lead the Doxology, and when the song was ended, Rev. Ron Wine, a very choice servant of Jesus, a very humble, Christ-like, sincere, committed, precious servant, who is striving to do God's will, arose and said, "I want you to know that in all the years I have been in churches and meetings, I have never heard the Doxology sung like I just heard it." The Holy Ghost descended over that room, and if you had been there, and had been able to discern, you would have known we were in debt to Jesus for His presence to come like that. And dear ones, I don't believe that there was anyone with us that night who had ever seen Rev. Oliver Hogue in any meeting, here or abroad, so happy and child-like. He shared five to seven times and was as excited about the Kingdom of God as a little boy is who is opening his presents on Christmas morning. It was an unexpected gift to us to see God work through him like that. Different ones I

later talked with said they had never seen him that free or open in any service. He appreciates every meeting, but sometimes never says a word. I thought how wonderful it was that God would come so marvelously in His presence that Oliver was absolutely at home and seemed to be riding on a wave of glorious things in Jesus.

In the afternoon, prior to our going to Redkey, my wife didn't know whether she would be able to go with me because she was feeling so badly in her body. At about three o'clock I said to her, "If you will start to prepare, we will trust the Lord for strength." She pressed and was able to go, and I want you to know, dear ones, that she shared three different times during that meeting. She said, "I should remember that when I am in a Waiting Upon God I feel better." It was a very unusual time of the Lord's blessing, guidance and direction. My wife requested that the McAdams sisters sing at the end our time together, and they sang a song we had never heard before. Jesus helped them to sing in beauty. Richard Gilbert was on his feet two or three times, shining like a light. He said, "There are so many people who would like to be in on something like this in their church." He shared about how he is helped when he goes out to the church property to work.

We are trusting that this church will be God's church. We need His indwelling more than breathing. We need it more than seeing. Without the presence of God, it will be just another church building. There are thousands in the world, but where is there a church inhabited by God? We need the Holy Ghost to so abide within, that when people go by on the Windsor and Selma roads, their hearts will be touched as they look at the building. When they think about it, the Holy Ghost will continue to work in their hearts until they will say, "What is going on here? This is significant! This is urgent! Do I need to pay some attention here?" We are so enthralled with earthly things, and unless we do pay attention, we will do our own will rather than the will of God. Since the fall of Adam, only a few people have really done the will of God consistently and continually.

Joseph had to persevere when he was in the pit with no way out. If a person tries to climb out of a pit by himself, he just slides right back down into it. Everything falls in on top of him then, and he smothers to death. The pit experience is

such that no person on earth would choose it. Joseph didn't have a choice. He was placed there by his brothers, and there was no way out except by the cords of love. The only way out of a pit is by love and revelation. We need God's Word to lift us, like an elevator, right up out of that dark pit. Joseph was in a pit because he had a heart that wanted to obey his father and love his brothers. Somebody might ask why he would have to suffer a pit experience. It may be, dear ones, that when you want to do God's will more than anything, and you are loving, tender and kind, carnal people will place you in a pit. Joseph's brothers planned to put him in a pit. Well meaning souls place people in pits when they talk about them. Everyone who has talked about people has placed them in a pit of other people's imaginations, ideas, and observations. Did you know that? Everyone who has found fault with, or criticized others, has put them in a pit. And the people we have talked to about the weaknesses and faults of others now have these ideas in their own thoughts, and can't get them out.

If all who are going to Israel with us would write or call everyone they have talked about, criticized, found fault with, murmured about, or had trouble with, and say, "Please forgive me;" it could be that God would work in a precious way in Israel. If there are those who owe money on bills they cannot pay, word should be given to their creditors that they will pay their debts as soon as possible. In the meantime, arrangements should be made to pay something on a regular basis, no matter how small the amount. We need to take care of every situation, and then ask God to forgive us of our disobedience, meanness, wickedness, and deception, and ask for the holy truth of Jesus to come down into our hearts and get everything out so He can indwell us. We will never be led by the Holy Ghost if we have these things in our lives. Until they are put under the blood by restitution, by confession, how can we expect to be led of the Holy Ghost? When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all in one accord in one place. If everything is clear in the heart, we have made all restitutions, and all grievous things we have said and done are under the blood, it could be that the God of Abraham, Jesus of Nazareth, the Holy Spirit, might give quite a wonderful help in the land of Israel. It is possible. Since Pentecost, I don't know of any group that has ever been in Israel in one accord, in love, purity, and continual obedience.

Jesus said that unless we become as a little child, we cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, we trust and obey, and cry out for God's mercy. Unless you and I die from morning to night, the self in us will arrange something. The moment we cease to deny self, we begin living in disobedience. And we don't even know it unless God reveals it to our hearts. Many people have lived all their lives in self-assertiveness because they forgot, or did not know, that we need to deny ourselves every moment to do God's will. For many years, my burden has been that (ninety-two to ninety-nine percent of all people are trying to save themselves and are not aware of it.) Jesus said, ("He that will lose his life shall find it.") Joseph stayed in the pit. He did not try to save himself. He just rested. He did not complain or murmur, or find fault with, or scream at his brothers, as most people would. (The best way out of a pit is to pray, trust, rejoice, wait on Him, and give Him the glory for what He has done. He knows the unseen staircases that lead from the pit. He knows the cords of love that lift one from that stench.)

We must remember though, that we might be taken into slavery as Joseph was. Slavery is earthly bondage. Many people are slaves to the carnal nature, which controls, plans, and arranges things in their lives until they are liberated and see the picture of their need to be rescued. God is able to rescue us as we deny ourselves, ask for-giveness, and then ask Him to have mercy upon us, and come with Jesus' truth into our hearts to sanctify us and cleanse us of all the things that so easily beset us. We are also under bondage to what people want, what leaders think we ought to do, which often, God is not in. Jesus said in the sixteenth chapter of St. Luke, "...for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God." There may be fifty or a thousand men, but whatever they esteem is an abominable thing with God unless He has led, guided, and directed. When we highly esteem anything that is not of God, it is abominable to Him.

What is the value of the words of one waitress at the Yesteryear Restaurant who said, "I want you to know that I felt God's presence in that room."? It was beyond gold and silver. She had never been in a meeting with us before, but she felt God's presence in that banquet room as we met together. How great is that? The Lord gave

us such a meeting that I am unable to describe its greatness in words. The joy, the peace, the loveliness of Jesus, the glory that was in that room has possibly never been shared before just like that. Only through Jesus can this be, through the Holy Spirit, through our heavenly Father. We praise God and give Him all the glory for everything.

The Thursday evening following our time together at the restaurant, I felt that I should attend the evening prayer service even though my throat was hurting. When I was ready to go, I went into the prayer room to get a piece of paper and I prayed, "Jesus, I don't know whether the song you want is in the first or second hundred." He told me it was Hymn No. 108. The meeting was on, dear ones. God began to work and lead us. After I had exhorted a while on not criticizing people or finding fault with dear ones, a young man from a Bible school said, "I've never known this before. I've never heard about this anywhere in the world. I didn't know we weren't supposed to find fault with people or complain about people. I never knew that." The power of God came upon him and shook him. After he had cried out to God to be cleansed of this carnal trait, he jumped up and said, "Please pray for all the people I've hurt."

How many people have you hurt by talking about them? How many people have you wounded and you didn't realize it when you found fault with their weakness or wrong choices? How many people have you placed in a pit because you've talked about them? I began to pray with this young man, and as soon as he confessed, a great burden hit his heart. I prayed for four different burdens and the Lord revealed that one burden was for an earthquake. The following Monday morning a terrible earthquake took place in California. (I was also burdened on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for this same earthquake.)

Michael Parker then stood up and said, "I want you to know that I have been saved nineteen years and have never had an operation of the Holy Ghost in my heart. Jesus has never spoken to me in my heart, and I want to get everything out of my heart that is not supposed to be there so that God can have His way with me." I placed my hand on his heart and began to pray. I cried out to God in Jesus' name, "Jesus, send your truth down into this precious son. He is one of the

most dedicated Christians we know. Send the power down into his heart with the truth and take care of everything." God did a marvelous work with him, dear ones. On Sunday morning he testified of that experience, and said that when the power of God came down through him, something flew out of his leg. What would you be delivered of if God did a work in you?

In Joseph's day only a few people obeyed God. In Daniel's day only a few people obeyed His voice. Ezekiel 22:30 says, "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." He didn't find one. We can pray and preach and know theology from A to Z. We can know the Bible, and know all about religious things, but not really deny self in our hearts to obey the leading of the Holy Spirit faithfully and continually.

We are working hard to save ourselves, but Jesus said that he who will save himself shall be lost. We need to be encouraged to do God's will. When I took Oliver and Barbara home after the service, Oliver told me that he had never been in a meeting like we had just had in his entire life, and he has been in the church for fifty-five years. When I spoke with Richard Moore, he said, "I have never been in a meeting like tonight." I am so thankful that the Lord knew how to help us there, and we give Him all the praise, honor and glory for guiding, blessing and directing.

When God recently led me to Kokomo, we also had a precious time there. The meeting began in the pastor's study before we ever got to the meeting room. A black brother I didn't know was in need of a chair in the room, and he was trying to get it without disturbing us. I put my arms around him, and Jesus operated in my heart that he needed comfort. After the service, he took my hand and said, "I want to tell you that Jesus brought you here just for me today." I didn't know that in all the churches he had gone to, he had never felt loved in any of them until he got to Kokomo Christian Fellowship. It is unfortunate when a person is not loved by the church. People need love, and then when they feel loved, they will repent of their sin themselves. God can forgive them, but they need to be loved so that they are willing to ask Him for forgiveness. When you and I press anyone, they are born with a trustless heart and are full of questions. But if the

Holy Spirit, through love and soul travail, brings them in, they are born, the Lord helping, with a trusting heart. They won't question or want to know why because they are trusting Jesus. So many people want to know why this and why that. There isn't anything in the Bible that tells us this is the way it should be. It is the opposite of trust, of living by faith. Carnality will always ask why. The heart that is living in self-love will always ask why. We need to be saved from ourselves through the blood of Jesus Christ, and by the holy truth of Jesus.

When I entered the pulpit that morning I didn't know what to do, but God was merciful as I shared a message on mercy. I shared about the Great Supper, which is compared to the Great Supper above. Not even one who received the invitation was happy to be invited. Every one, with one consent, made excuse not to be present. The story of the Great Supper tells how the human heart really is. It rejects, resists, and excuses. My conviction is that only a few will obey God on their own. It should be that we obey God because we want to, and we love Him. The self in us is strong, and we have to die daily to obey Him. Wherever God's will is done, that is the church. If God's will isn't being done, is that really a church or is it just a group of people talking religion? Is it absolutely necessary that a people should want to do God's will in order to be a church? Of course, you know the answer.

Isaiah 58:1 says, "Cry aloud, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgressions, the house of Jacob their sins." We need help because the devil is fighting hard to get us into the love of the world. We love the things of the world instead of the things of God. He said that the time has come that judgment must begin at the house of God. He didn't say it would begin in the saloons and the gambling halls. Thirty-five years ago I heard Billy Springfield preach, and he said that the churches are doing more harm than the saloons. I was shaken. He was right. We must become like little children, be utterly dependent upon Him and do His will only. If it first begins with us, what will the end be with those who obey not the gospel? If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and sinner appear?

We must press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, forgetting

those things which are behind us. We must put them aside and not let them get back into our minds or harass us. We must go on to holiness. I pray that God will cleanse me of every evil. I believe that hardly anyone knows how serious it will be when we get to the great judgment morning. Only by the grace of God can I make heaven, and through the blood of Jesus cleansing me from iniquity, deception, evil, and wickedness of the flesh will I be able to go on to holiness, purity, righteousness and truth. We give Jesus the praise, knowing that we must obey God, do His will, and be faithful to Him. We pray that we would do only what the Lord would have us to do for His sake and glory.

When we returned to Florida, Rev. and Mrs. Reimar Schultze went with us to help us along the way, for which we were very thankful. While the Schultzes were still in Florida with us, before their return home, Reimar went with my brother, Edward, and myself, to the other side of the state to visit my brother, Richard and his wife, Marge. We had a marvelous time of fellowship together. Marge and Richard had given a copy of A Voice in the Wilderness to one of the ladies in the trailer park where they live, and she said, "You know, I don't read anything, and I'm not interested in reading. But I took the book home and began to read it. As I read, I couldn't put it down." Jesus worked in her heart through A Voice in the Wilderness and she was encouraged and helped. They gave the book to another person who was also stirred in their heart. They felt the main point of the book was, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." They didn't dwell upon the experiences. They dwelt upon the central message. We were so thankful to hear that these dear ones were encouraged, lifted, and challenged with this humble writing. Reimar, Edward, and I agreed that it was like we were in a small revival. We were very thankful to Jesus for His help and blessing, His work and leadership, His being in this humble writing. We were lifted as we reviewed all the way home. Brother Schultze enjoys flying more than he does driving, but he enjoyed our drive together that day. It was indeed a profitable and blessed time in the Lord.

On January 30th, we made our way to the Sunday morning service at Palm Beach Gardens Christ Fellowship. I called on Brian Benjamin to sing Hymn No. 272 in the old Methodist hymnal,

and he sang it beautifully, even though he had never sung this song before. I then spoke on "If thou would but suffer God to guide thee." Rev. Schultze was so encouraged that he said to me later, "I wish the Lord would allow, or permit, you to preach this message nearly every service in Israel. It is a significant and central message of God's Word." God is seeking a people who will suffer Him to lead them. The sin principle prevents it and fights hard against it. The carnal nature in us will not allow, or permit, God to guide. The devil has to be denied continually, or the self will smother out the leading of the Holy Spirit. We have to constantly 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, the Kingdom of Heaven is preached and every man presses into it. It is truly a time of endurance.

Jesus said in Matthew 18:3, "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." If we are to suffer God to guide us, we must persevere in prayer and obedience, in testimony, in humility, in pursuing childlikeness, which is utter dependence upon God. He said that except we become as little children, we will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. This requires our giving over completely to God's will and not holding on to what we want. Jonah wanted to go to Tarshish instead of to Nineveh. There is something in us that wants to go where we want to go, and plan what we like. We are required by scripture, by truth, by God's will, to no longer do our own planning but to submit to God's will and follow Jesus faithfully. He said if any man is going to come after Him, let him deny himself and pick up his cross of self-denial. This is a great assignment that never ends from the moment of conversion on. It never ceases. We are to assume our cross whereby this old inward nature must be cleansed and crucified out of us. We must die daily, as St. Paul said. If we fail to die daily, then we will cease to be obedient. Only as we obey the Holy Spirit, will we be pleasing in God's sight and fulfill His will on earth as it is in heaven.

Jesus said that only a few would find this way. We have to lay aside every weight and sin which so easily besets us to run with patience the race that He has set before us. We must look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, Who for

the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is now set down at the right hand of God interceding for us. When we cease to die to self, when we cease to plan what we want, and do God's will, then we start our walk with Jesus. We begin to follow Christ. He said, "Follow me." We cannot follow Jesus as long as self makes the arrangements, the plans. We must constantly die out to this old evil within us in order to pursue and follow after Jesus. We must review this daily, or we may wander away from it. We may not hold fast to the purpose of the will of God. As I have said before, instead of following Jesus we become figurers. We take the convenient way, the reasonable way, the beautiful way, the way that seemeth right. Therein are the wages of death.

We must, by God's grace, lift up our eyes unto the hills from whence cometh our help, because our help cometh from the Lord which made the heavens and earth. It is by His precious blood, His holy mercies, the grace of God, and the prayers of the saints that we can make it each step of the way. We know we are not able in our own strength. In Him all things are possible. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." We must not grow weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. So many people have fallen in the fainting lines, never to reach the reaping fields. Many turned away from Jesus. Many of His disciples left Him. He asked the twelve, "Will ye also go away?" They answered, "...to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life." I need those words of Jesus to constantly abide in my heart, in my soul, in my mind, my body, my very being, from the top of the my head to the souls of my feet. I need the word of Jesus abiding. As Jesus was in this world, so are we. We need to be ever saying, "Not my will, but thine be done." This takes us to a continual inner death. We pray that each one of you will not grow weary in well doing, but that you will persevere and endure, for everyone is called to this. There is not one exception. We know it is by His mercies and through the sacred blood of the Lamb that we can make heaven, for the Word says that they overcame the devil by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony. We give God the praise, honor and glory, and rejoice always, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you and me.

Thank you for praying for us. Please pray for our trip into Israel. We would be thankful if those of you who feel led, would pray and fast for us, for the air currents to be perfect, for the planes to be perfect, for the anointing to be precious, sacred, holy and full. We pray that the Kingdom of God will come on earth as it is in heaven, with righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. We thank each of you for your sacrifice, your prayers, petitions and supplications to Jesus, on our behalf. We have done so little, but God has done much. We thank each one of our staff, secretaries, assistants, family, children, brothers, sisters, sons and daughters whom the Lord has led me to these sixty-one years. I pray that the Lord will somehow help me to be more filled with His holiness, His purity, His wisdom, His knowledge, and His righteousness, that I might go forth as a little child in carrying out what He would have me to do.

We are praying that the sanctuary being built here in Parker City will be filled with the Holy Ghost, endued with the power of the Kingdom of God. When Solomon made an end to his prayer, the fire came down and consumed the sacrifice. The presence of God was so wonderful in that sanctuary that the priests could not stand up. We need the Holy Spirit to flow from the sanctuary into the hearts of the dear ones as they pass by on the Windsor and Selma roads. Each person is precious. There are no differences with God. We love each and every one alike after we are filled with the Holy Spirit, after we become like a little child and obey, trust, and submit ourselves wholly and totally unto God's will, with thanksgiving. Our prayer is that God will make a way where there seemeth to be none. He said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." He is able to meet our needs. We pray that people will not see the sanctuary as just a beautiful place, but also a spiritual haven, a spiritual power of God abiding, that woos, calls and draws hearts to repentance, conversion, and transformation, that we might be like Him.

The need is great and Jesus is coming soon. We don't know when, but the great judgment is appointed. I want to be cleansed so that when I get there I won't have failed or grieved the Holy Spirit, or anyone else. It is so easy to do. I need help, because I don't claim to be anything but the weakest and neediest. I pray that the Holy Spirit

will so be in my life, that people will know I want to do God's will, even though I am needy. I pray that the devil will be defeated as I lift the shield of faith to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked, that I might be delivered from every evil, wrong, selfish, and worldly way. I pray that I might be in His likeness to do His will.

I need Jesus every second, every heartbeat. There is no other way. This is the way, the truth and the life. Jesus of Nazareth is the way. He will not fail us. He is seeking a people who will resist the devil and do His will, follow the Savior, Jesus, Who was born of the virgin Mary, Who suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, and descended into the grave, to rise again the third day. He then ascended to heaven where He is now praying for us. For all those who will put their trust in Him, He will in no wise, cast out. He will never leave us nor forsake us. Jesus said in St. John 15:16, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, He may giveth it to you." This is so that we might live a holy life of loving others, helping those in the prisons and jails.

We received a letter recently from a precious daughter who Michael Douglas prayed with in a jail. When he found this soul, she gave her heart to Jesus. She said that if it hadn't been for the burden God laid on my heart at the Hall of Mirrors, and the leading that people visit the jails and prisons, she would probably be dead now. God changed her life and Jesus made her a new creature. Michael and his precious wife, Kathy, have prayed, helped, and held on for her and for others. We thank the Lord for others who have also been led of Jesus to go to the jails and prisons. We thank the Lord for all He has done, for what He is doing, and for what He will do for all those prisoners and inmates who have given their hearts to Jesus.

We are thankful for each one who has prayed and persevered into the life of His righteousness, truth, purity, and love for everyone alike, who are being thoughtful of the poor, hungry and homeless. The saints need much help also, for St. Paul said, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;...." Saints are those who are denying self

and becoming like a child, fulfilling what God has called us into the world for--to love one another as God loves us. Jesus said in St. John 13:34-35, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." Love is the evidence. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I become as sounding brass and tinkling cymbals. If I have all faith to remove mountains, and do not have love, It profiteth me nothing. I feel so needy. I need much more of His love, His holiness, His purity, His wisdom, His knowledge.

It is only by His mercy that we can be victorious each day. May you be strengthened to persevere on, to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. We need not look at the circumstances, problems, trials and battles of this life, but look upward to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. We need to look to our heavenly Father Who created the universe and wanted to have men walk with Him, trust Him and obey Him in the garden of time.

Thank you again for praying for us, for your sacrifice and help. Thank you for your sacrificial giving to Revival For Our Day and for the building of this sanctuary in Parker City. We are in debt to Jesus for making a way where there seemeth to be none. We pray that our words will be acceptable in His sight, and well-pleasing to Jesus, for He is our strength and our redeemer. Thank you for everything. We also want to thank each one for the birthday cards and remembrances. We are humbly grateful for your love and care to us, and we thank Jesus for each one of you. May you be healed, strengthened, encouraged, and lifted as you persevere along this way of holy living unto Jesus.

In Jesus' name,

Loran W. Helm

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p.s. We want to be sure to give God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, all the praise, glory and honor for what is said in this letter.

Dear Rev. Loran and Florence Helm,

I again want to express my gratitude for the hope and joy you have given to Lucia and I in our ministry. I see the scriptures in a different sense, as do the young called to work with us in our churches and missions. Our young men are coming to see their greatest challenge--their thoughts, feelings, attitude--their flesh. You, your ministry, those who live lives that you have touched, and your book, A Voice in the Wilderness, are making a lasting difference in the hearts of our people.

Several months ago, a young Tarascan minister came to me for advice. He was tired. After nine years of working alone, he wanted to quit. I prayed with him and gave him a copy of A Voice in the Wilderness. Two weeks later he returned a changed man. The fire had been lit again. When we would talk, his mind would often wander off to what he had read in A Voice in the Wilderness.

Today Reuben Duzman, one of our ministers, apart from his growing ministry, is working with us to tape on audiocassettes the New Testament in the Tarascan language.

Thank you for the blessing that you have been. I look forward to seeing you again. I pray that I am never a bother to you. It is a blessing to just be with you. I would travel whatever distance for the blessings our Lord shares through you. Lucia and I love you. Thank you.

In His precious name,
John and Lucia (Cook)

(John has his Ph.D.)

ISRAEL PILGRIMAGE
APRIL 15-24, 1994

The Lord helping us, we will be returning to the land of Israel on April 15-24, 1994. For those who are planning to travel with us, and who have not already done so, please contact Tina Brazil immediately and send your \$100.00 deposit to her at the following address. Also, please remember to check your passport to see if it is current. For those who have never traveled overseas before, please apply immediately for your passport to give plenty of time for processing. The cost from New York is \$2,350.00 plus domestic airfare. Domestic fares will vary pertaining to location.

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JOHN 13:4,5

4. He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

5. After that he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

Rev. Helm called early this morning (Valentine's Day) very broken, more than I have heard in his voice in my 29 years since the Holy Ghost began to change my life, and wanted this scripture to be included in the newsletter. His cup (Psalm 23:5) truly was overflowing with love, joy, and appreciation of how the Holy Ghost was helping him.

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Dear Ones in Christ Jesus,

Praise the Lord for His abundant love and His matchless mercy. The Lord has touched my heart on a project at Parker City Christ Fellowship. Pastor McAdams has spoken of a need for our new fellowship sanctuary. I have pondered it in my heart and asked the Lord if I am to have a part in raising money for this need. I wanted to back away from it as it is not easy to ask friends for financial help, so before you read any further, please know I do not wish to put pressure on anyone. But should the Lord lead you to help, I would be grateful.

There have been hundreds of people helped, touched and lifted with Florence's (Mrs. Loran Helm) gift of playing the piano, and so it seemed appropriate that the new piano in the fellowship sanctuary be dedicated in honor of Florence's parents, Ora and Grace Spence. These wonderful people allowed Loran and Florence and their three children to live with them for seven years (just before the home built by faith was built). They saw to it in Florence's early childhood that she practice the piano with diligence. How fitting to have a memorial to these quiet, hard working, noble, upright, and gentle souls.

Should God put it on your heart to participate in this memorial, please make your check payable to Parker City Christ Fellowship with a notation that it is to be used for the piano memorial, and send to Parker City Christ Fellowship, P. O. Box 11, Parker City, IN 47368. I might add that when Parker City was in the middle of their building fund campaign, God spoke to me, "This building is more than a building." You might be interested to know that the Revival For Our Day and Evangel Voice offices, as well as the prayer room, will be moved to the new building, which will be the headquarters of Loran's ministry.

We have put a downpayment on a splendid piano that is considered one of the world's best. The prophet of God said that we should have the faith to purchase this piano, with the help of God's people.

To confirm this letter being written to you, I talked to a prophet, and he wept. I spoke to a man of God and he broke out in holy laughter. I spoke to a handmaid of God and she said, "You are on the trail." When the church is finished and ready to be dedicated, (we trust within a year) you are invited to attend.

In Christ's love,

Edward Helm

Edward Helm

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Revival For Our Day

Tuesday 29th
3:00

March 10, 1994

Greetings in Christ, the Son of the living God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Who has brought us from darkness to a marvelous light through His shed blood, His holy covenant. He spilled His life's blood on the cross so that we could be saved from our wickedness, deceptions, evils, disobediences and wanderings.

We thank Jesus that He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. We must lay aside every weight and sin which does so easily beset us, to run, with patience, the race He has set before us. We must look to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is now set down at the right hand of God interceding for us.

When we cease to deny self, we go into the life of self-assertiveness, which is the life of disobedience. We then spend our time in that dull, dingy, lonely place of working things out in our own way. Even though we pray and read the Bible, unless we deny self and obey every leading of the Holy Spirit, we are just going around in circles. I am thankful that Jesus is able, through His precious blood, His sacred Holy Spirit, to guide us into all truth. St. John 16:13 says, "Howbeit, when he, the Holy Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth...." What is all truth? What does it concern? What does it involve? How inclusive is it? How far reaching is it? He said, "I will guide you into all truth." This verse continues, "...for he shall not speak of himself: but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak and he will shew you things to come." When the Holy Spirit is come, He will show you things to come. He will guide you where you are to go, and what you are to do.

I would like to share with you that the Holy Spirit has led us to once again gather together for a Waiting Upon God July 2-4, 1994, at the Holiday Inn O'Hare International Hotel in Chicago. A Waiting Upon God is where the children of God meet together to endeavor to learn how to lose their lives so that the Holy Spirit can begin to work and pour out His Spirit to draw all men to Jesus. A Waiting Upon God is a serious and precious experience, a teaching experience. It requires dying to self every moment. A Waiting Upon God cannot exist without the anointing of Jesus, the leadership of the Holy

Ghost. Unless we have the anointing of the Holy Spirit, we cannot do or say anything that would be of benefit. It is only through the mercies of God that I can do anything to help anyone.

As we gather together to wait upon God in this sacred experience, it is best to leave children and babies with a reliable person to look after them. Otherwise, mothers have to constantly have their focus on the children instead of on the things of the Kingdom of God. Children and young people are precious, but if we have these responsibilities pressing us, we cannot begin to learn how to deny self and obey the Holy Spirit. If we are involved, we have to take care of the present situation rather than be free to receive that which the Lord might want us to have, or do through us. If parents do bring their children, the children should not be allowed to gather together in the halls or rooms. We also need to be thoughtful of those around us, especially when we are in the services. I have preached for many years, and have seen that most parents do not realize what their children are doing much of the time. The teaching of losing one's life is not an easy assignment, but that is what we are called to do by His mercies and grace, through His precious blood shed on the cross that we might be saved from all sin unto life eternal.

Thank you for praying with us about these matters. We are very grateful to each one of you and want to thank you for your consideration, help, understanding, and compassion for us. We are very needy, and give God the glory, Jesus the praise, the Holy Spirit thanksgiving for giving us strength, anointing, revelation, and direction. We appreciate each one of you who have been so cooperative and helpful, and who have shared and assisted in prayer, in finance, in attendance, in thoughtfulness. It has been a great benefit and blessing to us, to our staff, and to our board of directors.

When we began the first Waiting Upon God twenty-eight years ago next November, we had never been in a meeting where we didn't know what we were going to do. If we arrange or plan anything outside the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we will have just a religious meeting. If we have not obeyed the Holy Spirit, new converts become patterns of us, and are almost in worse shape than they were before. If we try to work things out ourselves, we leave the realm in which He has

called us to live. Most all people are busy saving their lives. To lose our lives, we must deny self every moment. .

Jesus was praying to the Father in the seventeenth chapter of St. John when He said, "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." To become sanctified is to have the truth of Jesus come into our inner being as we cry out to Him. His truth is preceded by prayer and obedience. And when we pray, we are to pray a prayer of an overcomer, a prayer of harmony, unity and togetherness.

We need to be a pure people, holy unto God, loving all people as Jesus loves us. The unsanctified heart is never satisfied. It always wants something else. The sanctified heart is childlike and experiences thrills, romance, and adventure as we follow in His holy train of submission, of complete giving over to His will with thanksgiving, adoration, prayer and trust in our heavenly Father, the blessed Jesus, Who died on the cross to save us and transform us that we might become in His likeness. As Jesus was in this world, so are we to be. It is only through the blood of Jesus, the truth of Jesus, that we can be sanctified wholly unto His will and purpose. God will work as we trust Him, giving Him all the praise, glory and honor for all things.

We need a sanctified heart to be able to wait upon God. The heart that is not completely, entirely giving over to obedience and becoming like a child holds back and prevents much that God would do or could do if we would only let Him make us pure and holy before Him. The Word says they overcame the devil by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony. We praise God and give the Holy Spirit thanksgiving for the precious blood that saves us through the truth of Jesus sanctifying us, that we may be victorious and love all people. His followers must review this constantly to be able to wait on Him and stay before Him in continual prayer and obedience.

Recently, Edward and I were sharing and praying together on the telephone, and when Edward told me that Earnest and Audra Rhoades were going to be at Oasis Christ Fellowship two Sundays hence, I said, "You know, I have been

meditating about the fact that I haven't been there for two years. I surely wish I could be there when Earnest and Audra are there, but when I pray, the Lord tells me I must go on February 20th." That was not what I thought, but He said He would guide us into all truth, and show us things to come.

I made arrangements for Edward and I to go so that no one would know we were coming. I arose to prepare a little after three that morning because the trip is around two hundred and forty miles one way. When my father was seventy-five years of age it was hard for him to travel long distances. Many people of my age don't want to go far at all. I left here at about twenty-two after four and picked Edward up to begin our journey together. I drove for about a hundred and twenty miles, and then Edward took over. After a while, he mentioned to me that we were south of Melbourne. I replied, "That is where Jerry and Florence Bays are. Hand me the phone." Jerry later told me that he sat up on the side of the bed just before I called. When he answered, I said, "Son, we are going to be near you within about a hundred miles." He told me that he and Florence Ann were to pick Vera Wagner up at the airport at twelve-thirty. Since the service began at nine o'clock, I thought that if they could come, they could leave in time to pick her up.

When we arrived and walked into the pastor's study, tears began to run down the pastor's cheeks. He said, "I am so thankful. The Lord knew we needed you." Pastor Gary and his wife and the people rejoiced because Jesus sent us to them that morning. Can you see this, dear ones? It wasn't my plan to go that morning. I wanted to go the next Sunday when Earnest and Audra were going to be there. The Lord said, "No, you are to go February 20th." Gary wept for joy. I said to him, "Son, I don't know what to do. You might have a song on your heart or the children some scripture."

We began the service with a song I had never heard sung before. It was done in harmony similar to the McAdams children. I asked for it to be sung again, and then asked for the children to give some scripture. After this occurred, I didn't know I was going to do it, but I began to preach and spoke for one hour and thirty minutes. I was in various scriptures in different parts of the Bible. I wouldn't know how many scriptures I gave. The pastor had been having quite a bit of back trouble and pain down his leg, but he was sitting there praising God and chocking the wheel.

As I looked out over the congregation, it looked to me as if there were a hundred and forty to fifty people there.

When Jerry and Florence arrived, we reviewed about how Florence wanted Jerry to come into the service at the Waiting Upon God when he came to pick her up. He didn't want to, and she said, "If you love me, you will come in here." This took place in 1973 or 1974. She reviewed that he had always been a man who never shed tears, only when one of his dear ones died, and one time when she turned him down and wouldn't go out with him. Jerry came into the room at that Waiting Upon God and sat down about forty-five feet from me. I didn't know he was there as I shared about how Jesus was leading and guiding, and about answers to prayer. The tears began to run down his cheeks, and he was embarrassed. He asked Florence, "What is wrong with me?" What the Lord was saying through me got into his heart and into the tear ducts, and the tears just ran down his cheeks. He couldn't stop them. He tried to wipe them off with his sleeve because he didn't want anyone to see him weep. Jesus changed his life. As we reviewed this in the service, the shekinah glory was on his face and he was happy. Jerry said to me after the service, "To be with you helps me."

After the sermon we had an altar call, and many came forward to pray. The pastor said, "I haven't told him one thing about situations, and it is as if he and I have had a talk. He preached about the very things we were in, and I never told him anything." I didn't know I was going to preach until the children gave the scripture. This is exciting, dear ones! The Lord said, "Go on February 20th." I wanted to go a week later. I didn't know there had been tests, trials, and hard places. Every church has them, you know. Our time there was so precious that we hardly know how to express to you what happened. After the service, one of the leading laymen, a dear man, a precious servant of God, told me that on the Thursday or Friday before, he had read our newsletter and received encouragement. He said, "While I was reading the letter, it came into my heart that you would be here this morning." It was a marvel, but Christianity is a marvel.

The next day Pastor Gary called Edward and told him that they have had early morning prayer for some years now because when he read about self denial in A Voice in the Wilderness, he thought, "The greatest thing I can deny myself of is sleep." He began to arise early to pray, and

five to seven men would come to pray with him. He told Edward, "This morning we had sixteen men, and they were praying for themselves." This is revival, dear ones. We had a great time in trying to praise the Lord and give God the glory. We thank Jesus for how He helped, guided, blessed and directed. Jesus is to be praised for every cry, every prayer, every petition.

You might recall that I recently shared with you about the time Reimar, Edward and I went across the state to visit my brother, Richard, and his wife, Marge. I shared about the fact that they had given A Voice in the Wilderness to a lady and how she had said to me, "I don't care to read books, but when they gave me A Voice in the Wilderness, I went home and couldn't stop reading it." Revival began in her heart, and she could see that denying self is what we are called to do. She gave it to another dear friend, and revival began in her heart. They received the message of inner denial. They gave the book to a Catholic sister, and revival began in her heart. All three of them loved us as if we were their own brothers. They asked me to pray for a person with cancer of the lymph glands. I replied, "I need Jesus, because I can't pray unless the Holy Spirit helps me." I asked God, in Jesus' name, to go to this person and kill the cancer. The other day we received word that this person returned to the doctor and they could not find the cancer. The doctor was astonished and surprised. Since then, another person has also been healed. Revival began in the hearts of these three ladies, and God began to help. Their prayer group went from about six to thirty-five persons, and one, whom I believe lives in Minnesota, said, "I want to read this book." She read it, and as I understand it, wanted a copy for the prayer group at home.

I remember when we went to Margate during the time Oliver and Barbara Hogue were here with us. I felt so utterly nothing, and didn't feel as though I could preach or lead a service ever again. I recall thinking, "Oliver and the pastor will have to share, because I don't know what to do." The pastor came over and knelt down beside me there on the front seat and said, "Now, Dad, when you are here, we want you to be in charge as the Lord leads you." I began to quietly pray in my heart, and the Lord was merciful to show me something. Oliver told me how amazed he was to see how the Lord helped me to preach on the Good Shepherd, Who left the wilderness to go out and find the wandering one. I mentioned how we can be lost even in the fold when we do what

we want to do. We can be in the church and still be lost when we work things out ourselves. We become lost in the land of self-will, self-assertiveness. We can be in the fold, and still wander out into the green when we seek after earthly things. My wife has heard me preach for sixty-one years, and she said that God helped me so much it stirred her up. Oliver said God spoke things through me that he had never thought of in fifty-five years. It is all because of Jesus, the Holy Ghost. Dear ones, I really felt utterly needy, more so than I have ever felt in my life! The Lord was merciful and faithful to me. He helped in a marvelous and wonderful way.

I recently called the office at Palm Beach Gardens Christ Fellowship to speak with Pastor Thomas Mullins, and Deann Barber answered the telephone. She is as a daughter to us, and her husband, a son. She said, "I want to tell you, Rev. Helm, that when you were here a while back, during the service you all at once received the revelation of a burden for a person with upheaval in the stomach caused by the result of a certain pressure at their work." Deann shared with me who it was, and I knew nothing about it. We rejoiced and tried to be thankful to God for working this out and healing this precious person. Brother Schultze was with me that morning and told me later, "You preached as though you were a doctor. I hope Jesus helps you when we get to Israel to preach on this subject every service." I don't know how, except God helps me. The Lord was merciful and helped us in the realm of the precious, the miraculous, and the marvelous.

We recently had a precious time together with Herb and Jacque Hill and Edward and Jackie. Herb is a very intelligent man, and his wife is a very outstanding Christian counselor. They wouldn't want us to say this, but they are extraordinary in humility, in childlikeness, in knowledge, in understanding, in compassion, in wanting to do Jesus' will only. They don't want to do their own will, but God's will. They want to be where God wants them to be. They want to do just what God wants them to do. This is their desire. We reviewed about the time when we were in California and how I had the dear ones with me try to find them out there. I said, "Tell them we are to eat with them at the Sheraton Hotel tonight." When they located Herb and Jacque and told them we were to eat together that night, Jacque began to tremble and shook for two hours. We had a meeting that night that we can't describe in words. At 11:15 I was trying to get to my room because I was exhausted, but I couldn't

go. The Lord then administered the gifts of miracles and faith to Jacque.

We were reviewing all of this at the Holiday Inn as we ate together recently, when all at once, God revealed to me that Jacque was going to be privileged to pray for a miracle in the brain. He told me where it was, and then revealed that she was going to be privileged to pray for a miracle in another part of the brain. Then He privileged her to pray for a miracle in the back, and He showed me where that was. Jacque was trembling inside her heart, and Herb had a light on his face! They thought it could be one of the greatest times they ever had at a table, by the mercies of God, the work of Jesus within.

When we walked outside and I turned to go right to the car, the Lord stopped me. He turned me back around, and as I prayed over the four of them, He told me which one He wanted me to pray for. We give God the praise and Jesus the glory for it all. As they were traveling back home, they had Holy Ghost fellowship with us in their hearts. This is called the communion of saints. It means that the Holy Ghost works in a saint's heart, and in that child of God's heart, and then works back and forth. It doesn't matter whether it is right where they are, a mile away, around the world, or whether it is a hundred years before or since. The communion of saints is within the interior life through the Holy Spirit.

It is truly through the help of the Holy Spirit that we could ever again know what to do. When Emory Reece began Revival For Our Day thirty-two years ago, he told me a year or two later that I needed to write a letter to the people. I didn't know how to do that. I am not a writer, and when I try, my mind goes faster than my hand can write. I then learned to tape the letters. Dr. John Cook, a Doctor of Physiology, told me that he would like to have all the letters God has given me since I began writing to you. I was humbled, for I am neither a scholar nor student. Dr. Cook is a great man of God. He and his wife have done much for the orphans and sick, as well as for many others in Mexico.

We thank Jesus for each one of you who have prayed and fasted for us, who have desired to be cleansed of all carnality. (I pray right now for this brain trouble above the left eye. I pray that this person will be healed and delivered of this trouble. I am in debt to Jesus for every direction of the Holy Spirit, for every revelation.) We are thankful for each one of you who have sacrificed

on our behalf. We give God the glory, Jesus the praise, the Holy Spirit thanksgiving for all your petitions, supplications, sacrifices and gifts. We pray that God would lay it on the hearts of those who have finance, to send in.

We pray for the church now being built in Parker City. We pray that the power and spirit of the mighty God of Abraham, Who filled the temple of old, would fill this sanctuary and flow out like streams in the desert into the village to touch the hearts of men and women. We know we are unworthy of such a petition, but we need it desperately. There are thousands of churches in the world, but it is just a building unless the people put Christ first and endeavor to pick up their cross to follow Jesus Christ, Who died on the cross for us all.

Jesus said that unless we become like little children after conversion, we cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven. We pray for the Holy Spirit to work with the hearts of the people for miles around. We can't convince people. Most people don't even believe we are really doing God's will. The Holy Spirit alone is able to draw the hearts of the people, to bring them to repentance so that they will take up their cross and assume their place in the church of Jesus Christ. If the church is not being led by the Holy Spirit, it is just a group of religious people talking about religious things. We must deny self, obey God and become like little children, or we will be just an organization of man.

We must forsake all to follow. Jesus said that if a man is going to come after Him, he should sit down and count the cost before he begins rather than start and have to stop. He is saying that there is a cost to discipleship, and yet, I hear that there is no cost. I hear that the cost is already paid, and that all we have to do is accept it and we will have eternal life. Jesus said we need to count the cost before we start to be sure we won't go into the life of self-assertiveness. We can't do this on our own, dear ones, because if we do, we are likely to become fanatical and radical. He wants us to be balanced, to be pure and holy before Him. He wants us to be utterly dependent upon Him.

As we journey to Israel, I trust that everyone has asked forgiveness for all criticisms, judgmental spirits and wrong attitudes. If we can get all of that under the blood before we go, and give back all the towels that have been taken from motels, pliers from the filling stations, knives and

forks from the restaurants, and be forgiven of the lust of the world; the Holy Spirit could come in His presence and anoint the meetings in Israel. This requires our giving everything over to the Lord so He can do it in His precious name and for His glory. We want to be sure God has all the glory, Jesus all the praise, the Holy Spirit all thanksgiving. We must press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

We pray that the flights to Israel will be good to excellent, and that everything will go well in all hotels and places we are in. We didn't know we would be returning to the land of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and we need His help, deliverance, anointing, protection and blessing. For those of you who still have outstanding balances with Passports International, please get your finance to them immediately. When we traveled with Wholesale Tours years ago, all finance was required thirty days in advance. Many of us do not realize how imperative it is for the travel agency to have the money a month before the journey to procure the international air flights. We trust for His help and mercy as we go. There is something on my heart that I am trusting the Lord to lay upon the hearts of His people to help me with. We give Him the praise, honor and glory for it all. Amen.

In Jesus' name,

Loran W. Helm

Loran W. Helm

Brother Helm wept when he read the following letter, and wants you to know that he and Florence feel unworthy of it all. They give Jesus all the praise, honor, and glory for everything.

Dearly Beloved,

It is almost two in the morning now, and everyone is asleep except me. Some nights are like this, but such nights are no less glorious when Jesus is near...

Can it be that we have only two more days left with you until we return to Parker to pray? But isn't it wonderful that I am eager to resume my prayer vigil on your behalf? I am excited about being here, and about returning to prayer. Praise the Lord. On Tuesday, February 1, we arrived on wings called American Trans Air, rented a car, and met you two at the Harbor Beach Marriott. Just one glimpse of you refreshed us, and so did the soup and salad.

How surprised and glad we were to go with you to Margate Church of the Nazarene the very next night for service. Your sermon on the parable of the lost sheep was anointed, fresh, and encouraging. I sat beside you in amazement as you expounded on things I had never heard before. I especially remember the thought that we might wander off into the green. I have never once, in fifty-five years, had such a thought, but the memory of experience brought acquiescence.

Thursday, February 3, saw six of us celebrating your seventy-eighth birthday at La Vieille Maison. What a blessed night that was as we sat in the special room afforded us for that very special occasion...

...We joined you Sunday night at the Fifteenth Street Fisheries and enjoyed one of the best meals in our twenty-seven years of eating with you. We all said so, didn't we? And then last night we went to the La Dome, which surely provides one of the most beautiful views of Ft. Lauderdale, the Atlantic, and the Intercoastal Waterway one could ever find. In the middle of a most delectable dinner, you shared with us the wonderful news of Kathleen going to Israel with all of us, and especially her two sisters. That made the evening complete, especially when the pianist began to play, "A Dream of Love." All through the years we have been blessed with these kinds of experiences. Indeed, they have been experiences of romance, thrills and adventure. As unworthy as we are, we find ourselves deeply grateful that you should share so much of your lives with us. Our joy has been to serve you, and in so doing, serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

In a few days we shall wing our way together to the land of the prophets, apostles and saints. We shall view again those holy places that gave birth to our faith. But the experience there is no different from here--it is all sacramental. And this can only be because Jesus has led all of the way. (Rev. Helm interjects here, "Praise the Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob!")

I am comforted with the thought that these almost twenty-eight years have seen me in the most blessed walk a man could walk.... What a joy it has been. I love you both deeply, your son in the Faith, Oliver C. Hogue.

p.s. This postscript is being written as we are flying from Ft. Lauderdale to Sarasota, and then on to Indianapolis...

What can we do or say to thank you properly for all these years of love and friendship? I suppose our real gratitude is revealed by returning to our pact of duty in Parker, and continuing our vigil of prayer. What a privilege and what a joy! As the old song says, "Tis the kingdom of peace, it is reigning within. It shall ever increase in my soul. We possess it right here, when he saves from all sin, and twill last while the ages shall roll."

It is dark outside of my cabin window now. Just a few minutes ago I viewed a beautiful sunset, maybe even a magnificent one. George Watson, of the 19th century, said that the realm of nature only reflects the realm of grace. (God's grace). The sun has set again on our time in Florida, (seventeen winter visits now) yet a beautiful sunset holds the promise of a beautiful sunrise. The Lord willing, we shall come again and enjoy the paradise of both nature and spirit in your company. We love you both deeply.

REMINDER!!!

Israel trip April 15-24, 1994. Please be sure that your passport is in order, and that you get your finance to Tina Brazil, Passports International, immediately. Rev. Helm would like to remind us not to drink unpurified water or eat fruits and vegetables, especially lettuce, from the markets. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

Waiting Upon God July 2-4, 1994, at the Holiday Inn O'Hare International Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. For reservations, please call (708) 827-5131. Please be sure to identify yourself with Revival For Our Day when you make your reservation. Do not call the 1-800 number, as they do not have us in their computer system. The Holiday Inn and Ramada Inn are giving us a special group rate of \$59.00 per room per night, as well as free parking. Further information will follow at a later date.

Revival For Our Day

April 5, 1994

Dear beloved ones whom Jesus has saved, who trust in Him and are endeavoring to leave all to follow Him, Greetings.

Thank you for your supplications, your prayers, petitions and sacrifices on our behalf. We feel ourselves so very weak and needy. We are grateful for His presence, for His work of love, light and glory. He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think according to the power that worketh in us. We thank Him, because He is mighty to deliver and to give that which is needed to those who trust in Him. Praise the Lord.

We are looking to the Lord for guidance, for direction and help. We are praying for the best planes and air currents on the upcoming trip to Israel, for protection in travel, for the work and anointing of the Holy Spirit in our hearts as we are kept by the power of God. We know it is by His mercies that we can make it every step of the way.

We recently attended a service at Palm Beach Gardens Christ Fellowship, and Pastor Thomas Mullins was very surprised and appreciative to see us. At the beginning of the service, the Holy Spirit revealed to me that we were to sing, "I Need Thee Every Hour." We do need Jesus every hour, every moment, every breath, every step of the way, in all areas of the way. We need to be submissive to hear Him, to heed His voice every hour as He guides and directs. We need to be utterly dependent upon Him, because if we arrange things ourselves, we leave the life of self-denial and go over into the life of self-assertiveness. When we go over into that life, we are far from where we ought to be. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." (Luke 9:23)

The moment we cease to deny self, we begin to lean to our own understanding. That is what happened in the case of Adam and Eve. The fruit looked luscious and edible, and they leaned to their own understanding. The temptation of men and women since that time has been to lean to their own understanding, which is the life of self-assertiveness. It may seem reasonable, but it may not be the will of God. The will of God is revealed to those who deny themselves faithfully to receive and accept the cross, whereby we are

inwardly crucified of the old carnal nature, the deceptive nature, the wicked things in the heart that need to be cleansed out of us, through the truth of Jesus, so that we might continue in the life of inner denial. When we are not cleansed of the carnal nature, it takes over, and we leave the life of self-denial to go into the life of self-assertiveness.

It is so easy for a person to shift from the life of self-denial to the life of self-assertiveness. When we leave self-denial at any point, and lean to our own understanding, we enter into the life of disobedience. Jesus said we are to deny ourselves and take up the cross, but there is something in the nature of man, the carnal mind, that doesn't want to do that. It wants to lean to its own understanding. The instant we leave the life of self-denial, we leave the fruit of the Holy Spirit, because the self-assertive life quickly finds fault, complains and judges people. Jesus said, "Judge not." If the carnal nature isn't cleansed out of us, we are likely to judge somebody and not be aware of it. The second chapter of Romans says, "Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest:...." The fruit of the carnal mind and the self-assertive life is complaining, judging and finding fault, and there is no compassion. In the life of self-denial, where self is crucified through the truth of Jesus, there is compassion, longsuffering, gentleness, love, joy, peace, faith, temperance and meekness. St. Paul said, "I die daily." If we do not die daily to self, before we know it, we will leave the life of self-denial and go into the life of self-assertiveness. The self-assertive life is as far from the life of self-denial as the north pole is from the south pole.

At one point in the service that Sunday morning at Palm Beach Gardens Christ Fellowship, I suddenly said, "There is pain and suffering in the foot around the big toe and the one next to it." I began to pray for this trouble, and asked the Lord to have mercy and heal this situation. I then began to preach, and after a little while, the Lord told me about someone with back trouble to the right of the spinal cord, very low in the back. I put my fingers on my back where this severe pain was and endeavored to pray for it. Patty Pate later told Jackie, my brother Edward's wife, that I had described her trouble exactly. I was very thankful to the Lord for His mercy to reveal and to touch this precious handmaid. After we left the

sanctuary at the end of the service, Al Davis's wife, Lee, arose and said, "I have been having trouble in the foot just where he spoke about." We are truly in debt to Jesus for His mercy, for the guidance of our heavenly Father. We are very thankful for every revelation He has given, for every time He has made anyone whole.

My brother, Edwin, and his wife were visiting with Edward and Jackie and were able to be with us in the service that morning. When they returned to Edward's later that evening, Edwin shared how the Lord had worked with him. He has had to get up in the night for some time and walk until he got relief, because of pain and suffering in the foot and toes. Edwin slept until ten thirty the next morning, which he hasn't done since 1987, because of this suffering. It is a blessing when God sees fit to heal us, to take the suffering from various parts of the body so we can rest and have His presence with us, His work of love.

Thank you for your prayers and sacrifices, for your prayers for Israel, for God to take care and make a way for us in these days and weeks to come. My wife and I need prayer for our physical needs. It could be that some may be able to fast and pray for healing as the Lord leads. Jesus said in Matthew 18:19, "Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." Jesus said if we ask anything in His name, He will do it. We do appreciate your prayers as you agree together for the various needs of the bladder, kidney, prostate, lower organs and heart, and for Florence's eyes, throat, hip, back and joints. We do thank you for allowing us to mention these prayer requests, for your prayers to God, on our behalf, are vital and helpful.

Thank you very much for considering the way called Straight, as we all 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, the Kingdom of Heaven is preached and every man presseth into it. Every man must press into it. The word press means a continual death. There isn't any time when we can cease to deny self, deny prayer, or deny the reading of God's Word. There isn't any time when we can cease to press. Pressing is witnessing and praying. Pressing is dying. St. Paul said, "I die daily." When we cease to die, we cease to press. The natural man doesn't want to die to self. Instead,

he wants to arrange things. As we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin, for His glory and praise.

The tenth verse of the sixteenth chapter of Luke says, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much...." What is least? Where do you find it? How do you know it when you find it? What is the least? Where does it dwell? He that is faithful in that which is least--least in responsibility, least in ability, least in assignment, as it was in the case of Joseph when he rested in the pit. He was placed there by his brothers. It seemed like a little thing, but it was more than that. He seemed to be the least of all the brothers. He was resented, so they thought they would just put him where he would have to stay and they wouldn't have to see or hear him anymore. But the Holy Spirit came and lifted him up out of there with cords of love.

As far as I can see, he never complained in the pit. He never found fault in the pit. He never criticized his brothers in the pit, nor did he lament. There wasn't any way out of it. If he had tried to claw his way out, everything would have fallen in on him. He just sat down in the muck and rested. He was quiet. And after a while, the one who seemed to be the least, looked up and beheld, as it were, cords of love. He was lifted out, and rescued from this pit experience by cords of love and care. He had been faithful. He had been proven to his Father, so he was lifted out of the pit and sold into slavery where he couldn't make one choice for himself. He had to submit to those who owned him. But the Spirit of God was with him. The Kingdom of God worked within him because he was found to be faithful. That which was least became the most. God was so upon him that the glory of God came through him until wherever he was, everyone said, "This man is unusual. We sense God with this man."

He was purchased by Potiphar, and then had such an experience that I cannot even explain it to you. When he arrived there, he got into trouble, into hardship, into loneliness and accusation. But he was faithful to God, and when the great temptation came, he did not succumb. He was able to resist and flee from it, but then came the prison experience. He was placed in prison, and there he suffered loneliness, misunderstanding and hardship. When we go with God, many times we get into certain kinds of prison experiences. We

get behind bars of misunderstanding and trial, and find ourselves in a cold place in life. It seems like despair, but praise God, there is a voice crying, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." God, in the mighty power of His presence, rescued him.

One day two men, the baker and the butler, came to Joseph and said, "We want to talk with you." They sensed the power of God within him, for he was humble and submissive. He began to pray to God in his heart, and then told them that the butler would be reinstated in three days and the baker would die in three days. It came to pass, and when they left the prison to go to their respective assignments, one to death and one to reinstatement, Joseph said to the butler, "When you go, remember me." Do you know that the butler forgot him for one to two years. How long he was in prison I don't know, but he was faithful. He was true. He was yielded to God in his heart, and was found to be a man of integrity, submission, obedience, trust and childlikeness, full of God's love. Then one day the king had a dream, and all the wise men could not interpret it. Finally, the butler came to himself and said, "Oh, I forgot this beautiful man of God in prison. I believe God can work through him to help us in this terrible situation." He made himself known, and told the king about the man in prison who could give the interpretation.

Joseph was brought before the king, and as the dream was given, he said, "There will be seven years of plenty, followed by seven years of famine. You must find a man who is discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt." The king said to his servants, "...Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?" He was the least, the little one, the humble one, the one who hadn't complained in the pit, who was faithful in slavery, who was found to be true behind bars. God could trust him because he denied himself over and over again, first with the pit experience, then in slavery, and then prison. He was obedient in his heart; therefore, God could reveal Himself to him. Because God found the least who was faithful, He made a marvelous declaration and revelation. Joseph became second in the nation just under the king. He was put in charge of storage for the seven years of plenty, and there were marvelous ingatherings. Then the seven years of plenty ended and the seven years of famine began. It wasn't long until there was a cry of hunger, and I am sure you know the story of how this great man of God was used to spare

two nations from catastrophe. Because of the faithfulness of this precious servant of God, the Lord gave the revelation that saved all of Egypt, all of Israel, and all those people whom God had called.

"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much...." We are called of God to be faithful in that which is least, in great assignments and difficult places, that we might witness and be true to someone who is walking in slavery or in the prison of unbelief. Many people are in the prison of misunderstanding, and they need deliverance. They need someone who can show them the way out, and how to find Christ in their hearts so they won't have to live life without joy and peace. He is looking at you and me to see whether or not we will be willing to obey Him and tell the good news, that Jesus is Lord and that He is able to transform the vilest of sinners and bring them from darkness to light, to set their feet upon the Rock that is higher than I. As He used Joseph, He will work with you and me if we are faithful in the pit experience, in the life of slavery, subject to sin and oppression, to hardships and troubles that press in.

When you are placed in the prison of misunderstanding and you are crushed in a place you can't understand, then Jesus comes to break those shackles and give you peace and joy. (He works through the childlike to rescue those who have wandered afar in their own self-assertiveness and self-will.) Jesus rescues us by the Holy Spirit and draws us to salvation by the Holy Ghost. He said in St. John 12:32, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." God used Joseph to deliver a people. II Chronicles 7:14 says, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

In the seventeenth chapter of St. John, Jesus was praying to the Father. He said three times, "...they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." He is talking about His apostles, His disciples, His followers. He said in verses sixteen and seventeen, "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." Who is going to be sanctified? Those who are the least. Those who are faithful in witnessing, in obedience, and in self-denial. Jesus said, "I sanctify myself." Here is the Son of God Who is perfect. There is not

one imperfection in His life. There is not one weakness in Him. He knows all things of all men. There isn't anything hidden from Him. The scriptures say that He knew what was in man, and here he is already perfect, and He says, "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." The reason many people have never been sanctified is that they haven't consistently walked in inner denial.

St. John 17:18-20 reads, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word." Jesus is talking about all the people since He ascended. He said in verse twenty-one, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." Oh, what a verse! He prayed to God that we, the believers, we the least, we the transformed, we the converts, we the followers of the Lamb, might be sanctified to become one as God and Jesus are one. Oneness is harmony and togetherness in unity. If we are tempted to judge one another, that judgment eliminates and excludes us from this place of the least.

Jesus also said in Matthew 17:13-14, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Verse twenty-one reads, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Luke 13:23-24 says, "Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." Who is going to enter in? The least, the little ones, the childlike. Jesus said that except we be converted and become as a little child, we will not enter in at the strait gate. He is saying this to His apostles, His disciples, and to those of the multitude. If we reject cleansing and sanctification, and if we hold back, we are going to miss the strait gate and not enter in. He 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." Verse twenty-five continues, "When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:..." But if we are the least, the faithful, the obedient, the yielded, and the willing to be sanctified, praise God, we can make it through the gate, by the mercies of God and the blood of the Lamb.

The tenth verse of the first letter to the Church of Corinth talks about the behavior and manner of the church. This is the way the true church is--the least, the faithful, the obedient, the yielded, the childlike. Verse ten reads, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing..." Who is going to speak the same thing? Those who are the least, the faithful, the humble, the childlike, those who have denied self consistently since conversion. This verse continues, "...and that there be no divisions among you...." This is talking about the true church of Jesus Christ, for those who are living the self-assertive life will have division, murmuring and complaining. His people are sanctified through the truth, for Jesus is the truth. He is the One Who comes into our hearts and takes out of us all complaints, all judgments. Matthew 7:1 says, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." This is a commandment. In the carnal church, there is a judgmental spirit. We can't help it, because we are born with it.

Fifty-one years ago the Holy Spirit revealed to me that I was never again to judge anyone to my wife. I was never to find fault with anyone to her again. I was never to murmur again. Jesus said, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." In other words, when we judge people, the judgment comes down on our own heads. But, praise God, here in the seventeenth chapter of St. John is the hope of sanctification and becoming one. Praise the Lord, for He delivers us out of this awful spirit of carnality that causes all division and trouble. When we find fault, and complain and murmur, when we see the weaknesses of others, we are casting a judgment, which violates the word of God and crushes love. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we no longer find fault with people. We love them and encourage them.

Jesus said, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." He also said, "Let there be no divisions among you." When the Holy Spirit revealed to me that I was no longer to talk to my wife about people, I

had to write a letter to a well-known minister and ask him to forgive me for some things I had said. When God gets hold of us, we begin to make restitution. We ask people to forgive us for judging them, for finding fault with them, for criticizing them and murmuring about them. Oliver Hogue heard me preach this message in Bradford Park Church back in the sixties. When the sermon was ended he arose and said, "I want to ask God to forgive me for finding fault with people to my wife, and criticizing them to her." When I get home, I'm going to ask Barbara to forgive me and say I am sorry. I didn't know it was a sin to judge people. I didn't know it violates the scriptures of the Christ." I want you to know that Oliver is among the least in his heart. He is humble, and the revelation came to him, to the least. When he made that confession, a miracle took place within him.

As soon as the service was over, he came up to me and said, "An awful burden has hit my heart since I've made this restitution. I don't know what is wrong with me." As Oliver and I prayed together, the Lord was merciful to reveal that he had a burden for the mentally ill. I replied, "Oliver, your burden is for the mentally ill." He said, "What?" I answered, "When you made restitution and asked forgiveness for criticism and judgment, God was able to trust you with a burden for the mentally ill. Be encouraged. God is going to speak through you in a prayer for this soul, and they will be lifted out of despair." When you are in the prison of despair, you have to have help. Oliver had a burden for the mentally ill. He went home and told Barbara he was sorry for talking about people and asked her to forgive him. At that moment, the telephone rang, and a woman who lived some miles from them said, "You preached in our church some time ago." He replied, "Yes," and she continued, "All day I have been burdened to call you and ask you to pray for our mentally ill son." Oliver began to pray for him right then over the telephone. God came down and lifted the burden from his heart and sent it over to that son. It made a believer out of Oliver. He said that conviction fell on him because he didn't know this was central to holiness, central to Jesus leading and guiding. He didn't know that we cannot be led or guided if we have criticized anybody. The Holy Ghost doesn't lead anyone who finds fault or criticizes people. Oliver said that as soon as he prayed for this son, he felt the burden lift. We praise the Lord for His guidance.

Now let us go back to verse twenty-one of the seventeenth chapter of St. John, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee,..." Imagine a church being one as God and Jesus are in holy unity! That is what He prayed for. He said, "...that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." There is not one minute we can cease to deny self, because if we do, self will try to get us back into the prison of despair, the prison of finding fault with people. We must be rescued through the blood of the Lamb. He said in verse twenty-two, "And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one." In verse twenty-three He states, "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one..." What? The believers made perfect in one? Is that what your Bible reads? Just think, this is what Jesus prayed for in all Christendom. He said, "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved, them, as thou hast loved me." This is when He is lifted up. Many people think He is lifted up when we preach. We must become the embodiment of what Jesus said, "If any man is going to come after me, let him deny himself."

We must deny ourselves day and night and assume the cross by way of obedience and childlikeness. Unless we become like a child, we will never assume the cross. We will bypass it. So many have bypassed the cross and don't realize it because they didn't know to deny themselves in the first minutes after conversion and get up and say, "Jesus just saved me and took my burden away." This is the first experience of self-denial. Just as soon as we are saved and Christ comes into our heart, the Holy Spirit says, "Testify." But the flesh, the devil and self says, "Don't do it," and we miss the first leading of inner denial. When we do deny ourselves on our own, and we get up and tell how Jesus came into our heart, how He transformed us, how He saved us, the glory will hit us and maybe it will seem that we have double or triple joy. When I obeyed the Holy Spirit the first few minutes after salvation, my joy tripled! I had to deny myself. When I did, God came upon me and I preached to my mother and father until one or two in the morning. After about one or two hours, my brother told me, "If you don't hush, I'm not going to get any sleep tonight." I said, "I agree with you, but I can't get quiet because I have such joy

and glory in my soul I can't hold it in! It is like an explosion!"

God is able to cleanse us of this carnal nature after we are converted, so that we can be brought into harmony and unity. He wants the church filled with believers who are willing to deny self consistently, continuously, so that they can assume the cross upon which they die. I have to die daily. If I don't, I will find fault with someone. If I am not cleansed of that carnal nature, I will murmur about someone. If I am not obedient, that spirit comes right back in and I find myself complaining about someone again. These are spiritual secrets. Grab hold of them because the powers of the air don't want you to know this. I've only learned it by experience, by the grace of God.

I used to plead with people to obey God, obey the Holy Spirit. We do not obey because self will not let us. We have to deny self. We cannot become one as long as we are in the prison of self-will. There is no glory on the soul and no power in the life. In the prison of despair there is only complaint, fault-finding, loneliness and disobedience. It is only by the grace of God that we can live a life of self-denial. We can't do it in our own strength. It is only through Jesus, through doing what God leads, and in writing letters of forgiveness.

Jesus says in the seventeenth chapter of St. John, "And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world." And first Corinthians 1:10 is the message of the behavior and manner of the church, of the obedient follower who has escaped, as the least, out of the prison of complaints and judgmental spirits. "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." This tells the story. It is the picture of the true church. I didn't write this. It was written nineteen hundred years before I was born. He said the church, the followers of Jesus, are not to have divisions among them. We

are all to be one through His sanctifying power. He said, "I sanctify myself that they also might be sanctified through the truth." When the church is one as the Father and Son are one, there are no complaints or divisions. They all speak the same thing, and are perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Isn't this great! If a few saints get together who are completely, entirely childlike, who have been cleansed by the power of the truth of Jesus Christ, there will be harmony, joy and peace. There will be the glory of His presence as He is lifted up, and the power of the Kingdom of God will draw all men to Jesus. We try to draw people with crusades and arranging things ourselves, but it is only by the Holy Spirit that men will be drawn to Him. It is the Holy Spirit in you and me, the hope of glory. There is nothing in us. All things are in Jesus, and in Him all things exist. His love constraineth me. He said, "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you." When believers have become cleansed, and have come out of the prison of despair, they have become like little children. There is joy and peace among them; there is harmony. They hardly want to leave each other. The first time Rev. Daniel Light was at a Waiting Upon God, he didn't want to go home.

We need to persevere and press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, that He may be glorified, exalted, and given all the glory for what He has done. For many years I have preached that the world does not know us. One day I was reading the Bible through and saw in the third chapter of First John, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not." Let us lay aside every weight and sin that so easily beset us, to run, with patience, the race that is set before us. Let us look to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is now set down at the right hand of God. He is interceding, waiting for you and for me to die to self and assume the cross, to be cleansed of this old evil we are born with. If we walk in the light as He is in the light, the Holy Spirit is able to set us in heavenly places. Our burdens may be greater, our battles deeper, but our joy and communion with Him will be marvelous as we let Him lead us, cleanse us, and mold us into His likeness.

This is my prayer. I continually confess, "Lord, I am nothing. I am needy. I am the least of all Your servants. I am not worthy of the crumbs that fall from Your table, yet You feed me at the banquet place with the best of the meat and the finest of the wheat, with the holy delicacies of Thy sacred word, communion and revelation. As I walk on the hills of trust, I must not lean to my own understanding, but trust in Thee with all my heart to do what You want me to do and not what I plan to do, through the blood of Jesus and the mercies of God." I know that as we trust Him, all things are possible in Him, and He won't cast us aside even though He said only a few will make it. God will take care of you and me as we yield unto Him in inner death. He said that if we are going to go with Him, we must deny self continually. The cross is where we are sanctified and cleansed through the truth of Jesus Christ, where we are slain of that old nature we are born with that causes all the trouble. It has filled all of our prisons and caused all of our divorces. If we are faithful in that which is least, then we will be faithful in that which is much, and we will have the great joy and wonder of His work in our hearts through Jesus Christ our Lord.

I feel so needy and unworthy, and praise Him for how He has been merciful to me. I know so little and have accomplished so little, and God has done so much for us. The Lord's people have sacrificed and helped us, for which we are grateful. We are in debt to Him for everything. Praise the Lord. I would like to share with you that the windows of the new sanctuary are now paid for, by God's grace and mercy. We do, however, still need to raise approximately ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the piano memorial, dedicated to Florence's parents, Ora and Grace Spence. The balance is due in June, and we would be thankful if anyone were able to help us. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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ISRAEL JOURNEY
APRIL 15-24, 1994

We will be returning to the land of our Lord in just a few days. We would like to remind you to have your passport with you, and to keep it on your person at all times. Please do not eat the food from the markets, and do not drink any unpurified water. Let us continue to pray for protection in travel and in health.

WAITING UPON GOD
JULY 2-4, 1994

If you have not already done so, please make your room reservation by calling (708) 827-5131. Identify yourself with Revival For Our Day. Group rate is \$59.00 per room per night.

Enclosed please find the MEAL REGISTRATION CARD. As in the past, it would be helpful if as many of us as possible could purchase the meals. Lunch: \$11.50, Dinner: \$15.00, Children twelve and under: \$6.50. Make your check payable to REVIVAL FOR OUR DAY - MEALS, and return with your MEAL REGISTRATION CARD as soon as possible. Thank you for paying in advance for the meals, for we are responsible to the hotel for all reserved tickets. Prepaid tickets can be quickly picked up at the ticket table upon your arrival at the hotel. Many people have found it easier to purchase the meals in order to eat promptly after a service and have time to rest before the next service begins. We thank each of you who are able to eat the banquet meals with us.

Revival For Our Day

May 3, 1994

Dear ones in the Lord, our heavenly Father, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the Blessed One, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Kingdom of God, righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost, Greetings.

We are thankful to the Lord for His wonderful care, for His blessing, provision, and protection for each one of us as we were kept from danger on our journey into Israel the fifteenth of April through the twenty-fourth. We truly give God the praise, glory, and honor for His great care for us in every way. We want to endeavor to bring sufficient thanksgiving to our heavenly Father in Jesus' name for His protection and help in the domestic and transatlantic flights.

We were also much cared for in Israel. The Lord protected all of the buses and taxis. He kept us from danger and harm. After we had been there for about four or five nights, our head guide told us that he had been stoned and the windows broken out of his vehicle about three weeks prior to our arrival. We want to give God the praise and glory for keeping us from all danger and harm. We also praise Him for giving such a precious presence of His love, His Holy Spirit. It seemed as though there was a precious spirit of revival in evidence that we had seldom ever seen in any of our twenty-eight pilgrimages into Israel. The Lord worked with people in such a way that I believe it could have been that many of our dear ones had made restitution and taken care of different things in their hearts before we departed for Israel on the fifteenth of April. I believe that quite a number were having inner revival and we were all blessed. The Holy Spirit came with power, and there was a spirit of love, care, rejoicing, excitement, and enthusiasm.

My wife was with me in the pulpit most every night, and I believe one night we were there for more than three-and-a-half hours. My wife didn't get tired or weary as long as she was underneath the umbrella of the anointing of Jesus, our precious heavenly Father, the Holy Ghost. We had many precious experiences, as some of our dear ones shared how they were lifted, blessed, encouraged, strengthened, and helped. I cannot recall all the various and wondrous works of His love shed abroad, but it was precious indeed.

Our hotels in Tiberias and Jerusalem were outstanding. The meals at the Holiday Inn in

Jerusalem were some of the finest we have ever had. The preparation and presentation was beautiful. Our meeting room was a combination of light and beauty. We were thankful for Grandson David, and for all the men who assisted him in carrying the nine different pieces of our sound equipment from Parker City all the way to Indianapolis, New York, Israel, and back again. We are in debt to Jesus for all those who assisted and helped, for those who were faithful to help others. Many were endeavoring to obey the Holy Spirit and give Jesus the glory and God the praise for what He brought to pass by His Holy Spirit.

We are trusting that the upcoming Waiting Upon God, July 2-4, 1994, will be days of healing, help, blessing, and anointing. We need to remember to pray for the weather, and for protection in travel for every person. We pray that persons will be healed on the way there and returning home. (I believe some will be healed as they return home.) We sense our inability, our inadequacy, our nothingness, our littleness. This was the case during the last Waiting Upon God, and the Waiting Upon God before that. We just had to trust and begin the services by faith, not knowing what the next minutes would bring or what God would lead, allow, or guide. Each session of the nine during the last Waiting Upon God was different. It was like an adventure. Our heavenly Father, Jesus, never fails. The Holy Spirit always takes care when He has all the glory, praise, and honor. We owe Him everything. We need Holy Spirit revival. We don't merit it, and don't have any credentials for it. All we know is to cling to the cross, strive to obey, give God all the glory, Jesus all the praise, and love our neighbor as ourselves. We know that only by His grace this can be. We thank Him for every spiritual victory and healing.

We want to thank each one of you for all your prayers, especially our heavenly Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, for His guidance, direction, and revelation, His watching over us every step of the way. For all who sacrificed financially, we pray that God will miraculously make a way to return and bring in what is needed in your own personal lives as you endeavor to trust and obey, to follow Jesus, the Christ. Thank you for praying for all who are ill, for those who are trusting for health and for these coming days. My wife and I are trusting for healing in our bodies, in the throat, brain, heart, valves, walls, arteries, kidneys,

bladder, prostate, joints, lower organs, digestive system, and balance needed in the mind, body, and soul. Thank you for your prayers, petitions, and supplications on our behalf.

By God's grace, we want to resist the devil and die out continually to the carnal nature, for St. Paul said, "I die daily." The devil and demons of hell are raging in these last days to keep us from obedience, and we must lift the shield of faith by which we are able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. We must praise the Lord, pray, trust, and obey every leading of the Holy Spirit. We thank Jesus for these nearly six years the month after next since Rev. Oliver Hogue came to pray for us, for Rev. Reimar Schultze who has come to pray when Oliver would be in meetings or on special missions, for Rev. Forrest Richey, Rev. Ron Wine, and all who have come to pray. We are grateful for their giving to God, for their sacrifice. We thank Thee, Jesus, for each and every one, for all these blessings.

The twenty-second chapter of Matthew, verse one states, "And Jesus answered and spake unto them again..." Wouldn't it have been marvelous to have a volume of what he spoke before this. It says He was speaking again. In all probability, it would have been about the Kingdom of God, about the wonderful things of the holy word of the Lord, of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This verse continues, "...and spake unto them again by parables, and said, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son..." He arranged a marriage for his son. This is the parable of Jesus and the church. The bride is the church, the king is Jesus, and the kingdom of heaven is the ultimate goal. There isn't anything like the kingdom of heaven. All who are in the kingdom of God and who are faithful to it, enter into the kingdom of heaven.

He arranged the marriage for his son, and sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding. The wedding is where we are united, where we are brought to be one. God's will is that persons on earth would yield themselves to become the bride, to be everything He wants them to be. He wants to have this great ingathering, this beginning of a beautiful relationship. He sent out word of this glorious event, this marvelous coming together, this union of obedient and childlike hearts who will come and give themselves away. They were all invited to come. There was not one excluded from it.

Everyone was welcome. They had their invitation, but they would not come.

He gave out the invitation, the welcome to come to salvation, to come to the union of this great love affair. He then tells what was done with it. When the invitation came, it was put on the bookshelf of disinterest because each one had his own plans. They were going to miss the kingdom of heaven, and they didn't even know it. They rejected the invitation to come and be all for God, all for Jesus, all for His holy will. They would not accept it or receive it. He had sent this invitation with love. It is beyond words to describe the beauty of these heaven-printed invitations, or the colors which perhaps I have never seen. Verse three says, "And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come."

Verse four continues, "Again, (See this word 'again'.) he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage." He beckoned them to come to this marriage, this wedding, this great time of being united. Verse five says, "But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise." First they rejected it, then they made light of it. How could this be? "...and went their ways..." means they went the way of self-assertiveness. They went the opposite way of inner denial, which does only what God would guide. (This really operates in my heart. Oh, to convince men and women of the terribleness, the awfulness, the destructiveness of the self-assertive way.) They went the way of self-assertiveness, which has been the picture of man since the fall of Adam.

He said, "My banquet is waiting for you. The love affair is here. It is for you." They made light of it. To miss this is to miss everything. It doesn't make any difference if you have a million dollars, or two million dollars, thousands of acres, or great prestige. The privilege of being the first vice president, or the president, of a corporation doesn't mean anything compared to obedience to God. It is nothing. The men and women of this world made light of the invitation and went THEIR way. (Every one possesses the choice to lose all or to try to save all, which will ultimately be lost.) They didn't accept the invitation with delight or thanksgiving. They went to their farms, their merchandise, their

plans, their parties, their aspirations, their anticipations; to that which seemed to them to be great, to be successful. And yet, if you contemplate it, you will see they went to absolutely nothing. All of life hinges upon whether or not we are going to accept the invitation to leave all, forsake all, and become utterly dependent upon Him as a little child.

Verse six says, "And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them." This is too great for me to comprehend. It is more than I can perceive. He is painting a picture here of how the earth responds to God's will. This is a photograph of the condition of humanity. He is telling us in advance about the conditions that exist in the heart since disobedience took over in the life of man. The remnant took the servants and slew them. Does that hurt your heart? It does mine. This is a parallel of what humanity, unless we persevere and press, will do in a beautiful, religious manner rather than allow Him to lead. When He leads, we don't know what is ahead of us. We don't have any arrangements. We don't have any of the ideas or thoughts that will be revealed at the moment of His guidance.

Jesus said in verses seven and eight, "But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then said he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy." What is unworthiness? How is it obtained? What is the roadway that leads to this place? He told his servants that those he had invited were not worthy. Verses nine through eleven read, "Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:..."

When we are converted and give our heart to Jesus, we have unseen materials that we begin to put together, which make up the wedding garment. He holds the pattern, He holds all that is involved in this preparation. And when he saw this man who had not on a wedding garment, he said to him, "Friend." He didn't say, "Enemy." He called him friend. He didn't tell him he was bad. He said, "Friend." Can you hear this? The

word friend comes out of his mouth with such love and care that it is beyond my comprehension. He said friend in such tones of divine compassion, love, and longing for him to have been obedient, to have become nothing. He said, "Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment?"

Our wedding garment is put on as we leave all, forsake all, and obey Him continually in childlikeness. We receive the wedding garment, not because we are worthy, but because we become nothing, as a little child, utterly dependent upon Him. This wedding garment is our shield, our dress, our clothing, our life, our protection, our invitation to the wedding ceremony. Every time we follow the leading of the Holy Spirit, He adds to the garment and it begins to come together. Verse twelve says, "Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless." He couldn't say a thing. He couldn't answer and say, "It is because I have been doing my own thing. I don't have the wedding garment on because I have been living the self-arranged life." He couldn't say that. He was speechless. Verses thirteen and fourteen say, "Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen."

Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the Holy Spirit Who calls, for Thee, Jesus, Who chooses us, for Thou hast said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." (St. John 15:16) Lord Jesus, our Father, the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, we look to Thee as Thee leads, guides, and directs so that we may not do our own will, but learn to simply let Thee lead, guide, arrange, plan, and become utterly, completely, entirely, fully dependent upon Thee to do as Thou would lead us to do and become in Thy likeness. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, amen.

We are grateful to Andria Helm and Jana Dunn for looking after the office while our secretaries were in Israel with us. My secretary just shared with me about a gentleman who called from England. He had been given a copy of A Voice in the Wilderness by a loved one, and had enjoyed reading it very much. He had forgotten about it

for some time though, and after going through some personal struggles and trials, he read the book again and it lifted him from that dark place. He was so encouraged that he called and ordered six copies for friends. We give Jesus the praise and the glory for the way the Lord encouraged this dear person through A Voice in the Wilderness. Thank you again for praying for us. We are grateful to each and every one.

In Jesus' name,

Loran W. Helm

Loran W. Helm

p.s. We would like to share the following letters for God's glory, honor, and praise. We owe Him everything, and are grateful for each sharing of how God is helping.

Dear Brother Helm, This past journey to Israel, April 15-24, 1994, was a great leap forward for the kingdom of our Lord. I saw more wonders, love for one another, and a sharper focus on the divine plan at this time than any other of my seventeen travels to Israel with Revival For Our Day.

This all tells me that we are harvesting the accumulative effect of our prayers and the fruits of your holding steady until the Holy Spirit leads. As Bradford Torrey puts it so beautifully, "...the feet that wait for God are soonest at the goal that is not gained by speed; then hold thee still, my heart, for I shall wait His lead."

More than ever do I have faith that the Holy Ghost awakening, the latter rain promised by Joel, the prophet, will come in this way. Thank you for letting me be a part of this work. His servant and yours, Reimar Schultze.

(Following is the testimony of Rev. Schultze, which he gave while crossing the Sea of Galilee where Jesus walked. Hardly anyone has ever seen Rev. Schultze weep, not because he can't, but because he is not an emotional person. As he shared the following words, he wept when he shared about the dedication and commitment of those he spoke of.)

I think this would be a good time for all of us to say thank you to Scott Depot Christ Fellowship, for here we have a history of twenty-some years of the consistent faithfulness of Rev. Oliver Hogue and his church to Dr. Loran Helm and his ministry. Since I have known Scott Depot, from the first Waiting Upon God I attended in 1971, they have given one hundred percent to Dr. Helm. I have seen ministers come and go, and give and take, but Scott Depot has always been there. They have never changed their course, and I really think it is worth talking about. It is wonderful for all of us pastors to say thank you to Pastor Oliver Hogue for having obeyed God, for giving his all. He is there for all of us pastors. Scott Depot has carried the financial burden for all of these years. They have been there for all of us, and we haven't helped to carry the burden. They have carried it. Sometimes we may think Brother Oliver has a special revelation. No, I think we are all called, not necessarily to move to Parker

City, but to that spirit of dedication, of giving ourselves one hundred percent to this ministry.

It is very interesting that the Gospels begin in Matthew 1:1 with, "...Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham." In the very first lines of the Gospels, God solidly identifies Himself with man through Jesus Christ. I marvel that God calls Himself the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He created this marvelous universe. He could introduce Himself to any man, "I am the One who created the sunrise and sunset, the lights in the heavens, and all the beautiful creatures of earth." But instead, He introduces Himself as the God of Abraham. Who was Abraham?

There is a reluctance within us to identify ourselves with man. We have a real problem with that. Jesus is not only the Son of God, but He is the Son of man. That is the way the Gospels begin. The last Gospel identifies Jesus with God. There is nothing more precious to God than man. That is what creation is all about. This whole universe is going to be destroyed, and there will be a new heaven and a new earth. But God's interest is in man, and those who have hearts after God's own heart. God identified Himself so wonderfully with Abraham, and He did also with David. David had a heart after God's own heart. If you want to know something about God, look at Abraham and David.

I believe that God is mightily pleased with the heart of Dr. Loran Helm. And if God does not mind identifying Himself with great men of God, what is our problem in doing so? Why are we so afraid of this? After all, it is what we are all about. I want you to know that God is also pleased with Pastor Oliver Hogue, and He likes to identify Himself with Oliver too. Thank you, Scott Depot, for I don't know where we would all be without all of you. I don't know where Revival For Our Day would be without you. Thank you very much. Praise the Lord.

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Helm, Thank you both. Thank you for your love for our Lord, as demonstrated by your lives and as recorded in your book. Thank you for your love for each other, as you have demonstrated each evening with each shared word, look and touch. What a wonderful example and model. Thank you for your love for your "children" who have gathered here for your instruction.

Rev. Helm, your face and countenance exposes your love for Jesus and your love for your fellow man for all to see. And it has been my privilege to experience your loving instruction of the repeated, simple, but so difficult, message of trust and obey. Like a loving and patient father instructs, so you instruct--with patience you repeat the message, knowing that some have heard but do not yet understand--and perhaps never will. Your instruction is with love and patience, without condemnation. As a loving father, you warn your "children" of dangers, and of correct attitudes and procedures: "Stay away from the hot stove, brush your teeth, nourish your body with healthy foods." But ultimately, each child will choose. You instruct us and direct us to our Father in heaven as He Himself would instruct us with His infinite love and patience. Thank you for your instruction. Thank you for your example.

My life has indeed been one of "thrills, romance, and adventure," ever since I cast off my burdens at the Cross, and received Jesus as my personal Lord, Master, and Savior on June 30, 1991. At that time, I was living in a "perfect" little town in New Jersey (a few miles from where I had grown up and where my father and his father had been raised) with my wife, Nancy, and our four daughters, Laura (17), Katie (15), KatyLee (13), and Hannah (6). I was an attorney in a small two-man firm--together with the same partner for twenty years. Then I was

saved in a church in Daytona Beach, Florida, over the 4th of July weekend. What an Independence Day! Praise the Lord. I hadn't wanted to go to church in years, but that Sunday, June 30, 1991, I asked Nancy if she and I could go together to a church I had passed on the way from the airport. The people were singing and praising God, and then they sang, "Surrender All," and the Lord reached down and carried me to my salvation.

Shortly after we returned to New Jersey I knew I had a decision to make. We found a church in New Jersey where people sang and praised God, but somehow, I felt that I had to choose whether to work God into my schedule, or throw out the schedule. Nancy and I talked about it, prayed about it, and listed our house for sale in August of 1991. Although I had told many people over the years that I would never move to Florida, or more specifically, to Daytona Beach, Florida, we found ourselves preparing to move to Florida. I have always been premeditated, a planner, but I had no plan this time.

I revealed my "plan" to my law partner and began to close my practice. I took the Florida Bar Exam in February of 1992, and with God's help, I passed it. We moved to Florida in the late summer of 1992, but I had no evidence that God was calling me to Florida to become one more attorney in a state already overpopulated with attorneys. God began His work right away. Now, looking back, I believe His instruction dealt with Proverbs 3:5-6, one word at a time. I was moving to Florida "trusting" in God, but I was really also trusting in my savings account to help out if He didn't. I was "trusting" in some new-found Christian friends. I now "trust in the Lord." Oh, how hard it is not to lean on my own understanding. I always have. I'm trained to do so.

Proverbs 3:5-6 is well worn in my Bible. It is on a plate on my desk. It is on the dashboard of my car. It is now in my heart and I am relying upon its promise, if only God will help me to be worthy, and then direct my path. God brought our family to Oasis Christ Fellowship in Ormond Beach just about one year ago. I had never before heard of "waiting," but I knew I was waiting. The simple message of "trust and obey" as delivered through the humility of Pastor Gary Powell rang clear and true in my heart. I confess that I have questioned the reason for my "relocation" to Florida many times in the last eighteen months, but when I look at each of my children, I see incredible spiritual growth and spiritual maturity--isn't that reason enough? On a note of encouragement found in my suitcase, Laura (my seventeen-year-old) concluded by referring me to Hebrews 12:1-3. Glory and praise to God.

And this pilgrimage to Israel...I had the privilege of being at Oasis when you visited some weeks ago, but we have never spoken. I didn't know about the trip until the deadline had gone by, and I had neither the finances nor the desire to see Israel. It was my wonderful and loving wife, Nancy, (who first prayed for me several years before my salvation) who one Sunday afternoon urged me to go to Israel and pray for direction. Nancy and I go everywhere together, but this was not to be a vacation. I agreed, and God made a way. I was on a waiting list and God cleared it. Then He sent in a check from an unexpected source (one day after the waiting list cleared) in an amount within \$300.00 of the total cost. He provided me with Edward Helm as my roommate, and as I checked in at Orlando airport, I was advised that my seat to New York had been re-assigned and He flew me First Class on the first leg of the trip.

Israel has been one wonderful experience after another. The land is beautiful and significant, but the fellowship is marvelous. I came here knowing one person. I had not yet met Jerry Keller, John McAdams, Edward Helm, Thomas Young, Guy Young, Joe Nance, Daniel Light, Daniel Jones, and on and on. What great gifts God had in store for me. And your instruction to trust and obey...I have prayed that Jesus will send His truth into my heart, that I might be sanctified. And I have prayed that the Lord will

direct my path. I don't want to take a step without the Lord's confirmation, and I don't want to miss it. I now know that I can do nothing without His help, His guidance and direction. So, I am waiting. I'm fighting with the observations in the natural. This waiting is in contradiction to all that I have known. The natural man, the carnal man challenges, saying, "You have responsibilities and obligations to your family. You are lazy. Why did you leave the place and people that you knew? The practice that you established? How will you send your daughters to college?"

If my God is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, then my God is a God of perfect plan, order and purpose, and I will trust in Him with all my heart. Thank you, Rev. Helm, and Mrs. Helm, for your example. Giving all glory to God, I remain, Robert Holland.

Dear Rev. Helm, I have just finished reading A Voice in the Wilderness for approximately the seventeenth time. I first became acquainted with your ministry through Rev. Oliver Hogue, who was my pastor from April of 1976 to June of 1988. My husband was transferred to Charlotte, North Carolina, and three years later to Texas, where we reside today. Your book has been a source of blessing. So many unusual spiritual experiences have happened to me as I read your book.

In the seventies, I was baptized in the Holy Spirit while reading about your baptism. I did not even know there was such an experience other than some of the churches manifesting the speaking in tongues. I never before or since shouted, but I shouted that wonderful day. He has blessed me many times through your book. He has burdened me to prayer, to a closer walk with the Master, to self denial.

All of this has happened with past readings, but this time I had a different sort of experience. I felt like the veil had been pulled back a little, and I could see and understand a little better what you were saying. Before, I had comprehension within my mental ability, but this time, it seemed that my heart was doing the reading and it was flooding into the interior life. May God make it so. When I began to read the chapter entitled, "Warning of a Watchman," I could not read but a few pages before I needed to get alone with God and pray. I felt the need to pray for long periods of time. One time, after five hours in prayer, God allowed me to have a wonderful supernatural experience with Him. Another time I prayed all day, crying out within my being for God to take the human nature out of me and replace it with His divine nature. I have prayed this way for three to four days.

It is so great, but I have never seen it before. During these prayer times, God would reveal to me little things I was doing wrong, or things that were not pleasing to Him or were grievous to His Holy Spirit, things I was doing or saying, especially in relationship to my husband. I had to ask him for forgiveness, and try not to ever say or do that thing again. God have mercy on my soul. Always before, when I would hear you speak or read your words telling how lonely and nothing you were, I sort of felt like you were being modest. But God allowed me to see how nothing I am, and how inadequate I am to esteem to anything. I could see that if I didn't hold on to Jesus, I would fall at every turn. I didn't feel that I had the strength to hold on, so I had to cry out for God's mercy and help. I can see if I ever accomplish anything, it will only be by His enabling grace, for I can do nothing in myself. If I did, my self life would get in the way. I have to stay at the foot of the cross and cry out for mercy. I have learned through my experience that you were not just saying words, but were truly telling it the way it is, not in modesty, but in reality.

In that chapter, I saw some of the seriousness of what you were saying. I have been somewhat burdened about where to send the

new converts. Where will they go to learn humble submission and dying out to the self life? I learned from the last few pages that the need is so great for men and women to obey God. If they do not, they are doing more harm than rattlesnake venom. I can see that I am far away from churches that teach self denial, and when I talk to my Sunday School class about it, they do not hear me.

God bless you, Rev. Helm. I received your last newsletter on Saturday. I fasted and prayed for you on Sunday as the newsletter suggested. It is a second by second walk, and if God doesn't have mercy on me, I will never make it. That is what has made me stop reading and start praying every few pages of the last several chapters of your book. I know I need it to eliminate everything in my life that is doubtful, like most television viewing and certain reading material. I saw that I have such a need that I have to press with all my might to keep my eyes on Jesus and to keep myself on the cross by keeping my mind fixed upon that which is godly. I saw my nothingness and Jesus' everythingness, and knew I had to stay hooked up with Him, and voluntarily keep myself on the cross. I saw it was the only way for me. Thank you so much for writing this book. For the person who had the vision of the financial backing for the publication of this book, I extend much, much, much gratitude. My life was dependent upon it. I try to remember you in prayer. Sincerely, Judaea Hodge.

(This letter is a letter of humbleness, of humility, of thanksgiving; a beginning to become nothing.)

Dear Sir, Some months ago I came into the possession of a copy of A Voice in the wilderness and have read it five times, and now am in my sixth reading. I am seventy-four, was a missionary to South America for twenty years, established a Spanish ministry in Los Angeles, and followed the writings of Dr. E. Stanley Jones closely, but your book has filled a need beyond anything I've run across so far. How can I ever thank you enough for this precious book.

Have you written a sequel to it? Are copies available? If so, how may I order? I will be most grateful. Yours in Jesus,
Albert Alsop.

SPECIAL NOTICE

We thought many of you would like to know that Rev. and Mrs. Helm's 60th wedding anniversary is coming up. They were joined together in marriage on May 27, 1934, and God has been merciful to help, heal, guide, protect, 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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WAITING UPON GOD

JULY 2-4, 1994

The time is drawing near for us to once again meet together to "Wait upon God". As the Lord met us in Israel, so shall He be faithful to meet us in Chicago. We are endeavoring to prepare our hearts, that the Lord might have His way, and that we might "wait together" to learn of Him. We will trust to include directions to the Holiday Inn in Chicago with the June newsletter.

You should have received your Meal Registration Card in the previous newsletter. If you have not already done so, please fill out your meal reservations and return to us at your earliest convenience. If you do not have a card, let us know and we will send you one. Lunch is \$11.50, Dinner \$15.00, and Children \$6.50. If at all possible, please prepay your reservation, for we are responsible to the hotel for all reserved tickets. The menu is wonderful, and the fellowship with one another will be delightful. This is also an excellent way to eat promptly after a service and have time to rest before the next service begins. DEADLINE FOR MEAL REGISTRATION IS JUNE 1, 1994. Thank you.

SPECIAL REQUEST FROM REV. HELM

I would like to make a special request for each of you on the mailing list to write two or three sentences of gratitude to the Kimball Piano Division for allowing us the privilege of purchasing this wonderful piano. God has made a way, and we are humbly grateful and appreciative. If the company were to receive five hundred to a thousand letters of gratitude, I believe it would get their attention and would speak volumes. I know that only one out of five normally respond when we request a letter to be written, but if four out of five were to respond, it would be wonderful.

I would also like for you to send Edward and Jackie a birthday card (their birthday is May 12) in appreciation for all they have done to help my wife and me these past twelve years.

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Revival For Our Day

May 27, 1994

Dear ones in Christ Jesus, Greetings.

I would like to share with you a recent experience I had while purchasing some meat to prepare my wife her Mother's Day meal. I was telling the young lady behind the meat counter about spiritual things, and said that I trusted she might be helped and encouraged. She replied, "I want you to know that I really need help." The lady standing beside her said, "Oh, God bless." I thought it was so wonderful for Jesus to help me and to give me the privilege of encouraging two ladies who needed help for pressures, hurts, disappointments, and upheavals in their lives. Another evening I went into a store to pick up something I needed for the next day's luncheon, and a lady whom I had never seen before was behind the meat counter. I began to share with her, dear ones, and I had to marvel at how the Lord worked there. She said, "I want you to know that you have made my day."

We were in a restaurant at almost ten o'clock in the evening, and I began witnessing to a lady who had been there for several hours. She replied, "I want you to know that this is the most wonderful thing I have heard all day." In another experience at the Sea Watch Restaurant, next door to our condominium, a waitress whom I had never seen before came up to the table and said, "I really need prayer, too." Apparently someone had mentioned us to her. I took her by the hand and began to pray for her. It seemed as though she might be getting married soon and wanted help. I said, "It takes prayer. My wife and I have had to pray and persevere together."

When we were at Dr. Blanchard's office the other day, we were talking with his sister, Michelle, and I began to tell her about how the Holy Spirit had helped me when I was a boy in 1923 to 1925 to pray for a wife who could sing and play the piano like my mother. Ten years later, after Jesus had come into my heart, I was preaching one night when I turned to look at the choir and saw her sitting in the second row of seats. I wish you had seen Michelle's face as I shared this with her. She held on to my hand and said, "Oh, tell me that again." I replied, "Well, the Lord spoke in my heart and said, 'Here is your companion,' and my wife knew it, too." She wanted me to repeat it because she was so appreciative and moved by it. When I called the next day to check on something, she said to me,

"I want you to know, Rev. Helm, that I couldn't get off of my mind all evening what you shared with me. It stayed with me all evening." Dear ones, I thought that was worth more than the things of this world. It was a lot to give God the glory for, and Jesus the praise.

Approximately two weeks ago Marcia Schultze awakened with a rash on various parts of her body. I called her and Reimar, and as they told me about it, I endeavored to pray and ask God in Jesus' name to kill this rash. A few days later I learned that when the Lord helped me to pray, the fire and hurt went out of her body and the rash began to dry up. She was much better. We give Jesus all the glory and honor for that answer to prayer.

Dudley Barber and his son came over the other night to work on the lights in the kitchen. We were sharing together and Dudley said to me, "When we were in Israel we had such a precious time." I replied, "Oh, son, you helped me very much. You were joyful and light. You were like a youth and were so lifting to us." He said, "I want to tell you something that happened. When Pastor Thomas Mullins and I would retire after the evening service, we would talk about sanctification. We wanted to talk to you about it because there are so many different opinions and ideas in preaching, teaching, and reading. When Pastor Thomas came to your suite to accompany you to the meeting he was going to ask you about it, but didn't get the opportunity. In the meeting that night you preached on how we are sanctified through the truth of Jesus. The Lord helped you to simply quote the scripture, 'And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth...' Dudley was stirred, delighted, thankful, and happy. He was excited about how God led, guided, and directed in the realm of a wonderful place.

When I would enter the meeting room in the evening, the people were either singing or testifying before the meeting even began. To my knowledge, this has never happened before in all our previous pilgrimages. My wife sat in the pulpit with me every night, and we endeavored to let the Holy Spirit lead the best we knew how. We thank Jesus for His anointing, for there were many spiritual victories. We have received several letters telling about how lives were helped and changed, for God's glory. We were grateful

that the Lord was merciful to work, guide, direct, heal, and keep two hundred and twenty-some people from falling or becoming ill. For weeks in advance I had prayed that each one who crossed the threshold of their doorway would return safe and enter their home with revival in their heart. We praise Jesus for His presence, His guidance, blessing and direction.

We returned home from Israel on a seven-forty-seven airliner. After we were airborne for about an hour or two, the captain informed us that the long runway that they use for the larger planes was in repair and closed, and that we had had to take off from a shorter runway that required less fuel intake. Therefore, we were not going the way of Spain (the normal route), but were going by way of Copenhagen to refuel before crossing the Atlantic. After taking off from Copenhagen, the captain informed us that he had just learned from other pilots that if we had gone the normal route through Spain, we would have faced a hundred and thirty mile-an-hour head wind. From Copenhagen to New York we were in a thirty mile-an-hour tail wind. This is Oliver's and my sixty-eighth crossing over the Atlantic, and I hardly noticed any turbulence from Israel to Copenhagen or from Copenhagen to New York. Then when we flew from New York to Miami there was very little turbulence. Dear ones, your prayers were answered! We thank Jesus, our heavenly Father, for answering prayer for our sixty-eighth crossing of the Atlantic. We thank Him for all the dear ones praying for us. We were very grateful for this privilege, because we had been praying weeks in advance for protection in weather, planes, and air currents. We were praying for everyone to be safe, and God was merciful.

Thank you for praying for my wife and me, for our family, secretaries, and staff. Thank you for continuing to pray for the upcoming Waiting Upon God July 2-4. Please pray for traveling mercy on July 1st and 5th. We are trusting the Lord to heal bodies and minds. Pray also for protection for those who will be transferring from the Ramada to the Holiday Inn for the services. In the beginning we had thought that the Ramada was about a mile from the Holiday Inn, but it is two-and-a-half miles away. We are grateful they are supplying shuttle buses to take our people back and forth between the services. Pray that we will be protected from tripping or falling in bathtubs. Pray that storms will subside, be subdued or prevented. We need to remember to

be thoughtful of one another. As we fellowship together, let us be aware not to block the hallways or be in the lobby unnecessarily. We are thankful to the Lord for all your prayers, petitions, love, and care for us. We do not want to forget to be grateful, and we praise the Lord for each prayer.

As we gather together to wait upon God in this sacred experience, it is best to leave children and babies with a reliable person to look after them. Otherwise, mothers have to constantly have their focus on the children instead of on the things of the Kingdom of God. Children and young people are precious, but if we have these responsibilities pressing us, we cannot begin to learn how to deny self and obey the Holy Spirit. If we are involved, we have to take care of the present situation rather than be free to receive that which the Lord might want us to have, or do through us. If parents do bring their children, the children should not be allowed to gather together in the halls or rooms. We also need to be thoughtful of those around us, especially when we are in the services. I have preached for many years, and have seen that most parents do not realize what their children are doing much of the time. The teaching of losing one's life is not an easy assignment, but that is what we are called to do by His mercies and grace, through His precious blood shed on the cross that we might be saved from all sin unto life eternal.

When I talked to my brother, Edward, about the celebration of our sixtieth wedding anniversary, he wanted to know what our desire would be. I told him that my wife has wanted to return to the El Tovar Hotel on the south rim of the Grand Canyon now for some years. We have been there a few times since 1955. I shared with our secretary, Kathleen, that the El Tovar is usually reserved for one to two years in advance, but maybe she could call out there and see what might be done. This precious daughter called and talked to the manager. As she shared how we have enjoyed it there through the years, they were able to find accommodation for us, and the Lord made a way to give my wife the desire of her heart. Our daughter, Joyce, and son-in-law, Jack, along with Grandson David and his wife, Jane, will accompany us, by God's grace and mercy. After I had shared with these two couples about the proposed trip, I learned that both Joyce and Jane have dreamed for years of going to the Grand Canyon. We need much prayer for protection in driving, and for this trip to be a precious time of victory. The Lord protecting,

helping, and making a way, we will leave on July 9th, traveling by car. Please pray for our strength in traveling approximately six hundred miles a day to arrive at the El Tovar on July 11th. We are very thankful for all your prayers and sacrifice.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will indwell our church in Parker City. II Chronicles 7:1 says, "Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the house." I know we are not worthy of anything like this, but if you remember, back in September I requested prayer for God to so indwell the sanctuary that when men, women, and young people went by on the Windsor and Selma roads, the Holy Ghost would allow His presence to trickle out like streams in the desert and run into the village; tugging, pounding, pulling, and moving upon the hearts of the people to let them know this is a place where we are trusting for God's Kingdom to come. (As I say this, it seems as though I see a little light.) I pray that the Holy Spirit, through God's mercy, will get into this building, and that the worship services will be such that God can really indwell and touch hearts far and near, as He sees best.

We pray that when people look at the building, God will work in their hearts for His glory and praise. Only the Holy Spirit can woo and win the hearts of people. We know we are unworthy of anything, only needy and nothing. We don't know how to preach or pray very well. We trust for Jesus, in His mercy, to lift a standard against the enemy and the powers of hell in every direction so that we may be delivered from every evil way. It will be through the mercies of God that we will be privileged to have strength and my wife's eyes made stronger so that she can see to play the piano. We are trusting for souls to find Jesus, and then to deny self from that instant on. There is a weakness in all of us to try to work things out in a reasonable manner, but the Lord has been looking for a people who would simply follow. Only Jesus can lift the standard up against the devil. We must have help because the world is lost and there is great need in every community, and in every state and nation in the whole world. Our prayer is, "Oh, God, Thy will be done, Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven, which is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

Thank you for holding on in prayer for us, for every petition, supplication and sacrifice. Reimar and Oliver have both told me that some of the greatest times they have had has been in the recent missions conferences. Forrest has also told me he has been blessed, and that they have had outstanding times. We are thankful for how the power of the Holy Ghost has fallen in the sanctuary during these meetings. Only through the Holy Spirit, through Jesus, can souls be won and transformed, cleansed, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Only through Him can bodies be healed, minds made well, and wrongs made right. May God and His Son, Jesus, be exalted.

Thank you for writing the piano company and for sending birthday cards to Edward and Jackie. Usually one out of five respond, and a few have done so. Thank you, each one.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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p.s. Following are letters that I wanted to share with you for God's glory and honor.

Dear Brother and Sister Helm, We count it a privilege to share in your sixtieth anniversary trip to the beautiful Grand Canyon. May Florence be able to see the beauty and may both of you enjoy a relaxing vacation!

It was such a joy to be with you in Israel again. It was a delight to see the strength you both had during the services. There was such strength to the body, soul, and mind for me, even with the little sleep I got. I don't remember nodding or getting tired once during any of the services.

Brother John McAdams began our first day on the bus with a very moving exhortation on "God is able to see you through." He continued in the church on the Mount of Beatitudes. What he had to say there was worth the trip. I was so encouraged. Brother Schultze's message on the boat on the Sea of Galilee was so great! Again, in Nazareth I was so lifted. My cup was surely running over by then.

There were many other things that were worth the trip to me, but the one thing I came home with that is life-changing for me was Lynn Reece's testimony. I have gone over and over it, and I see something now I have never seen before; the answer to my question, "Why do men of Brother Schultze's standing find it

necessary to read A Voice in the Wilderness so many times?"

I see now that the word of God is the seed. The seed cannot grow in bad soil. The Bible helps us and we see new truths, but most of the time it is like reading a story. I can sense that something is eluding me. I have tried to be faithful to read both since our return from Israel, and I am finding out the answer. By reading your book, it is plowing up fallow ground, it is getting the soil of my heart ready for the seed by plowing, cultivating and fertilizing it. There can be no eluding, for you make it so plain and simple--the necessity of moment by moment obedience, with great examples that anyone can see the thrills and adventure, with great romance, of the walk with God. We are also made to consider the consequences of not being led of God, or refusing to be led.

I can also see that getting into one accord eludes us because of this lack of the daily confrontation with the Holy Spirit in every day living. I can see that if every one in the churches were reading both the word of God and A Voice in the Wilderness daily, that we would be seeing where we fall short and would be challenged every day to die to the self-life. The truth that Jesus wants to drop into our heart could be done as we daily strive to be a follower of Christ. We are promised that the Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth, so we could get into one accord more quickly if we were all striving daily to let the truth drop into our heart. If we were all being fed by the same truth, being challenged by the need for revival, which can only come as we get into one accord; and then be determined, by God's grace, to become a people of God that He could trust with revival, I can see great victory for individuals, as well as for the church as a whole. This is so exciting that it is the message I want to get out to everyone who asks me about the trip.

Of course, as Lynn said, we would love each other more and want to read, pray, witness and obey more. Unless we are confronted daily with the self-life in war with the spirit, we are too slow in making progress, if we make any. I can see that the scripture reading has not been enough for the mainstream Christian. We read it as a story and say, "Isn't that a nice story?" A pastor once said that imagination always thinks the best of itself. We think we would not make the mistakes the people did in the Bible, but your book brings me to the reality that most men do not obey God, and I am no exception.

It has made such a difference in me in the short time we have been home. I need to change. I want to change. By God's grace, I shall change into His likeness. I am thankful for the truth that Jesus is dropping into my heart!!! Many days I have to ask Him over and over to drop more truth into my heart. My thoughts and actions need a lot of divine work

done on them. He is helping. Praise the Lord, who does only wondrous things. ...We are looking forward to seeing you in July. Our love and prayers, Phyllis King.

(Rev. Helm would like you all to know that Phyllis is a registered nurse.)

(The following was written for a paper in Kentucky.)

The announcement of our upcoming Israel trip usually evokes one of two responses, either delight, with a little envy, or an outright fear. The latter is accompanied by genuine concern, "Are you sure it is safe?"

Keep in mind that the Israeli violence we see in the American headlines takes place primarily in the media locations. The troublemakers know where to make their trouble. They know where they are going to get the most international attention, and it usually does.

Dr. Helm, the evangelist we travel to Israel with, has been making these pilgrimages for twenty-five years. This was Gregory's thirteenth trip, and my third. For many of us, returning to the Holy Land, as it is often referred to, is not just to see the sights. As lovely as the country is, the main attraction is her people. Since Dr. Helm uses the same travel agent and tour company each trip, we often have guides and bus drivers, and even hotel staff, that we have known for years. Some of the guides met Dr. Helm and the early travelers over twenty years ago, so returning to Israel means getting to be with friends, who have become like family.

On my first trip, in September of 1985, my most memorable moment took place during an evening service in the Jerusalem Hilton. Dr. Helm was graciously introducing Mr. Joseph Mizrahi, who speaks and writes in seven languages and is the owner of Yarkon Tours, describing his deep appreciation of Joseph's friendship. During our applause, Mr. Mizrahi stood to his feet and in a sincere voice with a distinct Hebrew accent, he responded, "Dr. Helm, we are more than friends. We are brothers." Two elderly men embraced. It seemed the most significant moment of the trip. Watching two men from different sides of the world, different cultures, and technically, different religions, convey their love, devotion and commitment to one another was, somehow, an expression of international and divine unity. The scene affected me greatly and put a love for these special people deep within my heart. I have been bound to them ever since.

Some of the highlights of our days spent sight seeing included walking down the original streets of Nazareth near the place where the angel appeared to

Mary with the announcement of Jesus' impending birth, (Luke 1:26-33) kneeling in the grotto of Jesus' birth under the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, (Luke 2:4-7) watching several people being baptized in the River Jordan, (St. John 1:26-28) swimming in the Dead Sea, which was really floating on it, praying at the Western Wall, the most sacred place in the world to the Jews, the only remnant of the Herodian Temple, going for a boat ride across the picturesque Sea of Galilee, or the Genessaret, as they call it, (Luke 5:1-6) sitting under the sycamore trees on the Mount of Beatitudes, the sight of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, standing on top of the Mount and looking out over the hillsides where Jesus performed the miracle of the loaves and the fishes, (Luke 9:10-17) trudging up the Via Dolorosa in old Jerusalem (the way of suffering) where Jesus walked prior to His crucifixion, (Luke 23:26-27) singing at the beautiful Garden Tomb, (Luke 23:52-56) being in the Upper Room with a group of tourists from the Philippines. They were singing in their own language. We recognized the tune to one of the choruses and joined them in English. Suddenly, we were at one in fellowship with these people whom we didn't know! Smiles, hugs and handshakes abounded generously. (Luke 24:29-31) One of the most soul-searching times took place while visiting Masada and Yad Vashem. Climbing up Masada and walking across these ruins gave plenty of time to imagine the life in King Herod's abandoned fortress. Those last hours when the Zealots decided to take their own lives rather than be captured, tortured and killed by the Roman army must have been agonizingly bittersweet. It serves as a reminder, still, to the Jewish people. The Israeli army take their Oath of Allegiance while standing atop Masada.

Another terribly serious visit was the walk through Yad Vashem, the memorial to the six million Jews martyred in World War II. It is hard to imagine there are actually those who refuse to believe that travesty ever occurred. The visions of that day will be forever etched in my memory.

Israel means many various things to different people. To some, it even conjures up hate. Why, I do not know. As accustomed as one can become to being hated for centuries, the Jewish people have endured and survived, each time rising victoriously out of the mire of prejudice and bigotry. It was a privilege to once again visit this beautiful land, and her equally beautiful people. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, Cynthia McBride.

Dear Brother Helm, Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. Thank you very much for every newsletter you send out to us. We are looking forward to the Waiting Upon God.

Your exhortation concerning the proper modest dress that was in the last newsletter was very vital to

each fellowship. I read it Sunday night, and the people had copies to follow along with me even though it had been sent out in the newsletter. Thank you very much for being brave and courageous enough to share the truth with us. We had a very holy experience after I read it. One of the young women got up and shared with great heartfelt contrition, asking the men of the church to forgive her for not dressing properly. It was so moving that we all were touched, and it was one of the sweetest times of my ministry. True revival was in her heart. Later that evening, she called wanting to know about proper dress in public. Her childlike heart was desiring to be careful, and faithful to Jesus. ...God bless you and Mrs. Helm, Forrest and Mary Jane Richey.

Dear Brother Helm, Thank you for your epistle of May 3, 1994. Marcia read it to me as we traveled from Parker City to Kokomo on our return from four wonderful days at Scott Depot, West Virginia. We are in debt to Jesus and to you for the leadership of the Holy Spirit bringing us to that Faith Promise conference. It was one of the highest experiences of worship in my lifetime. We give Jesus all the praise for all those who prayed to make it possible. Pray we must, for the apostle, James, said we have not because we ask not. Let us continue to ask.

First of all, I noticed the watchman's cry about women dressing appropriately. I am so glad you put that in the letter, and you did it in such a beautiful way that there is enough straight clarity, and enough honey to go down into the hearts and souls of men and women who are seeking to do God's precious will.

(I would like to mention here that I regret not mentioning that women's necklines are many times too low. This should also have been declared.)

I enjoyed your review of the sermon on Matthew 22. I can still hear you preaching as if it were yesterday. It was holy and clear. It was such an earnest call to forsake all and come to the Master's will. I have been in Israel now eighteen times, and never before have I heard so many people on the bus say, "We can hardly wait for the evening service to come as we wonder what is going to happen tonight." Oh, how the Lord blessed us evening after evening.

...Thank you for your life, your prayers, and your teachings. May God's richest blessings abide upon you. In Jesus, Reimar Schultze.

Dear Brother and Sister Helm, I praise God today for His love, and for His faithfulness to me. Of course, there is no other way He could be. I want to share with you about the Sunday morning service here at Parker City Christ Fellowship, which was so sacred,

serious and precious that words cannot tell it. Jana Dunn was under a great anointing in prayer, and it seemed to me that as she was praying, Jesus was bathing us. We were being washed and cleansed. I felt like His blood was being applied. It is vital to be where we are called to be, where the Holy Spirit is leading. May we all be faithful...

I would like to share something so very precious that Jesus did for me. My mother had left my father, brother and me when I was about six years old. I have not seen her for around thirty years. Once in a while I talk to Jesus about her, and I have told Him I was very willing to contact her whenever He would want me to if I could find her. Jesus has healed me of all the hurt and rejection, and I believe I truly love her. I wasn't sure if I could find her, but I did have some clues. Well, God never worked in my heart until Sunday morning as I was communing with Him about her. It seemed He was saying it was time to contact her, but I wanted to hold steady until I had clear direction. Shortly after Jana prayed, Pastor John began to speak of ones who had hurts from loved ones, and that we don't always know the reasons why people do things. Well, my heart started to vibrate with such power that I felt like God was speaking right out of Pastor John's mouth to me. I found where she was and called her. We had a very precious conversation. She said, "I love you, you know. Well, no, you probably don't know, but I do love you." Isn't that precious? In the close of our conversation she said, "I didn't know how you would feel about me." I replied, "I love you. I thank Jesus for His great love, and I love and appreciate you." Sincerely, R.

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Helm, Greetings in Jesus' matchless name!We have been trying to encourage our daughters that even though they seem not to have many friends or opportunities for social activity with young people their age at church, that the Lord knew of their love for Him and the Kingdom, and of the commitment they have made to follow Him. We shared with them to give Him of their very best as they stayed on the path of obedience, faithfulness and rejoicing. All of these things I have learned from you. Then to receive your letter reinforcing our words is truly a testimony of the Lord's faithfulness. Hallelujah! We are so very excited and thankful for the coming time of Waiting Upon God with you and your wife, and the saints of God. We are praying and trusting that the Lord will prepare our hearts before we get there so that we might move to one accord that the Kingdom of God may come in power, in His time and will, to this dark, suffering world.

I don't want to presume upon past blessings and visitations of His precious Holy Spirit. I was reading page 230 of your book today where you said, "...we will not so much as be aware that we simply cannot

participate in the Kingdom of God until He leads us and directs us." From this I understood that we must wait for Him to teach us, and that we can't participate in His Kingdom until He leads. I saw that you are actually teaching us that the ways of His working with us are somewhat further down the spiritual road. I know that the Lord is helping us to catch a glimpse of this. It seems as I grow older that so many things depend upon the vision of His Kingdom that He has been able to impart to us. How I sense my need, and yet, I rejoice that my heavenly Father's good pleasure is to give us the Kingdom. Praise His holy name forever! Your friend and servant, Mark Scillian.

May 10, 1994. Dear Rev. Helm, Tuesday night the Holy Spirit led for us to open the service by reading page 168 of A Voice in the Wilderness. As we read the part about waiting for God, there came an unusual spirit of peace and rest. It was so significant to be in the calm, while outside there was a storm raging. Later we learned that about a quarter of a mile away two hundred mobile homes were destroyed. God gave us a visual aide of His sheltering wings.

Sunday morning, after viewing this experience, we felt that we should read page 168 again. God again came in power, and we had one of the most blessed experiences of our life. We are so thankful for A Voice in the Wilderness. We are thankful for your example of Jesus. We are grateful to be a part of this ministry, and through your teaching, finding our place in the Kingdom's ministry. We love you and Florence. In Him, Gary Powell.

Dearly beloved, The joy of being back in Parker, praying in the upper room, and hearing from you yesterday, was a triple blessing. It was a resplendent day with a near dazzling "Jerusalem" sun. Although Parker City could not be described as the Golden City, she was certainly picturesque, especially with the freshly mowed green lawns and early spring flowers. For all of us who are called to help you, it was our very best moment in time.

That leads to my opening line in the Kokomo meeting on Wednesday night from the writings of Jean-Pierre De Caussade, the great French mystic of the seventeenth century, "The best of all for the soul is what God wills at this particular moment, and all else must be regarded by the soul with perfect indifference as being nothing at all." Sometime in the past I had written that in my New Testament at the bottom of the page containing the tenth chapter of Hebrews. My next words were, "We are now in the greatest moment of our life." From there, the sermon developed as the Holy Spirit gave inspiration.

Rodney Dunn felt that the Lord helped me in the crafting of sermon construction as much as He had ever helped me. With neither exposition, exegesis, or homiletics to worry about, I began line upon line and

precept upon precept, proceeding with great joy under an anointing rarely given to me. I knew something wonderful was happening when Rodney Dunn repeatedly came out of his seat weeping, shouting, and sometimes running. There were times when I ran myself. Underlining all of the above was your life and ministry, especially with the outstanding example of full dependency on the Lord moment by moment.

The central idea was that as we follow Jesus from conversion (point a) to our destiny (point b), each moment, whether pleasant or painful, is the very best moment for our lives. Suffering and discipline are difficult, of course, but when they are the result of obedience, they are the best. All of God's moments lead to collective events (Waitings upon God and spiritual pilgrimages at home and abroad) designed to bring us to nothingness and lift up Jesus, by whom all souls are drawn to Christ.

As far back as I can remember I have no knowledge of entering this area of preaching where, even to myself, it felt like the Lord was doing all the speaking through me. When you told me years ago to just take my Bible and go, I hardly knew what could happen. But the ensuing years have seen a harvest of blessings as I would trust the Lord for the right text and words. Sometimes I don't have a text, but usually can offer one to the congregants before the message is completed. Praise the Lord!

One night I arose to begin speaking just moments after we were seated, and found myself preaching one hour and forty minutes. I closed the service by calling on Don Swartner, one of our prayer warriors from Scott Depot, to sing. He sang a most beautiful and unusual rendering of "My Times Our In Thy Hands." The words summarized my sermon. Each night was so anointed, different, and remarkable that several declared it was like a Waiting Upon God. Most all of us felt as we do at a Waiting Upon God with you. Indeed, your spirit was there (Col. 2:5), as was the Holy Spirit.

For the most part, I found myself reminding them of your ways in Christ that you have preached in all the churches (1 Cor. 4:17). Many years ago I noticed that when I reviewed your journey to find us, and the occasions where I have witnessed the work of God in your life, I have felt the anointing more than any other time. E. Stanley Jones once stated that the only valid preaching was witnessing to what one has seen, heard, and felt personally. By God's grace, I have not needed a book of illustrations since I met you in 1966. Now the illustrations are multitudinous and replete with startling incidents, divine guidances, and outstanding events. By the grace of God, I can hardly remember the time when I was unable to cite an illustration from your life or our experiences together that did not fit perfectly.

...Increasingly, it becomes obvious that the most important assignment is to keep your ministry in focus as to explanation and challenge. ...My job is to show, not only the greatest emphasis of your gospel (self-denial), but how beautiful are the feet bearing the glad tidings. To a degree, or greater, the Holy Spirit has helped me to do exactly that. To God be the glory and praise! I love you both deeply! Your son in the Faith, Oliver.

Dear Grandfather and Grandmother, I thank Jesus for sending the truth into my heart and sanctifying me by the Holy Spirit. It is continuing to help me as I endeavor to say this daily. Praise be to the Lamb of God, the Father of the Risen Christ. He is worthy to be praised.

I praise the Lord for answering prayer regarding the flight to Israel. In acknowledging His hand, He is sure to direct the paths of the righteous.

As I ascended the corner stairway to the Upper Room, it was as if I was lifted the remaining three to five steps by the powerful presence of God. I believe this is the first time I have walked into a room and felt such a powerful being, the supernatural Christ. I have been in the room when the Holy Spirit has anointed, but this, however, was walked into. As I endeavored to stand upon this holy ground, I heard the closing lines of, "My Savior Is Alive." Could the same presence have been there as when the Holy Spirit descended on Pentecost, translating into the language of each? Perhaps as the Filipinos sang, "Alive, Alive," in their language and were joined by our group in our language, it was like a mighty rushing wind slipped our spirits together on the ending of that song. It was truly supernatural.

By God's grace, I do not want to forget what took place on the Israel trip in 1989. It was Shabbat, and you called upon Eric Nease to sing. Without accompaniment he sang, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." He sang with so much strength and anointing that it entered into the library of my heart. It left a strong impression upon me. It was as if Eric was singing with the strength of the walls in the mighty fortress. Since that occasion, I have admired Eric and have been encouraged by his singing.

When I saw Eric in New York on April 15, I told him I was looking forward to hearing him sing if God so led. The day before the last service I asked Eric if he was prepared to sing that night. I reviewed with him how God used him in singing on the 1989 trip. That night you called upon him and said, "Eric, are you going to sing now?" You continued, "You are to sing the great old song of the church, 'A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.'" Praise the Lord! God led in the last service for Eric to sing. Once again, God used him. ...As we hold steady and obey by being

quiet and paying attention to God, God will use His vessels.

I was encouraged by others on the journey receiving help. Pastor Daniel Jones responded to the Spirit, and I was helped and strengthened. Walk on; God will take you through. Praise God. He will give you the victory! It was an honor to have David upon this trip. I have told several that I feel called to him as he is to you. Glory to God for answered prayer and a safe journey home. Peace be still, to God's glory. I remember you in prayer. In Christ, Chris Pruitt.

(The following is a letter written to my brother Richard's wife, Marge, from a French exchange student of many years ago.)

Dear Mom, Just a small note to thank you so much for the book you sent me. I'm not finished reading it, but I'm delighted! It is a real light for me, and I would like to translate it so more people can read it!! It is exactly what we have discovered and try to live: self-denial, obedience to the Holy Spirit, trust in the Lord's providence...This book gives me a new "start" and I'm really thankful to you for sending it to me.

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Helm, I wanted to write and thank you for obeying the Holy Spirit throughout the last fifty-some years. It was in that obedience that you took this most recent trip to Israel.

This is my husband's seventh trip. Each time he comes home a different and better man, but on this trip he came home a different and better husband. I am indebted to Jesus for ever having allowed me to be married to this precious husband. I have always had a high esteem and deep love for him, however, he came home from this trip with a different heart. As wonderful as he was before, he is even more wonderful now. It is worth whatever pressing he did to go on this pilgrimage. I am always thankful to let him go with you anywhere! ...Without both of you being willing to press past the weariness in body and physical ailments, our marriage would not have benefited the way it has. I am thankful to Jesus, and I also wanted to thank you. Thank you, thank you, to the both of you. We love you, as do our children. We endeavor to pray for you daily. If we can ever do anything for you, just call. Your brother, Edward, usually knows how to reach us. Love, D.

Dear Rev. Helm, Greetings in the name of Jesus, the Christ of God who is our Redeemer. As we trust and obey Him, He is able to deliver the godly from temptation.

I am preparing to leave for the upper room for prayer, and just finished Chapter 24 of your book, "Home Built By Faith." I wish I had a vocabulary to express the experience in this reading (over thirty

times). God operated with me in various passages, and I wept as you described the many who were converted and healed during construction, and soon after moving in. What adventure and joy to walk with God. Great things are ahead. With much love, Michael Parker.

Dear Reverend Helm, Greetings in the name of Jesus whom we love and whom we serve. From my heart to yours...I received your Revival For Our Day letter and the separate message about dress.

May God richly bless you and strengthen you daily for taking such a stand. My prayer is that you will receive DAILY blessings from above. My heart aches for the church that has been filled with so much of the worldly attire. May we return to BIBLICAL SEPARATION from all that points to the world.

When God saw Adam and Eve after their sin, what did they do? They knew they were naked (who told them?) and tried to cover themselves. But God really clothed them. I feel that when we get far from God, the less clothes we wear. I don't want to make this an issue, but I dread for warm weather to come, for people wear less and less clothing. Lord help us.

Jan and I will pray for you as you voice your concern in this matter. Yours for Biblical standards, Charles Boston.

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Helm, ...I appreciated your coming to the hospital to visit me, and also for the lovely flowers. I especially want to thank you for your blessing and prayers. It is wonderful to have such nice neighbors, even if it is just only for a few months. God bless you both. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Thank you, William Meleski.

WAITING UPON GOD
JULY 2-4, 1994
HOLIDAY INN, CHICAGO, IL

The Waiting Upon God is coming up. There is still time to send your Meal Registration card in, as we have extended the due date to June 25th. The hotel is allowing us a little more leeway than they had at first. For those of you who know you can pay for your meal tickets when you pick them up but do not have the finance right now, please send your form in with a note that you will pay upon pickup. Thank you for your help. For your convenience, we have enclosed the detailed map for directions to the Holiday Inn. See you there!

Revival For Our Day

June 22, 1994

Dear beloved, greetings with praise to Jesus Christ our Lord, who has given us strength, help and deliverance from above.

Rev. Reimar Schultze and Grandson David came to Florida to assist us in our return to Parker City on the 10th of June. As Reimar and David and I were having fellowship together, Reimar shared an experience with us that I had not known about concerning a man who was very ill prior to the last Waiting Upon God. A portion of the bowel needed to be removed, but he wasn't able to have surgery before the Waiting. His doctor told him to go ahead and go to the Waiting, and have surgery at a later date. Reimar said that during one session at the Waiting Upon God I was led to pray for a situation in the bowel. When this man returned home and went back to his doctor, he was pronounced well. He no longer needed surgery. It was quite a wonderful answer to prayer, and we give Jesus all the glory, honor, praise, and thanksgiving for His healing this precious man.

I would like to share with you a message I recently shared with the congregation at Palm Beach Gardens Christ Fellowship. The Holy Spirit was faithful, precious, and dear in His leading and anointing us to present the sacred word of our Lord Jesus. The pastor later told me how much it helped many dear ones. We praise the Lord for the way He helped, and for all those who came to the altar for prayer, for help, and for spiritual strength.

Verse one of the fifth chapter of St. Mark reads, "And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes." They came over to the other side. They made a transition. Verse two says, "And when he came out of the ship..." They had previously been in a terrible storm. In fact, the storm was so severe that their ship was full of water. Verse thirty-seven of the previous chapter says, "There arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full." Have you ever seen a ship full of water still able to ride the waves? This ship was not almost full; it was full of water. And then when they came out of the ship on to dry land, Jesus had this tremendous experience.

Verse two continues, "...immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit..." When this man saw Jesus, a great change took place within him. He observed; he knew Jesus. This precious person had his dwelling among the tombs, and no man could bind him,

even with chains. Verse three says that he could not be bound. When he was chained, he broke the chains asunder. He upset the community; he disturbed the peace. He was a problem, because society did not know what to do with him. No one could handle him. There was nothing that could be done. Verse four says, "Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him." He could not be tamed or quieted. No man could bring him to a still moment. I think this is a tremendous story of tragedy.

The next verse says, "And always..." What is always? "And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones." He went into the mountains and tombs crying furiously. Here was a man who was tormented and upset, and there was no remedy for him.

I am sharing with you about Jesus, who has a remedy for everyone. He has a plan for everyone. He is able to make us whole, and deliver us from all our troubles, sins, habits, and all things that hold us down. He is able to break them asunder and bring us forth as lights in the world. That touches my heart! Hallelujah! Glory be to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, who is able to change us, and make us to become new creatures in Him. He is able to bring us from darkness into a marvelous light! Praise the Lord God of hosts, who is able to save to the uttermost! There is not one person whom He cannot change into His likeness. If any man be in Christ Jesus, he is a new creature. Old things pass away, and all things become new. Think of it! All things become new! This is what happened to me sixty-two years ago next January 22. My mother began to teach me to pray in 1917, seventy-seven years ago, but I didn't know Jesus until the twenty-second day of January, 1933.

This man was meeting Jesus of Nazareth. This man, who didn't know enough to keep his clothes on, who didn't know how to come in out of the dew of heaven, who didn't know what to do but cut himself, met Jesus! I want you to see that he met Him. Before you meet someone, you have to see them, and if you are blind, you have to have a mental image of them. He met Jesus as soon as Jesus came out of this ship that was full of water. He saw Jesus and came to meet Him. Let us recall,

that he was a man who always, night and day, and cut himself with stones.

Verse six says, "But when he saw Jesus afar..." How far is afar? Is it a quarter of a mile? a half-mile? a mile? or farther? He saw Jesus afar off. He wasn't close by or next to Him. He was afar off, but he recognized Jesus. He had never recognized anything or anyone else, but he had immediate recognition, esteem, and awareness of this great Son of God. When he saw Jesus afar off, he started to run. Verse six continues, "...he ran and worshipped him..." He was no longer in a rage or cutting himself with stones. He was no longer breaking chains asunder. He came out of the tombs and sat at Jesus' feet, the Ancient of Days, the Everlasting Father, the Counselor, the Mighty God, the Lily of the Valley, the Bright and Morning Star, the Mighty One of Israel, Shiloh Come!

Isn't this something! This man ran to Jesus and worshipped Him. And after he worshipped Jesus, he cried with a loud voice. As I study this, it is a marvel to me that he still had a voice to cry with. I shall never forget the time I received a long distance phone call from a mother who had cried for hours. I couldn't understand what she was trying to tell me. I had to say, "Please repeat again." She repeated her words, but she had cried so much that I couldn't understand what she was saying. After I had asked her for the seventh time to repeat her words, I began to understand what she was saying, "My little four-year-old son was run over by a car today and he is at the point of death. His body has been crushed. You and your wife were in my home in Pasadena, California, and I felt that if you could just pray for him, God could, for the glory of the Lord, hear." I pled with God, "Heavenly Father, in Pasadena there is a little boy who has been run over by a car. He is in terrible shape, and close to death. Would you come right in the room? He is right over here, Jesus. Come right over here. Put Your hand upon his brain, upon his skull, upon his broken body, Jesus, and for your glory, raise him up out of this." F. H. Lacey told me that God answered that prayer, and we give Him all the praise for it.

Here was a man who had cried much, and he cried with a loud voice, "What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God?..." They had never been introduced. He did not even know enough to keep his clothes on, but he knew who Jesus was. I want you to see that realization came to him in the presence of the most high God. Now the professors of religion knew the books of the Old Testament, and many knew some of those books by heart; however, they didn't know who

Jesus was. But this man who didn't know anything, knew Him. These great Bible scholars didn't know who Jesus was. They said He was of the devil, and they wanted Him destroyed. But here was a man who had many demons in him, worshipping Jesus! He said, "Thou Son of the most high God." If you try to think that through, it will take a long, long time, and yet, it is as simple as ABC.

This man said, "...I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not." When you are not doing God's will, and you are in the presence of where God's will is being done, there is an uneasiness within you. But when you yield yourself and come into His presence, there is a wholeness of joy and peace. There is rest and love. There is no condemnation or pressure. You are at home because you are loved. Jesus spoke to this demon within him, "Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit." Verse nine says, "And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many."

Verse ten continues, "And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country." There is prayer going on here with these demons. They are requesting Jesus not to send them to the place where they belong. We find that this prayer continues, "Now there was nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them." The demons wanted to go into the swine. They didn't want to go back into hell, but into the swine. They besought Jesus that He would send them into these hogs. Verse thirteen says, "And forthwith Jesus gave them leave." He answered their prayer. "And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea." They lost control of themselves. The man was out of control, but when those evil powers inside of him came out and entered into the herd, the herd lost control.

Verse fourteen says, "And they that fed the swine fled..." The keepers of the hogs fled. The swine were dead because they were choked to death in the Sea of Galilee, and the keepers of the swine ran. They fled and told their story in the city and in the country. They published what they had seen, and told how their hogs, when the power of darkness entered into them, became uncontrolled and were choked in the Sea of Galilee. The people went out to see what was done, and saw this man who had previously been possessed with the devil, sitting quietly with Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind. The man who was formerly uncontrolled

was in his right mind, the mind that belonged to him. Before, he didn't have his own mind. He was possessed of an evil power. He had the mind of the evil spirits.

Verse sixteen says, "And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine. And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts." This group of people, as soon as they saw Jesus, said, "Leave us. We don't want you here anymore." They were taken with a certain work of His presence, and they said, "Leave our coast. We don't want you to stay with us." I have always thought that was a tragedy. The crowd from the city and the country asked Jesus to depart from them.

Verse eighteen says, "And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him." The man who had been so taken with the devil did not want to stay where he was. He wanted to go with Jesus. He wanted to be with Jesus because Jesus had peace and joy. Jesus was leaving, so he wanted to leave too. Verse nineteen says, "Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends,..." Here begins the life of self-denial. Jesus said that if a man is going to come after Him, let him deny himself.

As soon as you and I are converted and become as new creatures in Him, that moment, we begin the life of self-denial. This man who was now well and wanted to go with Jesus had to deny himself and go back where he had caused all the trouble. How much self-denial did that require? He was a new man. He was not the same person. He wanted to go with Jesus very much, but Jesus suffered him not, and said, "Go home to thy friends,..." This is a great and tremendous depth of inner denial.

When I began my walk with Jesus sixty-two years ago this January, I had to deny myself. When I began to deny myself, self-denial was never to end. Many people think self-denial ends, but it doesn't. Self-denial is continuous. From the days of John the Baptist until now, the Kingdom of Heaven is preached, and every man presseth into it. Pressing is dying to self and taking up the cross. It is the slaying of the carnal nature. It is the slaying of the interior life, that we may submit and begin to become as little children.

This man had to deny himself and go home. How did he feel as he walked home? He was lonely. He was no longer in the presence of Jesus, and he had to go by faith. We must go by faith,

³ and not by feeling or blessing. Many people want blessings all the time. We have to die to that. Blessings are wonderful and I love them. I have a great time with blessings, but I want you to know that most of my walk has been by faith. The devil tells me I am not saved at all.

Verse nineteen continues, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee." In other words, when we start the life of inner denial, we begin the life of sharing and witnessing; telling what Jesus has done for us. In the past few days and months, when I have been at a filling station or grocery store, I have tried to express appreciation for how the Lord can help and lead. As I came up to the door of a store the other day, a brother, about fifty-five years of age, was coming toward me. I said, "Good evening, sir." He replied, "Yes, sir," and I said, "May your disappointments, hurts and pressures be lifted through the Holy Spirit of God." He said, "Thank you." When you love God, you love everyone the same. The evidence of Christianity is that we love everyone.

When I was baptized in the Holy Ghost on the fourteenth day of April, 1942, in every wave of the Holy Ghost, He gave me love from the top of my head to the soles of my feet. It lasted almost four hours. He gave me such love and taught me that I should never find fault to my wife again about anybody. He taught me that I wasn't to complain about anyone to her again. I have never read this in any book except the Bible. When His love comes in, and His power of the Holy Spirit comes in to crucify this carnal nature, we love Him and we love our neighbors as ourselves.

Inner denial and self-assertiveness are as far apart as the north pole is from the south pole. As soon as we are saved we begin the life of self-denial, but the flesh wants to take over every second to bring us into the life of self-assertiveness. Since the fall of Adam, most people are in the control of self instead of living in the life of self-denial. He wants to lead and guide us. Jesus said to this man, "Go home and give your friends a testimony. Tell them what great things God has done for you because He has had compassion on you."

Compassion is what I need, and it is in every heart full of love. The followers of Jesus do not press anyone. They love them. God taught me not to press my children or my sons-in-law. I did not know that our daughter Joyce's husband, Jack, was hurt because of situations in churches. I did not know it, but Jesus revealed to me over forty years

ago never to press him, never to say, "I would like to have you come to church. You ought to be saved." He revealed to me that I was not to press Jack Miller one bit. I was to just tell him how Jesus saves, how He sanctifies, heals, leads and guides. For twenty-one-and-a-half years that is what I did, and one day he came to me and said, "I want you to pray with me." Twenty-one-and-a-half years later he found the Christ! Hallelujah! Jesus had compassion on him!

Verse twenty says, "And he departed and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel." His testimony was effective. All these cities and villages of Decapolis heard about the wondrous things Jesus had done for him; how He changed him, took his burden away, and gave him joy, peace, rest, and quiet. It is wonderful to have quietness within the heart, isn't it? Quietness is gained through the blood of Jesus applied, through the work of the Holy Spirit given. When he published it, the word says that all men marveled. Wherever he witnessed, all men marveled. Verse twenty-one says, "And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea."

We find in one of the scriptures parallel to this that in a little while Jesus returned to where this precious man was, and all the people were waiting for Him. One man began a revival. He began a work of the Holy Spirit, and everyone wanted to see Jesus. Jesus changed the whole family, the whole community, the whole commission of men's living. One man was changed, and he obeyed and followed the Savior to do God's will and not his own.

We want to thank each one of you for the anniversary greetings, cards, flowers and gifts. We are grateful for each one. We are trusting for strength, healing, protection, and blessing to be able to go to the Grand Canyon for our sixtieth wedding anniversary. Please continue to pray and make supplication to God for our deliverance and healing. Please pray also for the protection of the men who are working on the church. When Larry Favalora was recently there, he felt the presence of the Lord as soon as he stepped on the church grounds. We are unworthy and very needy, but deeply grateful for all your prayers and sacrifice for us. We are trusting for the work of the Holy Spirit, for His guidance and anointing at the Waiting Upon God. Please pray for protection in travel to and from Chicago. We need Him very much, and are trusting for healing, strength, unction, and the anointing of the Holy Ghost for each session.

Included with this letter are INSTRUCTIONS FOR A WAITING ON GOD, by Rev. Reimar A. C. Schultze. We would appreciate it if all who are planning to attend could read these instructions a few times. Otherwise, it will slip our minds and we will lean to our own understanding. If we do not die out to the self in us, it will take over in a second and will want to make the plan instead of allowing the Holy Spirit to lead. When we were in Israel, there were many singers with us, but I could only call on those whom the Holy Spirit would lead to sing. Sometimes when people want to sing, the Lord will not lead for singing at all. Please have your list of spiritual songs typed or printed on 8 1/2" x 11" paper to fit in a three-ring binder, and please try to sit as close to the front as you can. Thank you for reading these instructions, and for allowing God to have His way, wherein lies the rest and peace our souls are longing for.

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

Loran W. Helm

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p.s. Following are excerpts from a letter that I want to share with you for Jesus' glory and honor.

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Helm, You are in our thoughts and prayers as we reflect on your love for us and for others. We will always be in debt to you for your kindness and expressions of love. May Jesus bless, heal, encourage, fortify, strengthen, and lift you up to the place of joy and fulfillment. I trust the Lord to bring your ministry to its complete fruition, and that men will recognize and support the ministry God has called you to. We believe in you and esteem you highly.

The Lord has helped us through many dark waters and storms recently. He has been a wonderful friend and loving heavenly Father. He is so merciful and kind to His children. The longer I am a father, the more I understand the heart of God and His compassion.

...Jesus has privileged me to speak in a number of places recently, for which I am grateful. A couple of weeks ago my wife and I drove to St. Louis to speak at the Missions Service with Pastor Moore. The Lord helped us there.

On May 5, the National Day of Prayer was held in Washington D.C. The president of Cops For Christ was asked to open the ceremonies with prayer on the steps of the Capitol. To my surprise, he called me from New York and said he felt I was to pray the prayer. I was humbled, but sensed an unusual stir in my heart! By God's grace, as I stepped up to the steps to pray, I was overwhelmed in a number of ways. I thought, "Who am I, that I should lead the people in prayer for our nation?" Nevertheless, as I opened my mouth to pray

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July 27, 1994

Dear ones in Christ Jesus, Greetings.

The Waiting Upon God in Chicago was a time of victory, romance, adventure, and blessing. Because of your prayers and through the mercy of God, He performed a miracle in my body. The first session lasted for about three hours. I was then able to rest for a little over two hours and return for the afternoon session for three more hours. Another rest, then back for the evening session, which I think continued for four to five hours. The next two days were similar. Each day He helped for nine to eleven hours, which is a great answer to prayer by His mercies shed upon us.

Jesus said in Mark 8:35: "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." When Adam and Eve chose to get what they wanted, they were working in the direction of getting what would benefit them. In other words, they were attempting to save their lives by disobeying what God had called them to do. By endeavoring to save their lives to get what they wanted, they lost everything and so did we.

As I view this particular scripture in the New Testament writings, it brings to mind those dear ones who disputed among themselves who should be the greatest. Here is a principle of the saving of one's rank and status, of acquiring something. This scripture actually illustrates our tendency to try to find a place of recognition. We are driven by the desire to try to save ourselves. In so doing, the Holy Spirit is grieved. Another parallel of endeavoring to save our life is where the apostles asked Jesus, "...Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand in thy glory." This request is also part of our effort to save ourselves.

As we leave these particular examples, let us go to the rich young ruler. He didn't have much wrong with him. In fact, he had kept all the commandments from his youth up. He said to Jesus, "...what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" He was trying to find it, but he lacked something. Jesus said, "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell (give it all away) that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have

treasure in heaven: and come and follow me." In other words, after giving all that he owned away, he was to come back to Jesus and follow Him. Then, he would find eternal life. But he didn't want to do that. It was repugnant to him. He didn't want to lose what he had worked to get for himself, so he kept it. And when he kept it, he went into sorrow.

For another parallel, let us go to the story of the prodigal son. The prodigal son was a very fine young man, but he made the choice to save himself. He said, "I want you to give me what is mine." He wasn't thinking about giving it away. He was thinking about getting something he wanted, his portion. When we work to get our portion, we are working to save ourselves. The father gave him his portion of living, and he took it and went into the place where he thought he could really get something and have great joy in himself. But in his attempt to save himself, he lost everything. It was all gone. Do you see the principle here? He went to get what was his so he could enjoy himself and be raised up in society to the place where he would have what he had never had before, which was recognition and the power of making his own choice. When he did, he lost everything.

I also want you to note that the elder brother, who was faithful, was working to save himself too. When the brother who had lost everything saw the error of his ways and returned to make restitution and repent, the elder brother, who had everything, didn't appreciate his return. He resented it and didn't want to go in to the place of jubilee for the return of this lost one. His attitude was, "Why haven't I been rewarded and given my portion?" The father said it was already his. When the elder brother resented his younger brother's return, he lost a certain place in spiritual status by his attitude, by his resentment.

Do you see this parallel between the prodigal son and the elder brother? Do you see that if we work to get what we want, we lose it? When the prodigal son lost everything, he saw the way back, but when he returned, the one who had been faithful lost what he had through his resentment. This is a tremendous parallel. The son who saw the error of his ways, returned, and

received his portion, and more. He received the fatted calf, the ring on his finger, the shoes on his feet, and the robe on his back. The one who had everything didn't understand, so wouldn't go in to join in the jubilee. In having the wrong attitude, he lost something very valuable. Whenever we have resentment, or have a wrong attitude, instead of finding what we need, we lose it. "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."

Another tremendous illustration of this scripture is the demoniac whom Jesus found. When Jesus found him, he was in turmoil and upheaval. He had lost everything. He didn't have peace or joy, so when Jesus came by, he ran and fell and worshipped Him. This man recognized Jesus, confessed Him to be the Christ, and then prayed for deliverance. The trouble he had, which was keeping him from that which was his, was cast out of him. Jesus healed him. Two thousand hogs gave their lives to relieve him when Jesus cast the devils out of this demon-possessed man. It looked as if he had lost everything, but now he had found it. He was fully dressed and in his right mind, sitting at the feet of Jesus. He found that which he would never want to part with. When this occurred, the whole community came out and requested that Jesus leave.

Now this man who was previously demon-possessed, did not want to go back into the crowd. He did not want to go back into the storm. He wanted to save the relationship he had with the King of Kings. He wanted to save the joy he had with Jesus. He said, "I want to go with you. I want to be with you." Jesus replied, "No, you go back home and tell the people your testimony." When this man heard the words of Jesus, he had to deny himself. He could not go with Jesus. Just then, he began, by way of inner death, to give up this great relationship he had with Jesus. This man was giving up all to go back to obey Jesus by way of inner death, and his teaching and preaching and sharing was so great that the whole community was changed.

In going back into the storm, he found all the people and they all came back with him. Again, here is the principle of, "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." He was asked to go back home where

he was misunderstood, where he had troubled the people, where he had upset people and was a mystery to the medical world, where he had disappointed and crushed people. But in doing this, God's power came into his life and turned the whole community around. He lost everything, but found everything. Jesus returned and he could be with Him again, and more than that, he brought the whole community along with him. He lost everything, but regained everything that was his. These tremendous parallels of the New Testament writings illustrate how we mortals try to save ourselves, and how Jesus asks us to deny self and go back into the assignment, into the mission field, into the place where we caused the trouble or difficult situations. Then His Spirit comes through the one who loses his life by way of inner death. Evangelism comes and changes everything.

There are so many beautiful parallels in trying to save our life or lose it. If we give it away, we then regain what is ours, and have more by far at the end than we did at the beginning. The demoniac lost the privilege of staying with Jesus, but when he lost it, he regained it with interest. All the people gathered in. These are spiritual rules and laws of, "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."

At the Waiting Upon God I preached on some parallels of the Old and New Testaments, but on returning home, I could see these parallels as the Holy Spirit opened the eyes of the soul, the interior life. This is so great because it is up to date in the New Testament writings. First, I saw the ones who wanted to know who would be the greatest; then those who wanted to be at the right and left hand; then the rich young ruler who wanted to know how to find eternal life, but lost it; then the prodigal son, who lost all he had, but saw the error of his ways and returned home to regain everything; then the elder brother, who had everything, but lost it when he fell into resentment. Do you see how these scriptures intertwine here? Do you see these tremendous parallels?

We give God the praise and glory for the way He worked at the Waiting Upon God. I trust you will be able to write a letter to the piano company, telling them what this piano meant to

us. My wife, who has played the piano for seventy-five years, talked to me more about this piano and the wonder of it than any other piano we have had. The address is:

Hendricks Piano Company
421-25 Maple Ave.
Downers Grove, IL 60515
Attention: Karen

We are grateful for your prayers, petitions and supplications, that we might be victorious physically, mentally and spiritually by His protection, strength and direction. Thank you for all the various supplications and sacrifices you have made on our behalf, that as we obey the Lord, souls can be saved and brought in through repentance and transformation as new creatures in Christ, and then be willing to leave everything and say, "I am going to lose my life by dying to self and being slain of the carnal nature to follow Jesus, to witness, to let Him lead for the glory of God in Jesus' name.

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

Loran W Helm

Loran W. Helm

p.s. Following are letters we would like to share with you, giving God all the glory, honor and praise for everything.

Dear Brother Helm, Imagine the delight of my dear wife and family when I arrived home unannounced 70 hours ahead of time, thanks to the wonderful Southwest Airlines flight you and your dear people gave to me for my return trip to Los Angeles. The Greyhound bus would have taken me 76 hours. Hallelujah! That was a miracle...

How can I ever praise God enough, dear brother, for such an experience as we all had at the great three days of "A Waiting Upon God" in Chicago. I had been hoping for something like that for a long time, for myself and our Spanish people. Several years ago there came a time when I simply couldn't preach anymore and I didn't know why. Our preaching and teaching were not producing the kind of saints the Bible spoke about. Something was wrong, very wrong. I'd get to the platform and become like Zacharias "and when he came out, he could not speak."

That situation lasted until, by the grace of God, your precious book miraculously came into my possession and the cloud began to lift. After many readings I knew why the preaching had been taken from me. We had a few more things to learn, like self denial, bearing the cross more seriously, getting rid of self assertion, analyzation,

criticizing. Then it dawned on me that the Holy Spirit had been very kind to me and nudged me into silence so He could teach me what several college and seminary degrees had never taught me. Glory! Hallelujah!

My, what a revelation you have passed on to us dear brother. Thanks for all of those years of your agonizing and months and months of waiting so that when you did speak, you had something to say, revelations from God. I hope I will never say another word unless it is seasoned in waiting and agonizing, and more waiting on Him, who is the Well of Water springing up into everlasting life. Until we learn what the Lord has been so kind as to reveal to you, we would do well to talk less and practice walking in self denial and obedience.

The Lord has at last begun to open my mouth, and I have already had the joy of sharing some of these sweet truths with our elders and family members. Be assured we shall continue to uphold you and your dear wife, family and ministry in our prayers. Kindest greetings and THANKS to those attending "A Waiting Upon God" who made my return trip to Los Angeles a Heavenly Flight of Joy, Comfort and Rejoicing. Thank you in Jesus, Albert A. Alsop.

p.s. Your Federal Express letter just arrived. It was so nice, Brother Helm. I'm overjoyed. Praise God. I will call you tomorrow (Friday) between 6 and 8 p.m. Thanks so much.

Dear Servant of Jesus, I am returning from this Waiting Upon God absolutely elated. I believe when you preached on self denial last Monday, you reached the pinnacle of your teaching ministry. You were indeed in the message you were born for, to give to the church. I believe the angels were clapping their hands and God was smiling.

As a major in church history for my master's degree, I know of no one historical figure, since Christ, excepting perhaps Thomas Akempas, who has made self denial the centerpiece of his theology. Several have pointed to its significance from time to time, but have not left it as a doctrinal legacy for posterity. As one who has had the privilege of having traveled with you for hundreds of hours, I can say that this message is one you never cease to practice.

Oh, my brother, it is this and nothing less or other that will bring the day when the Word of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. Your presentation was both beautiful and simple. When we deny self consistently, the gates of the kingdom of God swing wide open, and all the things God has prepared for us, even before the foundation of the earth, shall be ours. Thank you! His servant and yours, Reimar A. C. Schultze.

Dear Brother Helm, Praise God for His help in learning what you are trying to teach us! I am finally getting the idea of what this walk is all about. Last night I had a clear

understanding, not just a glimpse, of how we have to divest ourselves of our 'selves' in order for Jesus to have unhindered sway. It is as though we must be a hollow tube for the wind of the Spirit to blow through. Pieces of our selves which are left in the tube (or vessel) block the wind.

Also, recently I had the opportunity to talk to Esther Morey (I believe it was 6/21), who helped me see a new perspective on criticism. She said it is the opposite of compassion! Well, no wonder you preach about this. "Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art." She pointed out that having no criticism or judgment or self-esteem is so freeing: no one can upset you or ruin your day. There is no hindrance to the love of the Spirit flowing through you.

Now, of course, you have known this for a long time, but I am just getting the picture. Thank you for persisting. Pastor Schultze says it is like pushing a wagon load of bricks up hill sometimes, to preach self-denial, obedience and righteousness. But when you teach us, the wagon marks a rut in the soil of our hearts. You blaze a trail for us and the ruts accept the wagon wheels each time they pass. Praise God, the marks of the Master's narrow path go deeper and deeper into our heart's soil until there is a highway to the city of our God!

Thank you for this effort, this expending of your life to blaze our trail. Thank you for giving us maps and lanterns on the narrow way. Thank you for sacrificing your life for us. We try to pray for your strength, wisdom and joy. Since I cannot express what I have in my heart, I will close and trust Jesus to help you understand that I am beginning to really be with you in heart as well as head! Most sincerely, Lisa Kilmer (Kokomo).

Dear Rev. Helm, I just wanted to jot you a note, thanking you for your life of obedience. The example you have set really encourages me to press on and to obey God. May you be healed and encouraged in Jesus' name. Love, Joel Kintsel.

Dear Rev. Loran Helm, May the Lord bless you and keep you. I pray the Lord will continue to lead and direct your footsteps. I just wanted to write a little note of appreciation to you for obeying the Holy Spirit during the Waiting Upon God. God did some wonderful things in my heart. He showed me how wicked the human heart truly is. I pray I will get this message of self denial into my heart, and I pray God will continue to lift your burdens. Love, Esther (Kintsel).

Dear Rev. Helm, May God bless you and lift your burdens! I just wanted to let you know that God really helped me at the Waiting Upon God. The message God speaks through you to us is what all Christians need to hear. I need to get the message of self denial into my heart. I pray that I and the other young people in RFOD

can hear and heed this message of obedience while we are young so we can obey God. I love you and am praying for you. Love in Christ Jesus, Sarah Kintsel.

Dear Rev. Helm, I just wanted to tell you that the message you have been living and teaching has been the key to my present happiness. I have not always striven to deny self, but as I do, there has been an emptiness filled. Hannah Kintsel.

Dear Brother Helm, I just wanted to include a note of appreciation for the nursery facilities at the Waiting Upon God. We mothers were greatly helped and blessed as we watched the meeting on a television monitor. By God's grace, we experienced the same anointing as was sensed in the larger meeting room. Thank you and your wonderful helpers for all their hard work and concern for us. Much love, Glynis Kintsel.

Special addendum by Rev. Helm

There are many things that can hinder prayer in the church world. We so easily say and do things that grieve the Holy Spirit. We do not mean to, but we do and say things in a carnal way, which causes our prayers to be hindered. If our prayers do not go through, we do not have spiritual victory and we walk in darkness. When we walk without testimony and praise, we grieve the Holy Spirit. Our prayers are hindered by loving 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." (1 John 2:15) This really operates in my heart!

The Word tells us how to help one another to live in togetherness. 1 Peter 3:7 says, "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered." Our prayers are hindered when we do not live with our companion in tenderness and gentleness, or fail to read God's Word and pray together. If we complain or rail, then our prayers are instantly cut off. We can not get through to glory if we do not dwell with our companion according to knowledge, holiness, and truth. If we owe bills and do not pay our obligations, our prayers are hindered. If we fail our responsibilities the slightest, our prayers are hindered. Wrong, carnal, or jealous attitudes (whether at work, home or school) hinder our prayers. This grieves the Holy Spirit. Many things we say and do, or we do not do as we ought to do, hinders our prayers. It closes off the channel to God concerning our petitions and adorations to the Throne.

Therefore, it is a constant pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God lest our prayers be hindered and we grieve the Holy Spirit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

Revival For Our Day

August 17, 1994

Dear believers and followers of the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh, the Mighty One of Israel. Unto Him be praise, glory and honor for the precious blood, the sacred gift of the Holy Spirit, God's love, that will not let us go. "I rest my weary soul in Thee, I give Thee back the life I owe, That in thine ocean depths its flow May richer, fuller be."

Rev. Oliver Hogue and I recently traveled to West Virginia, where we were grateful for the opportunity to attend the dedication service for the new sanctuary at Maranatha Fellowship. It is a very beautiful building, and I believe there were over thirteen hundred persons in attendance. The Lord blessed, and the Pastor's wife's prayer of dedication was anointed of the Holy Spirit. She gave a wonderful supplication and prayer of dedication.

The Lord also gave us quite a meeting that evening at Scott Depot Christ Fellowship. It was a precious gift of blessing and anointing. The Lord revealed the beginning hymns to me as I was resting in the guest room of the Hogue's lovely townhouse. I was crying out to the Lord for guidance because I didn't know what God wanted for that service. As I read these numbers in the beginning of the service, we entered into a high place of spiritual truths. We were in debt to Jesus, to the Holy Ghost. The Kingdom of God was in evidence. He was merciful and faithful to help us, and we were thankful for His fellowship, anointing, and love.

On our return from West Virginia, the Lord revealed that we were to travel to Oklahoma and Missouri for meetings with the churches there. We had such wonderful times with the pastors and people, such wonderful hospitality in both places. We had a marvelous time staying with the Ryans in Oilton, and in the home of Thomas and Claudene Moore in St. Louis. We had special times of precious anointed fellowship and blessing in both homes. The Schultzes, the Richeys, Guy William Young, and Jeanne Light traveled with us, and each one was a great help, assistance, and blessing.

One pastor later shared with me, "It was as though I had a little talk with you concerning the needs, situations, and conditions of our people."

We felt so humbled, for the Lord was merciful to help us even though we knew nothing of any particular situation or condition. God was merciful, wonderful, and precious to speak through us what was needed, for without Jesus we can do nothing. Unto the Lord be praise for each victory, each revelation, direction, and help that He has given in these last few weeks for the glory of God.

Thank you for praying for us. I don't know when I will be able to be in any church again. It is by His mercy and grace that we can make it every step of the way. We must have the revelation. If we go anywhere just because the people want us to come, there is no power or glory. Instead, it is just marking time. But if He were to lead me, then His anointing would be there. Individuals may wonder why we are not going to certain churches, but without His guidance I can do nothing. When He reveals and directs, He is then able to help, encourage, and lift someone, or to see a soul saved and cleansed, filled with the Holy Spirit, to become willing to deny self consistently, which has not often been done.

Most of us deny self occasionally rather than consistently. We go into the life of self-assertiveness, self-arrangement, self-planning, self-will, or self-like. This is the way it has been since the fall of Adam. As you read the Old Testament, you soon learn that not many were consistently faithful to do as God would lead and direct. Jeremiah 2:32 says, "Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number." Ezekiel 22:30 reads, "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." He didn't find one. It is by the mercies of God that we can live consistently, denying self second by second.

When Rev. and Mrs. Oliver Hogue and my wife and I were recently in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, the Lord revealed to me that we were to attend the Sunday evening service at Pigeon Forge Christ Fellowship. He blessed in such a precious way with His wondrous gifts and anointing. We had a time of rejoicing, giving thanks and praise unto God. We were grateful for His anointing, blessing, revelation, and direction, for souls being lifted, helped, and encouraged. We give Him all the

glory, praise, and thanksgiving for the way He directed and blessed in such a sweet, wonderful, marvelous, and precious way.

The Lord had revealed to me that we were also to attend a service at Clinton Christ Fellowship, but instead of having it on the usual prayer meeting night, we were to schedule the service for Tuesday evening. The Lord blessed there in such a marvelous way that we are in debt to Him for the work of the Holy Spirit, for the blessings of His presence, guidance, and direction. Brother Cox, whom I have known since 1955, put his arms around me and said, "It is so rare when the Holy Spirit leads and guides like this." We were grateful for the precious hospitality of these two churches. It was a dear gift and blessing to us. We give God the praise for making a way through Kokomo Christian Fellowship for us to journey south, where we were enriched and blessed. It was a marvelous and precious gift, and we sanctify it in Jesus' name.

On one particular evening, the Lord revealed to me that we were not to go where I really wanted to go. Instead, He led me to another place. On our return, we had a tremendous experience. As we were driving along the highway we saw a roadside stand which sold vegetables and Sourwood honey. As we drove by, Oliver mentioned that he would come back the next day to get some honey, but I immediately replied, "Oh, no, let's go back right now." We returned to the roadside stand and Oliver and I got out of the car. A gentlemen, who was also purchasing some things, came up to me and asked, "Where are you from?" I told him that I was from Parker City, Indiana, and he replied, "My mother graduated from Parker City."

I began to share with him about the Holy Spirit, and he said to me, "As you talk to me, I feel the Holy Ghost going down my arms." I learned that his mother was one of my high school classmates whom I had not seen or talked to for fifty to sixty years. I didn't even know if she and her twin sister were still living. My wife and I called her that evening and had a wonderful experience renewing our acquaintance with her. We had this wonderful time together because the Lord led me to another place rather than to where I wanted to go, and then to stop at a roadside stand where we met this precious man who was the son of a former high school classmate. We had Holy Ghost fellowship together, and he was so appreciative and thankful. If it hadn't been for the guidance of stopping at that moment instead of Oliver returning the next day,

and then getting out of the car with Oliver, I would have missed this precious experience and never known it. I started to school with this gentleman's mother and her twin sister in September of 1922, and graduated with them on the twenty-sixth day of April, 1934. All through the years I have wondered where these sisters were, and because of God's faithfulness, blessing, and direction, we had this wonderful time of sharing. It was indeed very important.

We had a wonderful time in the Gatlinburg area, and in the two services there. The Hogue's help and thoughtfulness, and the wonderful lunches they provided each day were just outstanding. We were very grateful for everything. It was a privilege to be there, and we were thankful for the Lord's presence. By His mercy and grace could it ever be again, anywhere. Praise the Lord.

We would like to mention that we cannot remember each individual who has helped us through these last weeks, but we are grateful to each one for their help and assistance. I ask forgiveness from those of you who I may have forgotten to mention and who have done so many wonderful things for us in various places this past month. Thank you for each precious hospitality and help, for each encouragement and sharing, for each gift and kind word, and for each testimony.

A couple of days ago Rev. Oliver Hogue and I visited a nursing home to have prayer with a dear person with whom I have been acquainted since 1927. When we arrived he said that he had been looking for me. We also were privileged to share with the manager of the nursing home, whose wife was one of our parishioners in my last pastorate during 1941-1943. We had such precious fellowship together.

We thank each one of you for praying for us, for holding us to God, that we might be healed in various parts of the body, for all infections and growths to be obliterated and removed, for the arteries, veins, walls, and valves of the heart to be healed. We want to express our appreciation and gratitude for all the special times of prayer each of you have had on our behalf. We are thankful that Rev. Oliver Hogue and Barbara are here with us, praying for us now into the seventh year. We are thankful for each servant of God who has come to Parker City to pray for us at different times. We are thankful for each and every sacrifice and gift. Our need is great, but the devil is defeated through the blood of Jesus, by which we are able to quench

all the fiery darts of the wicked. We thank the Lord for the victory through the blood. The Word says to submit yourself therefore unto God, resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Praise the Lord for the victory, peace, joy, anointing, and unction.

I would like to mention that we owe Thomas Harman several thousand dollars for the reprinting of A Voice in the Wilderness. The outstanding accounts receivable balance of Evangel Voice Publications at the end of July was a little over thirty-eight hundred dollars. If those who owe on account would be willing to send their payment in, it would be a great help in paying for this. I recall that when Comer Tankersley dropped the check in the mailbox for the first printing of the book, just as he let go of it, the glory hit him and he cried so hard that he couldn't even read the box number. If it hadn't been for his help, we couldn't have had the book printed. He is gone now, but it may be there is someone who feels like they would like to help on this. We would be thankful.

I told Thomas that we did not have the money to print the hardback edition, but he went ahead and had five hundred copies printed on his own. Most all of the finance that has come into Evangel Voice through these years since we first printed the book has gone to secretarial salaries and the upkeep of the business. We have not received one dollar in personal financial return from the book. We just want to encourage people to be obedient, to be faithful and follow Jesus.

Please pray for strength and anointing, for help in the soul, mind, and body. I am in my seventyninth year, and need much help in every area of the mind and body to live victoriously in the spiritual realm of the soul in victory, love, and care, with a desire for the church to be sanctified. Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." He also said, "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth...That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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p.s. Following are letters of encouragement, giving God all the glory, Jesus all the praise, the Holy Spirit all thanksgiving for each help and victory. Praise the Lord.

Dear Dr. Helm, Your recent newsletter with sharing on New Testament examples of 'losing our lives' has to be the greatest such application I have ever heard of these stories. The Lord has wonderfully anointed you and shown you a great thing. If these stories were recorded for no other reason, it was as examples of people that have lost their lives or kept their lives. I have never heard or seen the story of the rich young ruler, prodigal son and his brother, and demoniac given in this light. Yet, after reading your newsletter, the applications just leaped off the page in simplicity.

Praise God for His anointing and help given to you. You and your wife have been a blessing to us. Praise the Lord Almighty! Gordon Gaetke.

Dear Beloved, Praise the Lord God Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, shepherd of our souls, mighty counselor, Prince of Salem and King of kings, Savior of lost mankind. PTL!

The meetings in Chicago, July 2-4, 1994 were of a particular encouragement to my heart, and mind. The message was similar if not identical, but somehow God allowed me to see or hear the Word in a way never before experienced. The Lord has always helped you to present his Word in a beautiful and clear way - such as a blueprint would show how to construct a complicated building - This time Jesus allowed me to glimpse this marvelous plan in more of a three dimensional scene. It was far more beautiful than I could possibly ascribe. Hope and joy and delight seemed to shade each feature, as a large oak tree would shade the flowers and grass under it on a sunny day in June. The stream flowing by this composition was of such refreshment that it seemed one would not require anything, at all, ever again. My plea to God is that by consistent review and faithful application, this wondrous treasure will not become hidden again and that I may - in deed - deny myself, take up my cross and follow Jesus where he leads. Praise the Lord.

Of course I can't quite do it, but I have had a great time trying to tell Cathy just how it was in presentation and clarity and beauty! Thank you - Thank you - THANK YOU!!

I love you, I love Florence and we are praying for you. In Jesus Name, Son Kenneth Dunigan.

Dear Rev. Helm, crushed and broken servant of the living God, May you be blessed and encouraged. Praise the Lord. Jesus is merciful.

I rejoice that the Lord appointed you and called you for this time and age to share the unsearchable riches of the Kingdom of God. On the second night of the Waiting Upon God, the Lord had you speak on Matthew 25, the parable of the ten virgins. The Lord mercifully shook my soul awake. Imagine five virtuous Christian women waiting in joy and anticipation for the Bridegroom, but because they had been foolish or disobedient or unwilling to die out every second, they were rejected at the door of eternal celebration, and hell's gates opened for them.

I cannot comprehend how serious this message is, but it brought me to my knees before the God of all ages. Isn't this exciting! God is so merciful! I may never have heard this message, but because you were obedient to write a book, to follow God, to be broken and poured out for the undeserving people of God, He was able to open the eyes of a sixteen-year-old. God was able to show me that I needed to count the cost, look at the cross straight on, get up, die to sin and the world with rejoicing and promise in the hope of Christ Jesus firm to the end. Hallelujah!

All praise and glory and honor be unto Jesus, our God and gentle Shepherd. May His peace and rest be upon the both of you, a servant of His and of yours, Sarah Helbling.

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Helm, Praise be to the God of heaven and earth, the Creator of all things. I apologize for not writing sooner after the Waiting Upon God. I wanted to let you know that I was thrilled by how God helped you and gave you both strength. Your words were so important. One morning in the 7:00 a.m. session, you said that if we live the life of self-denial, we will hear things that will save ourselves and other people. You were reviewing the story of Mordacai and Haman. I pray that I may get this vision, this truth into my heart. I feel that if I can be faithful, God will save many at the store which I manage, and many of my fellow managers in other stores as well.

Pastor Hogue has taught us the word 'microcosm'. It is a small example of a much larger principal. I have often thought that as Jesus died for all men, we are called to die in the interior life (to be a 'microcosm' of Christ's life) for those we are called to. If we don't die, if we don't deny ourselves, we will not hear the things that will save ourselves and the ones we are called to.

We are also doubly grateful for you coming to Scott Depot on Sunday evening. As you read the hymns from the old Methodist hymnal and commented, it was wonderful truth. But I feel that I was getting the most

help just watching you, your actions, your mannerisms. I find great peace and reassurance every time I look at your face. I know it is the love of Christ being reflected. (Brother Helm gives Jesus all the praise, honor and glory for this.)

...Jesus, please come and raise up these two saints into a heavenly place. Thank you for the heights of which you have taken them in recent weeks. But Lord, yesterday's blessings won't provide for today. We need fresh mercy, fresh anointing, fresh healing. Please raise them up by Your grace and mercy. In Jesus' name, amen.

Thank you for all that you have done. On to the goal keep pressing! The goal is just now in sight. The angels in heaven may be saddling and grooming the great white charger for Jesus even now. Praise the Lord! We love you, Robert Yoder.

Dear Father and Mother Helm, I trust that the blessings and promises of God are finding, following and fixing their sights on you, through the grace and mercy of God. By the time you receive this letter you will be back from your adventure to the Grand Canyon. The prayers of Margate, Florida, have been with you. We trust that the Lord delighted and blessed every step of the way. Praise the Lord.

I am trusting the Lord for the right words to express what He showed me at the Waiting Upon God in Chicago. It was quite a blessing and confirmation of what He has been showing us here at Margate. In October of last year God led us to the book of Hebrews and our study did not come until after our time together in Chicago. Praise the Lord. During the study of this wonderful letter, chapter six declares that the church must leave the elementary teachings of Christ and go on to Christian perfection. These elementary teachings are laying the foundation of repentance and the acts that lead to death. Faith in God instructs us about baptisms, laying on of hands. The Lord allowed us to see that this is what the professed church has argued about and fought about for two thousand years. We had to ask the Lord to forgive us of this argumentative spirit and to press toward Christ and Christian perfection, and the advance things of the kingdom found in the following chapters of Hebrews.

As we came to the Waiting Upon God and the Lord's anointing was upon you, I began to hear over and over again in my spirit, "These are the advance teachings of My kingdom." I was excited and thrilled about the teaching, the exegesis, the instruction. It was beyond what words could describe. Yet, within this wonderful urgency of the message was the deafness of the moment. It struck my heart and spirit like a sword through the heart. Even though these were the words

of life to us, we were lax! These were the advance teachings, instructions and commands of the Lord in the higher places of the kingdom. And here we were, trying to put them into the elementary levels for the argument's sake. "Lord, please forgive me." What a place God had placed us in for those few hours.

The advance teachings are the scriptures of the Lord, which ring true to the heart, to the obedient. God, by His grace and mercy, has placed us in a ministry for such a time as this and for His kingdom. We have been granted the privilege to be placed under a ministry that does hear the voice of God today! Praise the Lord! As we begin to assimilate the voice of the Lord through what we have heard at the Waiting Upon God, may our response be a deliberate choice to choose God's way and His way only. A pilgrim on the way, Mark (and Joy) Donnelly.

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Helm, God has done such great things for me before, during, and after the Waiting Upon God in Chicago. God blessed me much throughout the services, but so many factors were at work for my good that it is quite a miracle what all has taken place.

When I arrived at the Houston airport to get on the airplane bound for Chicago, I found to my dismay that I did not have a seat aboard the aircraft and the airplane was not only full, but overbooked. I began to pray. Minutes had ticked away when the person on the intercom requested that some travelers with flexible schedules volunteer to give up their seats for a small compensation. My husband went back to the desk to see if I could take a seat of a traveler that had relinquished their seat. The personnel responded that I would have to wait. ...I felt like I should just stand around the airline ticket desk. As I stood there, she called names of certain travelers to come forward and mistakenly took me for one of the travelers. I was given the opportunity to explain my predicament. She responded quickly that she could give me a seat. Believe me, I was thankful. It is truly amazing how God can do great things in a matter of seconds.

I got on the plane and found my seat. Would you believe, it was probably the best seat on the aircraft for a person like me. With the exception of first class seating, usually the airplane seats are lined in three chairs to a row after row. However, my seat was a window seat with no seat in front of me. I had an open space directly in front of me. When I stretched out my feet did not even touch anything. God is so merciful.

Before taking off, a man, who seemed to be the last person to get on the plane, sat down beside me. During the course of the plane ride, a conversation was started in bits and pieces. This man was to have been in first class, but he was late and almost didn't get on at all. As

I was led, I told him of a great thing God had done for me. He was favorably impressed. God kept telling me to ask him if he was going to the baggage claim area, but I thought I could just discreetly follow him instead. God kept telling me, so I finally asked him. He paused, thought for several moments, and then answered yes.

Upon arrival we disembarked and he waited outside the plane for me. He looked on the monitor to find where my luggage was located, then took me through a confusing maze to the baggage claim area. He pointed to where my luggage was to the left and then went right. He did not have any baggage, for he was on a business trip and everything he took with him he carried. But he took me personally to the proper place. Before I realized this, he was gone. God seems to always have someone to meet us! If I had discreetly followed him without asking him where he was going, I may have found myself lost in the parking lot. Instead, God had me to ask this man, who traveled weekly in that airport and who could easily take me to the right place. If we will obey, all our needs will be met.

I caught the shuttle to the hotel and met others on their way to the Waiting Upon God also. Upon arrival, one of the first people I saw was my West Virginia pastor--Pastor Hogue. What a delight! He encouraged me with his words. At the hotel desk I found that they did not have my name in the computer, and I did not have my confirmation number with me. They asked me to come back only when I had my confirmation number. A lady I met on the shuttle let me use her room to make some phone calls to try and find my confirmation number at home, but no one could find it. I prayed. After an hour or so I went back downstairs to the desk and asked to speak with the girl who had assisted me the first time. She remembered me. After my explanation she replied, "We will just give you a room right now." Within minutes I had a room of above average accommodations. God is so good! He will get around to helping us if we will just trust.

I knew that I would get weary in the upcoming events, so went to bed at 6:00 p.m. I had not been sleeping well in the last several weeks. I slept until 5:10 a.m. the next morning and made my way to the meeting room. When I first entered the hotel I felt a peace in the air, but when I entered the meeting room, it was like a load had been lifted off of me. I was so light compared to the weight I had been carrying. My body felt a sensation within it that encompassed strength, peace, and great joy.

I had been having wrist problems similar to carpal tunnel syndrome. My wrist did not hurt the whole time I was there, even after lifting heavy baggage. I had had some trouble with the heels of my feet, but they did not hurt during the time I was in the hotel, even after sitting for long periods of time where my heel could become stiff. The miracle of this is: after I got home I still had

these problems, but God lifted them off of me when I got in the atmosphere of the Holy Spirit. This must have been how the multitudes felt in the presence of Jesus. Perhaps this is why the crowds, along with the disciples, followed Him. Amazingly, through this help and lift I received, I felt my nothingness and my inability to do anything but fail. The more I get in the presence of God's great love and mercy, the more I feel, increasingly, my nothingness.

I had been having stomach trouble and loss of appetite, but during the time I was there I was so hungry that I was afraid I would gain weight. I am still sleeping well and eating well. It is like my load was lifted permanently. There was such rest! This is unusual, for it seems in the world there is no rest for me, so to have this blessed rest in the Holy Spirit is no small miracle. I am in great debt to Jesus.

All of this is great, but God did an even more wonderful thing. He gave me joy. I had joy and strength throughout every service. I thought everybody felt this strength and joy until after the services when I would talk with others and they did not feel this way. I slept well each night and awoke refreshed. I was just beginning to get tired the last day. I did not feel the weariness until I was home in bed.

During your sermons my joy was so complete that one time it brought me out of my seat saying, "This is good! This is good!" I sat back down astonished at what I had done. During each stirring sermon on following Jesus in self denial, I was given joy unspeakable. My heart was thrilled. I have longed to hear sermons of this caliber. I needed to hear a sermon that had a measuring stick in it so I could see how I measured up. Thank you for preaching a sermon that was of a remarkable nature.

In 1988 my husband's work transferred us from the church in Scott Depot, West Virginia, and since then I have missed hearing singing under the anointing of God. I had longed to hear anointed music coming from the lips of a trusting heart. My longings were fulfilled in the sermons and the singing, which made me think of: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." (Matthew 5:6) My cup was filled and I used the saucer. I trust I did not lose a drop, but in case I did, I will order the tapes.

God has blessed me and helped me without reservation. He has allowed me the privilege of feeling like one of His own. During the sermons when you would ask, "Do you know anybody that preaches this?" I wanted to stand and say I had a pastor at Scott Depot who preached this and that is why I am here today. My mind went back to Pastor Hogue's book, Mission Without Strategy, and knew he would credit you with his knowledge of denying self and voluntarily taking up the cross. It appears to me I owe you a great debt of

gratitude for preaching this message without fear or favor for many years. The best way I can repay you this debt of gratitude is to remain faithful to this message and share the contents when called upon by my Father. With much gratitude and tremendous joy, Mrs. Judaea M. Hodge.

Dear Man of God, first we want to thank you. Doing nice things for others just seems to be your way. May God continue to bless and keep you as you labor and give to the glory of God.

We do appreciate the love, prayers and financial help you have given to us. May God bless you in return. We want to let you know that God has answered your prayer and brought forth a miracle. The doctors were amazed, for they had doubts that I would pull through. May God continue to lead, bless, strengthen and keep you and your dear wife all the days of your lives. Love in Christ, Napo and Hilda Etienne.

Dear Dr. Helm, You asked that I might attempt to write about our special experience of God's presence and working on the late morning and afternoon of Monday, July 25. Any effort to describe what took place during those high and sacred moments could only be inadequate.

Little did we realize as we were seated for an early lunch that suddenly Jesus would be there--that God would come in almost overwhelming sweetness. When the waves of the Spirit's presence would come, we would find ourselves first crying, then laughing, then waiting in awesome silence. We were in awe of God's glory. We were in amazement as the Holy Spirit, in sublime utterance, sprang up from within you like a fountain and then flooded over all of us who were there. It was as if one who had been in a desert suddenly found himself in a paradise of flowing streams and luscious gardens. I believe the Spirit witnessed to you later that we were on the edge of Eden.

Five of us were present for this special experience of God's revelation; but we wished every saint, every hungry heart could have been there to hear what we heard and feel what we felt. The words flowed from you, sir, like music, like divine poetry, like the language of a heavenly world that was all light and love.

You spoke of the life of spiritual simplicity. You spoke of the Word of God coming in the simplicity of a stable--of how in the life of simple trust and following the marvels and wisdom of God's love are revealed to men. You spoke of fearing God and what is found in the place of loving fear, of what prevents us from fearing God and what is found by those who truly fear Him. You spoke of the wonder of the great treasure we

seek. You spoke of "nothingness" and "everything" as you have never expressed before and of how all things are ours and of those things that prevent us from finding and claiming what is ours. You said, "the things that we need the most are very near us but we can only have them by dying." The language was of other-worldly beauty, the spirit was of heaven, the call was of God as you spoke of the "woodlands of wonder" and the "gardens of His grace" and the desire of God for "His purposes to burst forth in blossom when we are truly nothing." You spoke of the junctures of life and how we cross them. You spoke of a great revival and how that what we were experiencing recalled your hunger and prayer for many years and even then was calling us onward in hope.

If every great person of literature--novelist or poet--if every composer, philosopher, scientist or historian of all the ages of man could have been there, whatever the perspective of their childlike or carnal hearts, they would have had to marvel at what they heard. We realized that we were in a wondrous and fearful place. I had never been in a sacred and serious place like it. At times my breath would almost seem taken away. It was as if we were lifted above time and this world to a place of eternalness to hear the words of God. I have read some of the great books and great literature of the world, but I have never read, never heard, never felt anything like what we experienced. We kept thinking this awesome moment might end, afraid that it would; and, then, the Holy Spirit was there again--Jesus was all around--and we seemed carried away again in an ocean of love: weeping, laughing, and lifting holy hearts of joy back to Him.

For two hours or more we felt the touch of Heaven. I have never in my life had such an experience as this. It was such a place of His Holy presence that every other experience of my life will have to be measured by this special moment of His divine revelation. It was such an experience of His truth, love and "realness" that every current and future aspiration should only have value if measured by the sublime realities we sensed. Yet, I know that the glory of these moments will fade and the effect of them diminish if I do not daily lose my life in the wonder and will of such a merciful God. May God have mercy on me.

For God to reveal Himself to a man as He has to you shows us the great mercy and love of God, calls us to prayer for you and then for ourselves as never dreamed necessary or possible, and sets before us such hope that our hungry hearts should have no course but forward and onward. Yours in Christ, Rod Taylor.

Dear Rev. Helm and Pastor Hogue, I am writing you together in order to try to let you know what Jesus has done for me. First, I wish to thank you both for

obeying and endeavoring to do God's will. It has changed my life.

In February of 1994 I was diagnosed (from a specialist in Ohio) with "chronic fatigue immune disorder syndrome" and severe allergies, among other problems within my body that, through the years, I have progressively grown very worn and was sick all the time. I have been tired and not felt good many, many, many years. I have never been able to respond to anyone who asked me "how I felt" with a positive response. I don't think Jon has ever known me to be well and feel good. Yes, through the years I have pressed every day to get up, go to work, be a wife and mother, keep our house clean, and everything else throughout a day's time--always feeling tired. I would go to bed tired and wake up as if I hadn't been in bed at all. My immune system was so torn up I couldn't fight off viruses, infections or colds. I awoke almost every day with a headache. You can imagine the stress and strain it put on me as a person, our marriage, and everyday life.

Jon is a wonderful husband and God has helped us through this "in love". My life physically, mentally, and spiritually was a mess. I was hanging on to God's promises to me. I prayed to God for help daily, and still do. I am almost 33 years of age and I had one doctor say that my body was almost like an 80-year-old woman. I had no energy. The allergies I had were also distressing. When I was tested in February my doctor stated that the only thing I could eat without having a reaction and not taking my antigen (medication), was rice cakes, tuna, and some vegetables. I was allergic to everything it seemed.

I could continue on for quite some time with situations I have had to live with, but I want to let you know that on the day of July 24, 1994, the evening service, Jon, Victoria-Chase and I were on the second row and I felt pretty tired and worn. The service began with you, Rev. Helm, reading the hymns. As you read the lines and Pastor Hogue would respond, I felt as if Jesus was putting "balm" on all my hurts, illnesses, wounds, cares, concerns and worries. Rev. Helm, you would say, "Do you know where we are? We are in an oasis!" I would respond within myself, "Oh, yes, I know where we are!" I was in a heavenly place. Waves of healing flowed through my body. The hymns were so wonderful and every word, as you spoke, was light to my body and soul. Questions and concerns were all taken care of. Peace was instilled within my heart and soul. Oh, the wonder of what Jesus did for little me! I can't get it into words. Jesus touched me!!

"The windows of heaven are open, the blessings are falling tonight. There's joy, joy, joy in my heart, for Jesus made everything right. He took off my old tattered garment and gave me a robe of pure white. I'm feasting on manna from heaven and that's why I'm

happy tonight." By God's grace and pleading the blood.

Last Saturday, Jon, Victoria-Chase and I had to awaken early to travel a distance to get our car repaired. On the way home I started crying and said to Jon and Victoria-Chase, "It is so wonderful to have a day without a headache and fatigue. Oh, it is so wonderful!" Jon then said, "Well, I can honestly say that our house is different since Jesus touched you." By God's grace and pleading the blood, things are different. Praise the Lord! I can respond to people and say, "I feel good!"

After you, Rev. Helm, read the hymns, you asked us to stand up for a song and as I stood, holding my thirty-six-pound daughter, I felt so weightless I actually looked down at my body to see what had happened. I knew Jesus had touched me. You then began to review the service and as you were reviewing, you said that Jesus had helped and touched someone and you pointed your hand exactly to where I was. Pastor Hogue also received the witness of someone receiving help. Praise the Lord.

I trust this will let you know in a small way, because words can't be written to let you know my heart and how thankful we are for the work Jesus has done. We are trusting to endeavor to do God's will and obey. Praise the Lord. He is faithful. We love you, your children, Jon, Vicki and Victoria-Chase Meadows.

The following letter is a sharing about what took place as we sat down to the evening meal in the home of Tom and Claudeen Moore on Saturday, July 30. The Holy Spirit came and helped us for about fifty minutes or so. We were all in debt to God for His guidance, blessing, revelation, and inspiration. He gave us such wonderful help, and we were surprised, but thankful. By His grace could He ever come like that at any dinner table again.

Dear Rev. Helm, We were in such a sacred, heavenly sweet place tonight as we were joined there around the dinner table. It was an unanticipated high of my day--perhaps my life. As I had hurried around the house today, I would just whisper from time to time, "Oh, God, give them rest in this little home You have provided for us." God seemed to do just that. Your sharing about the area of tenderness, of carefulness, of mercy, of compassion is what all of the world hungers for.

It seemed a time of celebration of God's blessings, a time of intense schooling, a sweet time of reviewing, a holy time of rejoicing. I will be forever in debt to God, for those few moments were worth waiting a lifetime to experience--because of the continual pressing and dying to become holy in God's perfect will. The benefits we now reap through your life of teaching and living cannot be measured in earthly values. What an honor, what a memory, what a gift of God to give to us in those moments. How I hunger for this truth so rare, yet so absolutely essential to my heart. Claudeen (Moore).

Revival For Our Day

September 15, 1994

1 Cor. 7:38-39

St. Luke 16:18

Dear ones endeavoring to deny self and follow as the Holy Spirit leads, greetings in the Holy Ghost.

We are called to deny ourselves. We are not called to find ourselves or to learn about ourselves. Some have said, "Know thyself." Jesus said, "Let him deny himself." From the beginning God said, "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." (Ge. 2:17)

Man fell because he pursued the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil. The Lord said, "Thou shalt not eat of it." Since that time man has been pursuing "know thyself," but God's Word says, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." (Pr. 3:5) This scripture exalts the fact that we are to seek first the Kingdom of God, not what we can learn. Jesus said we are to deny ourselves because He knew that the self in us is a pitfall. The more we learn and the more we know, the more self wants to control us. Jesus said, "Except ye forsake all, ye cannot be my disciple."

The Lord said we are to seek first His kingdom and righteousness. St. Paul said, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Ti. 2:15) There is a delicate line here wherein we need to seek first the Kingdom of God and study to show ourselves approved. The tendency, since we've tasted of the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil, is from that moment on to seek after carnal, earthly knowledge, which is the opposite of leaning not to our own understanding. We get sidetracked into living a life of figuring things out on our own rather than living the life of self-denial and following Jesus.

Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." (Lk. 9:23) Our taking up the cross pivots upon the self in us being denied. Self became assertive when it tasted of the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil, and a struggle for control began. When we learn all that we can, if we are not careful, that knowledge will control us and we will fail to do what God has said to do. Romans 8:14 says, "For as many as are led by the

Holy Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Instead of being led by the Holy Spirit, we will be guided by what we know, by carnal knowledge. It will control us and we will not hear His voice. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." St. Paul said, "I die daily." Unless self dies daily, it will assert itself.

Jesus said we are to follow Him. Following Jesus depends upon how dead we are on the cross. We only follow as self is crucified. As long as the self in us knows something and figures things out, we will not follow Jesus. We will follow earthly, carnal knowledge. When He said we are to take up His cross, He meant that we must continually die on His cross from morning to night or the self in us will take over and make the plan. Self will lead us and we will not even be aware of it. The cross is bypassed in the self-assertive life.

Jesus said we are to deny ourselves. We are not to know ourselves or investigate ourselves to find out what our own strength is. If self is left to its own devices it will undo that which God has planned. We have to come back to self-denial. If self isn't crucified, we will lean to our own understanding. If self is crucified, then we can, by God's grace, trust in the Lord with all of our heart and lean not to our own understanding. There is a delicate line here that can sidetrack us into pursuing the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil rather than the pursuit of losing our lives.

Jesus said, "Except ye forsake all." There is nothing that is excluded in forsaking all. If we don't put self to death on the cross, it will take us into the self-assertive life. This is a very tremendous and important matter to consider. The self-assertive life will not permit us to be led by the Holy Spirit. If there is an interval where self comes in, where our knowledge of good and evil takes over, we then arrange and plan to do what we think is the better thing. Jesus said, "Follow me." In order to follow Him, we must be as a little child in utter dependence, which is the opposite of depending on carnal and earthly knowledge.

This is why Jesus said the way is straight and narrow. This path to obedience and following Him is the way of inner death and dying to self from morning to night. It is not the way of arranging our lives according to our own carnal

and earthly knowledge. Since the fall of man, the tendency of all mortals is to lean to our own understanding. That is not the life of the cross. It is the life of self-assertiveness. We only know what God's will is as He leads us step by step. We cannot follow Him in utter abandonment, in brokenness, in yieldedness, in compassion, if self is not denied.

Jesus said, "Follow me." When God told Abraham to go, he left everything, not knowing whither he went. But he obeyed the voice of the Lord, which was the opposite of trying to figure things out himself. This illustrates death on the cross. We must follow Him and not lean to our own understanding, but since we partook of the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil, we still try to figure things out on our own. Lot thought that he couldn't stay behind because he wouldn't have the fellowship of Abraham. He leaned to his own understanding instead of dying to self and staying where he was. The consequence of that choice was that his wife died and he had children by his daughters, which brought death to many.

Obedience is never experienced until self is crucified. Self will not allow the life of obedience to occur. Since we partook of the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil, we have been in a warfare with self. Earthly, carnal knowledge is against us, and will not permit the Holy Spirit to lead. God knew that, which is why He said man was not to eat of the fruit. Since we succumbed to it, we have been on a pathway which leads to darkness, to death, to prison, to divorce, to conflict, to criticism, to evil, and to the lust of the world. When self is crucified, then we no longer go into the works of the flesh, but follow Jesus by the Holy Spirit.

We didn't have sin until we disobeyed and partook of the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil. The Bible says be sure your sins will find you out. There isn't any sin that will not find us out. God's Word says the wages of sin is death. When we partook of the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil, we chose the things of earth. Jesus said that self has to be denied. It must be denied constantly in order for us to accept the cross, to embrace the cross. For as many as are led by the Holy Spirit, they are the sons of God. They are those who do not lean to their own understanding. They are those who trust in the Lord with all their heart.

The way of self denial and obedience is very narrow on this road. He will lead us to the land

where He wants us to go. We will go, not knowing whither we go, but He will know. Self wants to know what we are going to have the next minute. Self wants to know what is coming after this choice, but when we go by faith, we do not know where we are going. Abraham didn't know where he was going. On the other hand, Lot knew just where he was going, which brought death and despair.

Lot's choice houses a tremendous truth of the broad way versus the narrow way. In choosing to go with Abraham, which was the choice of his flesh and own understanding, he created a terrible aftermath which is still going on today. Abraham denied himself, but Lot asserted himself. We see the fruit of both these individuals. The tendency of the self life is to try to avoid the cross. When we leave this way, we are no longer led by the Holy Spirit (and the Lord operates in my heart as I say this). We are led by the self-assertive life, which Lot thought would be better. He thought it would be good if he could be with a man of God, but God had told Abraham not to take any of his kindred with him. Lot was determined to go, therefore he was self-assertive and caused the death of his wife and all the chaos that followed with the children born by his daughters. We are not to lean to our own understanding. There is a constant warfare within us. Either self will make the decision, or we will deny self. If we know only what God wants us to know, we will more easily deny self and stay where God puts us, or go where He would have us to go.

I believe this is the spiritual secret to either being led by the Holy Spirit or being led by the knowledge of good and evil. Lot thought he would work things out by doing good and going with the most faithful man that he knew. He couldn't do without the fellowship of Abraham. He made his own choice instead of denying self. Had he stayed behind and denied himself, I don't know how different life could have been. I do know that if we are willing to deny self, take up the cross and leave our choices to Him, we will be witnesses for God.

We are grateful to the Lord for the blood of Jesus to cleanse us from all sin. When we make a choice in the flesh, we can ask Jesus to forgive us and He does. He blots that out, and then we must go back and deny self to assume the cross. When self isn't crucified, it makes the choice, which will be like that of Lot and will bring distress, trouble, death, hurt, conflict, a judgmental spirit, a critical spirit, and resentment. All of these

fruits come out of making our own choice. If self is crucified, we follow, not knowing whither we go. We follow as He directs; not what we want, but what He designs and knows is best.

In my youth, the self in me could have taken the two pastorates that paid more money, but that would have been a choice of the flesh. The Holy Spirit said, "No, take the one at the bottom." That leading has never ended. If we had made the choice of Mill Grove instead of Redkey, we would have missed Homer and Rebecca Pumphrey. I would not have gone to Texas and seen souls saved there in various cities, trains and buses. We had to go to the one the Holy Spirit told us to go to, and it was an answer to the prayer of a saint who had prayed for our ministry there for thirty years. It is by the grace of God that we can make His choice. Self will try to get us off the cross and make our own choice instead of the choice of God.

Many churches are without power because they have tried to work things out in an earthly knowledge rather than by divine revelation. Self wants to assert and make the plan. It wants to do what it pleases, but in the spirit-filled life that is not the case. He is the leader. We do as He wills. We resist looking over the wall. We submit to the purpose of Christ. We pray, witness, obey, and die to self (this touches my heart). We can't do this in our own strength, because the self in us is too strong. The instant we get off the cross and self becomes assertive, we are no longer led by the Holy Spirit. We are led by the choice of reason. We lean to our own understanding. Self will make the choice, and the choice is not the choice of inner death. The spirit-filled life lives in inner death. Jesus said, "Follow me." The self-assertive life will not follow Jesus. It will follow a pattern of earthly ideas.

It is by God's grace I can be led to see a soul saved, to see a heart willing to do God's will, to see a person who is not only saved and forgiven of their sins, but who will no longer lean to their own understanding, who will deny self and take up the cross to die daily and be led by the Holy Spirit. He said He will guide us, but He cannot guide the self-assertive life, the person who rests upon earthly ideas. We must go, as Abraham did. He went out by faith, not knowing where he was going.

In the spirit-filled life we have only what God leads, but we have the best, which is peace and

joy in the Holy Ghost, and love for everybody. But when He isn't leading, there is conflict, criticism, a judgmental spirit, pride, resentment, and figuring. The life of the cross is a complete giving over. It is where holiness, purity, compassion, gentleness, sweetness, and tenderness live. But if we get out of that, we go into sin, which is disobedience. Sin is that which God does not lead. It must be laid aside, but it is only laid aside as we die daily and assume the cross.

The way of self denial and the cross is altogether heavenly as we endeavor daily to walk in it. To follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit is wisdom. Jonathan Goforth asked his wife to come to him where he was, but he was in a place where children were dying. His wife thought she had better stay where she was because they might lose their children if she went there. She didn't go where the Holy Spirit, through her husband, had asked her to go. Instead, she stayed where she was and they lost two of their children. It seemed better for her to stay where she was, but the Holy Spirit had laid it upon her husband's heart for her to come to him. She didn't, and two of their children died. We cannot go by what seems to be best. We must go by the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The flesh will not let us follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and that is why it must continually die on the cross.

We praise and adore Jesus, we glorify and honor Him. We give Him praise for each soul saved, each believer sanctified. We pray for His glory to descend on the sanctuary of the new church. He said, "If I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me." He is lifted by the spiritual law I have been sharing about. When Jesus was lifted the first time, He was lifted by cruel hands which crucified Him. The second lift will be by an obedient, spirit-filled, spirit-led, yielded life. A body of believers who will not depend upon carnal knowledge is the body that will lift Jesus up. Abraham went out not knowing whither he went. He had to die to do it. He had to leave all that he had, forsake all that he had. He had to leave everything behind to go into a land which afterward he would receive. And when he did, he went out into the promised land. The Holy Spirit can lead, guide, and direct as we follow Him and do His will instead of our own. Praise the Lord.

In Jesus' name,

Loran W. Helm

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p.s. This is an excerpt about the great Quaker, George Fox, from Deeper Experiences of Famous Christians, by James Gilchrist Lawson, (p. 123-128.)

At the age of nineteen Fox was deeply grieved and shocked at the levity of some professing Christians, one of them being his own cousin, who asked him into a booth at a fair and then began to drink healths. He was so deeply grieved over this that he could not sleep all night, but walked up and down his room praying to the Lord. Even as a young man he was very careful of his conduct and conversation. "For the Lord showed me," says he, "that though the people of the world have mouths full of deceit, and changeable words, yet I was to keep to Yea and Nay in all things; and that my words should be few and savoury, seasoned with grace; and that I might not eat and drink to make myself wanton, but for health," etc. In 1643 he became so deeply grieved with the lightness and frivolity of the world that he broke off all companionships with both old and young; and traveled to many strange places to be away from all friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and to be alone with God. He avoided conversing even with professing Christians, "for I was sensible," says he, "that they did not possess what they professed. He was in great distress, and strong temptation and despair seized upon him. "I was about twenty years of age when these exercises came upon me," says he, "and I continued in that condition some years, in great trouble, and fain would have put it from me. I went to many a priest to look for comfort, but found no comfort from them." The remedies suggested for his state of mind were--that he should marry; that he should enlist in the army; that he should take physic and be bled; and one priest to whom he described his feelings of despair advised him to use tobacco and sing psalms; "but" says Fox, "tobacco was a thing I did not love, and psalms I was not in a state to sing." He was grieved that he had opened his mind to a man who would give such advice. He found his advisers all miserable comforters. One who lived at Tamworth was said to be "an experienced man" but Fox went to see him and found him to be "like an empty hollow cask." Dr. Craddock, of Coventry, to whom Fox went for advice, flew into a rage because the despondent youth accidentally stepped on the edge of his flower bed.

Finding that he could get no help from men, Fox began to look to the Lord alone for help, and slowly the light began to dawn upon him. He was led to see "that being bred at Oxford and Cambridge did not qualify or fit a man to be a minister of Christ." His eyes were also opened to see that "only those were really believers in Christ who had passed from death unto life." He now left off going to the Established Church with his relatives. Neither did he go to any of the dissenting churches. He now went out into the fields with his Bible to study it for himself. He also spent much time in fasting and prayer. The Lord showed him many "openings," as he called them. Among other things, says he, "It was opened in me 'that God, who made the world, did not dwell in temples made by hands.'" This at first seemed strange word, because both priests and people used to call their temples or churches, dreadful places, holy ground, and the temples of God. But the Lord showed me clearly, that He did not dwell in those temples which men had commanded and set up, but in people's hearts; for both Stephen and the Apostle Paul bore testimony, that He did not dwell in temples made

with hands, not even in that which He had once commanded to be built, since He put an end to it; but that His people were His temple and He dwelt in them." Fox also claims that the Lord gave him many "openings" concerning the meaning of the book of Revelation. After this, when clergymen or others told him that Revelation was a "sealed book," he would tell them that Christ could open the seals.

The Lord continued to lead him on from step to step in this Christian experience, but his troubles were not completely removed, although he often felt some degree of peace and joy. He hungered and thirsted for a deeper experience, and the Lord showed him that it was possible for him to have complete spiritual victory. He was led to see that there are two laws controlling men, the law of the flesh and the law of the Spirit, and that through the indwelling Spirit of God the Christian should have "liberty and victory over the flesh and its works." He now began to win many souls for Christ wherever he went; and in 1647 he began to declare to professing Christians the deep truths which God had been revealing to him. "But the professors were in a rage," says he, "all pleading for sin and imperfection, and could not endure to hear talk of perfection, and of a holy and sinless life."

Soon after he began to preach, Fox passed through a remarkable spiritual experience which made him a fourteen days' wonder to many. A certain man named Brown, while on his death-bed, prophesied many great things concerning Fox. "When this man was buried," says Fox, "a great work of the Lord fell on me, to the admiration of many who thought I had been dead; and many came to see me for about fourteen days. I was very much altered in countenance and person, as if my body had been new molded or changed. While I was in that condition I had a sense and discerning given me by the Lord, through which I saw plainly that when many people talked of God and of Christ, etc., the serpent spoke in them; but this was hard to be borne. Yet the work of the Lord went on in some, and my sorrows and troubles began to wear off, and tears of joy dropped from me, so that I could have wept night and day with tears of joy to the Lord, in humility and brokenness of heart. I saw into that which was without end, and things which cannot be uttered, and of the greatness and infinitude of the love of God, which cannot be expressed by words...And a report went abroad of me, that I was a young man that had a discerning spirit; whereupon many came to me, from far and near, professors, priests, and people; and the Lord's power brake forth; and I had great openings and prophecies; and spake unto them of the things of God, and they heard with attention and silence, and went away, and spread the fame thereof."

This is an excerpt from the Prison Ministry Newsletter, Issue No. 1, "Waiting On God" Report by Rebecca Bowers.

Many of us from Scott Depot Christ Fellowship and Parker City Christ Fellowship were privileged to attend the Waiting On God in Chicago on July 2 through 4. Some of you heard about this event and prayed for us, for which we thank you.

You may wonder what the Waiting On God was and what went on there. This is something that is not easy to describe or explain. On each of the three days of the Waiting we had three meetings, each of which lasted from three to four hours. These meetings were not planned ahead of time, because our purpose was to wait for the Holy Spirit's leading so that God's plans for us could be carried out. Rev. Loran Helm, our leader for these meetings, has been walking close to God since 1933. He is in tune with the Spirit's voice and knows how to receive direction from God about what He wants in our services.

Before the Waiting On God, we were told that our purpose in going there was to learn to die to self. To the flesh that sounds dreadful, and indeed, it is a painful experience. But the rewards are well worth the price. Jesus said, "*For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.*" (Luke 9:24) It is only through losing our lives that we can find fulfillment in the wonderful purpose for which God created us.

The Holy Spirit led Rev. Helm to share from his own life many incidents when Jesus would speak to him and tell him what to do. Almost every time this would happen, he would have to die to self--that is, give up his own plans to do what God commanded. When the Lord's wishes were carried out the results were glorious--souls were saved, saints were encouraged and bodies were healed. Rev. Helm encouraged us that God wants to work through each of His children in this way. We must spend time waiting on God on our own, as well as when we are all together, so that He can teach us how to hear His voice. Then when He speaks to us, we need to die to our selves and follow His instructions rather than carrying out our own plans. In so doing, others will receive the help from God that they have so needed. And we will know the unspeakable joy of having Jesus work through us, and finding the reason for which He called us into His Kingdom.

During the Waiting On God, we were edified and blessed by anointed music, testimonies and prayers from God's people. There was a strong emphasis placed on the importance of going into prisons and jails to minister to the people there. We were instructed that we are not to line people up or get after them, but simply share God's love with them. Our friend, Michael Douglas of Evansville, has a wonderful jail ministry because of his willingness to die to himself and obey the Holy Spirit. Two persons testified about how they had come to Christ because Michael had shown the love of God to them while they were behind bars. We are trusting that one day we may have some of you brothers waiting upon the Lord with us in meetings like these. A great way to prepare your hearts is to get into the book A Voice In The Wilderness, which our friends from the Rainbow Connection have provided for all of you. In fact, reading this book will help us all to learn to walk with God more closely day by day, which is the purpose behind waiting upon God... "*They that wait on the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint.*" (Isaiah 40:31)

Following is a letter for which we give God all the glory and honor.

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Helm, ...I am listening to the tapes from your visit to Community Christ Fellowship July 31, 1994 - Oh! Rev. Helm, it is so wonderful. The Lord helped you so much, and as easily as I smile, I shed tears. As Pastor Fred expressed so well, there is no other place, from no other servant have I heard the message of TRUTH that you are privileged to reveal to us through the Holy Spirit. You give to us the insight of the scriptures that most are not fed in the churches; many, many are so hungry for the truth. ...Why, oh why, have we been so long in accepting the love of God--His way is not so difficult, because it is paved with love; even the stones are smoother because Jesus walked the path before us. Thank You God, for Your mercy.

...I was visiting our daughter, Teresa and family, in Van Nuys, California, and had a desire in my heart to meet Rev. Alsop and family. I requested prayer that if it was to be the way would open up, and what a wonderful privilege it was to spend the afternoon with Rev. Alsop. It would be so difficult to put into words and it would take up more than two pages to tell in detail the conversation and emotions that were present. Teresa and our granddaughter, London, drove with me the 125 miles from Van Nuys to Vista, and I can truly say that the visit did as much for them as it did for me. Rev. Alsop and Obulia were so happy for us to come. ...I tried to tell Obulia how much it helped those of us at the Waiting to see the fellowship of brothers in Christ as you and Rev. Alsop loved each other. The energy went out to all the rest of us from the front of the auditorium. What a wonderful light!

I had requested Rev. Alsop's address from Kathleen because I felt that he and Alicia Holiday, West Hills, California, could share with each other what they had found in A Voice In The Wilderness. ...I gave Alicia a copy of your book in May, 1994. It is now part of her daily devotional and she has found in your writing strength and renewal in her life. Rev. Alsop shared that he did not know there was a prophet today who was centered; you have not strayed to the left nor to the right; your message is the same today as yesterday and the year before that day, etc. Your vision has not changed, for it is the true word of God. He asked that we remain in prayer for him, his family and ministry. His desire is that the ministers at his mission see what he has seen and have the desire to accept your teachings as part of their lives. ...He is sharing the books that Terrance so generously sent him, only as God leads. He told me this week that he has given several out.

...You and Mrs. Helm simply amaze me. You both seem to be getting younger in many ways, for which we are thankful. To have traveled as you have since the Waiting is a marvel, and you sound so strong on the tapes. We love you and will keep you in our prayers for renewed strength and healing, for rest and peace. I am trying to be faithful in His service. With love and respect, Pat Honaker.

Revival For Our Day

October 15, 1994

Dear ones in Christ Jesus, greetings in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Jesus said in Matthew 16:25, "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." Losing our life means that we do not have control, but must give ourselves over unto the life of obedience in utter dependence. As a little child is dependent upon its mother and father, we are to become utterly dependent upon our heavenly Father, for Jesus said in Matthew 18:3, "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

St. Luke 21:14 says, "Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer." "Settle" is a very unusual word. One meaning could be to be quiet. Another word that comes to mind is observation, or evaluation. For our heart to be settled requires more than just our knowledge, ability, or insights. It requires the work of the Holy Spirit (and the Lord operates in my heart). "Settle it therefore in your hearts..." This requires faith, perseverance, waiting upon God, childlikeness, a willing heart. "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:..." (St. John 16:13a). Settling our heart has a lot to do with getting us ready to be guided 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." (St. John 16:13b) The word "you" refers to the person who has lost his life. It does not refer to the person who is saving his life by self-arrangement, self-assertiveness, or self-will.

When Abraham was called to go out into a land that afterward he would receive for an inheritance, he obeyed, not knowing whither he went. He lost his life. He left everything. He didn't know where he was going. It takes a settling of the heart in order to be in balance and not meditate on what we are going to answer. How much settling of the heart does it require before we are willing to die to self? How much settling is required before we are willing to become as little children? How much settling is required before we are willing to yield ourselves wholly over to the will of God and not try to seek recognition or bring things to pass? How much settling is required for us to begin to

lose our lives that He may lead us where He wills? Until we are properly settled, we are not willing to leave all, to lose all.

We leave all by not doing what we think is good or reasonable. Denying ourselves comes before dying to self. Without the inner death, we will not deny self. It has to be denied in order to die, which brings the cross, the emblem of death by which we will be crucified and slain of all the inner tendencies of the carnal nature. We have the carnal nature because our forefathers chose the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil. They wanted to know something, but what we know will control us. Instead of being led by the Holy Spirit, we will be led by what we think is reasonable and good. Only as we deny ourselves will we assume the cross, where we are cleansed and crucified, purged of the carnal nature.

Therefore, we take up our cross by faith. Our carnal nature will not want it, and will do everything it can to bypass it. The knowledge of the fruit of good and evil will do all it can to maneuver around it, and this could be why E. Stanley Jones said the church has lost the Kingdom of God. My burden is for the church, because we have the tendency to try to work things out in lovely and beautiful ways to satisfy everyone. But that is not the cross. The cross is where we die to all things that we want, that we desire, that we like, where we are cleansed and purged of these things that have sidetracked us and gotten us into our own hidden ways.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field;..." (Mt. 13:44a) This treasure of the Kingdom of God is hidden unless we are willing to submit to God. We submit to Him by taking the cross and doing His will only. Our will will always bypass the cross and we will miss the Kingdom of God. We need to put God's will first (which has seldom been since Pentecost), so that we won't be radical, or fanatical, or put pressure on people, but be willing to become utterly dependent upon Him as a little child is dependent upon its parents. God wants us to be utterly dependent upon Him so He can guide, lead and direct us. If we are not really broken, we are going to try to maneuver and arrange things, and miss the Kingdom of God. Matthew 7:21 says, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall

enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

Matthew 7:22 continues, "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?" His answer is in verse twenty-three, "And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." The way is so narrow here that we must be sure He is having preeminence within our hearts so that we will not bend to this tremendous pull of the carnal nature. This is why He says in Matthew 7:13-14, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereto: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

It is by the grace of God and through the help of the Holy Spirit that we are able to wait 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) The carnal nature is not willing to wait. It wants to make arrangements on its own. It is constantly trying to make things better than they were. Jesus said in Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." I was twenty-five years of age when I preached at Mt. Carmel about our living in the reverse of this scripture. Instead of seeking first the Kingdom of God and losing our lives, we are trying to save our lives by self-arrangements. This came by revelation. I had never heard anyone share on this before. It could have been said in a pulpit somewhere, but I had never heard it. If I have man's ideas in my mind, He has to filter through all those ideas before He can lead me by His Holy Spirit (and He touches my heart when I say this).

My burden now for fifty-six years has been to find men and women willing to die sufficiently and forsake all sufficiently whereby they can truly be led in their heart (not in fanaticism or radicalism) by the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:14 says, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." We don't merit this, it is the gift of God. This comes to us only as we forsake all, leave all, and are cleansed of the carnal nature. The self in us will not be led by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit leads the heart that is submissive and has left all and does not figure. The figuring

heart is never led by the Holy Spirit. It always knows the way itself. The heart that is led by the Holy Spirit is the broken heart, the yielded heart, the surrendered heart, the settled heart who has become childlike, utterly dependent upon Him.

God said to Moses in Deuteronomy 5:29, "O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!" He was referring to the seed of Abraham, His own people. What is required for a heart to fear God? The fear and love of God are inseparable. God said this to Moses, and hundreds of years later He said to Ezekiel, "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." (Ez. 22:30) When God was speaking to Moses, He was crying for the heart of His people to be utterly dependent upon Him. When He was speaking to Ezekiel, He had still found no one who would do His will completely and entirely.

Before obedience can be experienced, there must be inner death, and inner death comes by denying self. When carnality is cleansed on the cross through His precious purging with the power of His blood, the truth of Jesus sanctifies us, for He said in St. John 17:19, "And For their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." We are sanctified through the truth of Jesus, that we all may become one as God and Jesus are one. Only then do we become the body He lays His head upon.

Where there is carnality, there is no oneness. A great Baptist preacher once said that if you have fourteen hundred different kinds of denominational people in one room, you have fourteen hundred different ideas. The Word says in First Corinthians 1:10, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." When we become one and become a sanctified people as God and Jesus are one, then His head fits on that body and St. John 12:32 comes to pass, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." He was first lifted by cruel hands, by carnality. And then as we die to self and do God's will, He is lifted by a body of sanctified people, a body of people in harmony. When He finds a body of people in oneness, He will be lifted up by the Holy Spirit to draw all men unto Him.

As far as I know, since the Ascension, all men have not been drawn; which brings us to a conclusion. The body of believers must first become one and be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. He is then lifted up, and the Holy Spirit will draw all men unto Him. They are not brought in by our ability, preaching, crusades, works, or conferences; but it is through the work of the Holy Spirit in a body of believers who are utterly dependent upon Him and are faithful and true (not radical or fanatical or putting pressure on people). They will be brought in by cesarean birth unless He draws them in. When they are drawn in by Him, they will be reborn of the Holy Spirit and their hearts will be more willing to resist the carnal nature.

We must resist the carnal nature from the moment of salvation. I have a great burden concerning the fact that when we are saved, if we are not willing to deny self, take up the cross and lose all, we become a body of people just talking religion instead of being led by the Holy Spirit. We will become figurers instead of followers. Followers are those who are no longer in charge of their lives. They are utterly dependent upon the Holy Spirit to guide them. The Lord cried in Deuteronomy, "O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!"

When I was twenty-one years of age I said that if I could find twelve persons who would actually do God's will, obey Him, leave all, forsake everything to do His will without becoming fanatical or radical, He could come in His Holy Spirit, with His presence, and it could last forever. We must be willing to so yield ourselves to this extent, being settled in our minds to lose everything to do His will. Abraham lost everything to go into a land that afterward he would receive for an inheritance. When we settle our minds, we must constantly press into the place of not trying to work things out, but let Him speak through us the words He sees fit.

"Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." (He. 12:1) Since our forefathers made the

choice to obtain the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil, we have to die every day to the weights and sin which so easily beset us, because the more we know, the more that knowledge will dominate what we choose. It will take control and keep us from being led by the Holy Spirit. We are only led by the Holy Spirit as we die daily, deny ourselves, assume the cross, follow, and do what He would have us do. This is a very narrow path, and Jesus said only a few would find it.

This has been my burden since He revealed to me that we are not to arrange our own lives. We are to follow Him, which only comes by inner death. This must be reviewed constantly, or it will sleep back in before we know it, and we will become figurers instead of followers. We will not be aware that we are living the life of self-assertiveness instead of the life of self-denial.

When we do God's will we are misunderstood in this world. After Jesus said that we must settle in our hearts not to meditate on what our answer is to be, He continued in verse fifteen, "For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist." He says here that we will suffer certain things as we do God's will, and we will not fit into the worldly program, into the religious program. The Lord has the program, and we only know it as we die daily and obey the last leading. When we obey the last leading, the next leading will be revealed in time, which can be from seconds, to minutes, to hours, to days, to years. We walk by faith. We don't walk by sight, nor by figuring or analyzation.

We are grateful that He is able to deliver the godly out of temptation and bring us into the place of His will, which is loving one another as He loves us. Jesus said in St. John 13:34, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." If it is new, it just began. Old has been for some time, but new has just begun. He said it was a new commandment. He said we are to love each other as He has loved us. The carnal nature will not do this. The self-assertive life will not be able to do it. Only the life that has forsaken all, that has been cleansed and purged of the carnal nature, that has been obedient and wants to do Jesus' will more than anything in the world, can do this. Therefore, we press toward the mark, by His grace, to do only as He would have us do.

This is simply the old, old story. I received a letter from Doug Ray, a very precious man in our

local congregation. He wrote, "Please give us this message over and over. We need it, the world needs it." If we don't keep this message in our hearts, the self in us will go back to figuring and we will leave the place of utter dependence upon God. Only a few have ever allowed the Holy Spirit to actually lead them. It is by the grace of God we can let Him have His full way. There is a song that says, "It's best for Him to have His way with thee." It is always a death, but it always works out better when He leads, guides, and directs. We need to stay in the center of His will, with love, tenderness, kindness, thoughtfulness, compassion, gentleness, understanding, and the wisdom of God, to let Him direct our paths by trusting in the Lord with all of our heart and leaning not to our own understanding.

This humble message is just a small portion of the spiritual insight which lets us know that He can be lifted up, by His grace, if we are willing to forsake all and be utterly dependent upon Him. He is lifted by the Holy Spirit working in a body of believers in complete unity, without division, all perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. Unto Him be praise, for it is only through His Holy Spirit and nothing in us. It is only through the Holy Spirit, through the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that we press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, amen.

We are thankful for God's mercy, that we might, through His Holy Spirit, through His precious blood cleansing us, be victorious as we give God

all the praise, Jesus all the glory, the Holy Spirit all thanksgiving. We want to thank our heavenly Father, Jesus, the Holy Ghost, for each one of your prayers, petitions, fastings, and supplications to Jesus on our behalf, for the winning of souls and sanctification of believers, that we may become one as God and Jesus are one. We want to express appreciation for all the Christ Fellowships and individuals who are carrying the financial burden for us. We feel very unworthy, but deeply grateful for this sacrifice, for our need is great. Thank you for your prayers for us, that He might heal us and deliver us from all infections, sicknesses, diseases, growths, and troubles unto God's precious kingdom of His righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

In Jesus' name,

Loran W. Helm

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A SPECIAL NOTE

I want to thank each one of you who have written Dr. and Mrs. Helm. As you may have noted by Dr. Helm's letters, regular correspondence can be very helpful and uplifting. For those of you who would like to begin writing the Helms and desire guidelines--be brief (preferably one page) and positive. They very much appreciate each card and letter. Thank you.

Kathleen Hecke

Revival For Our Day

November 10, 1994

Dear ones of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the most high God, Who has redeemed us, Who has brought us from darkness into His marvelous light, and given us peace, joy, gladness, and songs in the night.

We thank the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for His love, care, and compassion, for His teachings and His blood that cleanses us from all unrighteousness that we might be like Him. 1 John 4:17 says, "...because as he is, so are we in this world." As we walk in the light as He is in the light we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin. He has brought us from darkness into a marvelous light and given such joy. As my wife played the songs of Zion last night, the Holy Spirit blessed in such a measure that we were in debt for His presence, for the Holy Spirit's help.

When we were at Pigeon Forge Christ Fellowship recently, I said to Don Schwertner at the beginning of the service (a number of people had come to be with us from Scott Depot), "Would you sing number eleven on your list." I then began to preach on the principles of, "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) I shared about the prodigal son, and became so happy that I spoke somewhere between one and two hours. Then I shared the story concerning the time in Israel years ago when Dr. Koller came in and sat down by Rev. Oliver Hogue. He asked Oliver if he thought the Lord had been looking down on him favorably that day. He had experienced an unfortunate forty-five minute delay in trying to get back to our group for dinner and a service that evening. Upon his return he discovered that our group had also experienced a delay, bringing us together at the same time. Oliver opened his mouth to answer him, when just at that moment, I asked Don Schwertner to sing number eleven on his song list. He began to sing, "He knew me then, He knows me now, He loved me then and He loves me now. He saw my face, He knew the place that I would be today. He knew me then, He knows me now, and He loves me." That song answered this precious servant's question to Oliver.

After sharing this story, I said to Don, "You have been waiting now for almost two hours to sing this song. What is it?" He replied, "The very one you have just now shared with us." The congregation was stirred, and many wept for joy. The Lord

knows all about our weakness, our need for utter dependence upon Him. If we arrange and plan things ourselves, we live in the life of self-assertiveness instead of the life of self-denial. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." (Mt. 16:24) The Lord told Abraham to go out into a land which afterward he would receive for an inheritance. Abraham obeyed and went out, not knowing whither he went. He lost his life. His nephew, Lot, was supposed to stay where he was, but he tried to save his life by going with Abraham. Lot made the choice to try to save himself and be with this man of God, but it was God's will that he stay home. The herdsmen ended up in conflict and they had to part. The result of this choice was that Lot's wife turned to a pillar of salt, and he had children by his daughters. Abraham lost his life by giving up everything he had. By faith he became the father of many nations, and his descendants were blessed of God.

We thank Jesus for saving us and for bringing us from darkness into a marvelous light. Without His presence we would be desolate, lonely, empty, worn, and weary. He said, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come." (Jn. 16:13) Then He said in Ezekiel 22:30, "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." He sought for one who would be obedient, holy, pure and undefiled, who would do always His will and go to the intercessory place to stand in the gap and make up the hedge before Him for the land, but He found none.

Over sixty years ago a precious person mentioned to me that they wanted to sow their wild oats while they were young. We don't need to sow the oats of disobedience, or the choice of the world (drugs, alcohol, adultery, divorce, evil), or the things which so easily beset us. We must run, with patience, the race He has set before us; looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is now set down at the right hand of God interceding for us that we might be delivered from the devil and the self-assertive life. Unless we put Jesus first, we live in a consequence. It may be unseen, but it is experienced in the life of disobedience.

God's Word says that obedience is better than sacrifice, to hearken, than the fat of rams. We must first die to self before we can obey His voice. Self does not want to be denied, and we have to die daily or it will take over. Instead of living in the life of self-denial, we live in the life of self-assertiveness, which brings loneliness, emptiness, war, conflict, grumbling, murmuring, complaining, and judging. But when we are willing to leave all, forsake all, and do as God would have us do, instead of living in a consequence, we live in His love and compassion. We leave the land of the judgmental spirit, which is the fruit of the carnal nature. When Jesus is first, He is able to deliver the godly out of temptation. He is able to deliver those who will put their trust in Him. We are to trust in the Lord with all of our heart and lean not to our own understanding, to acknowledge Him in all our ways and He will direct our paths. This is an important truth. When we trust in the Lord with all of our heart, it means we don't plan anything. We simply deny self and let Him slay out of us all those evils that so easily beset us to run, with patience, the race that is set before us.

Jesus said in Matthew 18:3, "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." My medical doctor says he believes it is easier to become a medical doctor than it is to become as little children," which is utter dependence upon God, doing only what God would have us do. When we do anything we want outside His will, we bring a consequence upon ourselves. I need Him every second, every breath, every heartbeat, every step. We all do. Jesus said, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." (Jn. 13:34) When He baptized me in the Holy Ghost in April of 1942, the love of the Holy Ghost, the waves of glory that went through me in that precious baptism, gave me love for everybody. He revealed to me not to murmur about people anymore, or judge or criticize anyone to my wife, or complain to her about anyone.

God's Word says we overcome the devil by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of our testimony. It is through the Holy Spirit giving witness, for He said, "...and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Ac. 1:8) There is no darkness in Him. He is light, love, holiness, and purity. We must resist the devil, yield to the Lord, become as a little child in utter dependence upon Him, and trust Him with all our heart. He who saves his life shall lose it, but he who will lose his life for Jesus' sake and the gospel's, shall find it. When I say that, the Holy

Spirit reveals to me that He will help every soul who will give everything over to the Lord, follow Him, and do His will only by the leadership of the Holy Ghost. I know it is only through His help and mercy that I can make heaven, through His precious blood, through the word of my testimony. We thank Him for encouraging every soul and for delivering those who trust in Him.

There are so many pitfalls in this world by which we are sidetracked from the narrow path onto the broad way, which is crowded and congested. He said in Matthew 7:14, "...and few there be that find it." He is speaking of the life of doing God's will, the narrow pathway. We must be faithful, humble, obedient, yielded, and utterly dependent upon Him as little children. We must not seek our own, but seek what Christ leads, and love one another as He loves us. We cannot love one another if we have carnality in us. That has to be cleansed out of us. Jesus said, "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." (Jn 17:19) When we are sanctified through the truth of Jesus in our heart after conversion, the Holy Spirit comes in. Acts 5:32 says, "...and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him." We must first obey God for the Holy Spirit to come into our hearts.

He told His disciples to go to the Upper Room and wait, and the Holy Spirit came. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you:..." (Ac. 1:8) It is by His grace, His strength, His Holy Spirit, and by His word indwelling. "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 wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers and rulers of darkness in this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places. But the Holy Spirit can deliver us as we yield, obey, trust Him with all of our heart, and lean not to our own understanding. Without Him we can do nothing but fail. With Him all things are possible, and the latter rain can be for the glory of God as we trust and obey.

Trust does not exist unless self dies. Self must be denied before we can trust in the Lord with all of our heart, or we will lean to our own understanding. The way is straight. He is the way, the truth, and the light. No man comes to the Father except by the Son of God, the Mighty One of Israel. It is by His mercy and grace. All things are possible as we have faith. "...If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you." (Mt.17:20) This is in the spiritual realm, not

the physical. We know that the Lord is able as we trust Him and give Him all the glory, praise, thanksgiving and honor for everything, and endeavor to be obedient and become as little children to follow Him as He leads and guides. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." (Ro. 8:14) Please continue to pray for the finances of Revival For Our Day.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W Helm

Loran W. Helm

p.s. When the servant was dictating this letter, crying out to Jesus for mercy, guidance, and direction, the Lord worked in my heart time after time after time, by His grace and mercy. Kathleen Hecke.

p.p.s. Rev. Helm wanted to share the following letters with you, giving God all the glory, honor, and thanksgiving for everything.

Dear Uncle Loran and Aunt Florence, Recently, during my morning prayer time, I was meditating on self-denial and the practical applications of this Biblical truth. There were a few aspects of this principle that I was unclear on, so I simply gave it to Jesus.

Then I read your newsletter. It was such a blessing. Although I have heard you teach on self-denial and obedience, and your letters have expounded upon it many times, a near truth emerged for me that I had not seen previously. To God's glory, the very question I had concerning self-denial and inner death was answered. It's so simple, and I'm sure you have taught it many times, but I'm just now getting this particular aspect. Praise the Lord!

Thank you, Uncle Loran, for not giving up on us and sharing this message repeatedly. I need it. Please know that we love you and pray for you daily. Your son and servant, Timothy Joseph (Helm).

Dear Brother Helm, As I come to prayer today in Parker City, I am made aware more and more, by the Holy Spirit, that we are in a vast, glorious, kingdom not made by hands.

Your letter of October 15, 1994, is a "jewel among jewels," a word of encouragement, of correction, of edification, a teaching from St. Luke 21:14, which the entire church of Jesus Christ needs (must) to hear. It is a vital message of establishing and keeping our hearts settled--"settle it therefore in your hearts."

You stated that in order to do this, it would "require faith, perseverance, waiting upon God, childlikeness, a willing heart." This helps me to know how to proceed, to continue, how to be victorious in settling my heart. I receive your powerful and loving letter with thanksgiving to you, to the Holy Spirit and to God!

I can see more and more that Holy Spirit revival must come along these lines. I have spent over twenty-five years before I met you trying to do it every other way, and it had no lasting effects. We, the church, need you and this message of the Word of God carefully and fervently placed on our hearts over and over and over and over. Please be encouraged to continue preaching and teaching this message of denying self, taking up our cross, and continually dying to self. I can see it is our only hope in this age, or any age.

I pray you and Sister Florence will be kept safe, strengthened, healed, made whole, and led by God as you proceed to Gatlinburg for a few days. You are always much in my prayers. We shall be here as much as possible to pray for you. I want to serve you any way I can. I know the prayer needs for you are great. God reveals to my heart, by His grace, at times, how to pray for you, and at other times I pray just out of compassion.

I am humbled, and need to know God and His love more and more. I thank you for your prayers also. A servant of Christ Jesus and yours, Pastor Ron Wine

Dear Rev. Loran W. Helm, First, I want to thank you for all that you did for my brother, Apderganie Rafi. I am sending back your check so you can use it in another contribution, the reason being my brother passed away on January 8, 1994, and my mother told me to write to you in our name and in my brother's name. We appreciate all that you and your church have done for my brother in the past. Thank you, Yamila Alonso.

Dear Reverend Helm and Florence, Tonight, while reading and meditating upon the blessings of God, my thoughts turned to you and the delightful experience I had in Parker City a few weeks ago. Gratitude fills my heart that our dear people here in Minnesota would make a trip such as this possible for me, a journey I had looked forward to for many years, knowing that in Jesus' time He would make a way.

Thank you both for the lovely dinner, time spent with me, the drive through the country...and the delicious shrimp and beef fillet... Since being in Parker City, God has impressed upon all of us here to a greater measure the reality of the requirement in being obedient to God. We are endeavoring to pray even more for you, Florence, John McAdams, and Oliver in the areas of mind, body, spirit, strength and victory.

My heart is filled with love and gratitude as I think upon you. Your lives have made all the difference to mine. I love you, your daughter, Dean Ann (Levisay).

Dearest Friends, I just read your October 15 epistle this morning for my devotions, and am delighted with the message! I was encouraged with your quoting: "Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer." Then you go on to say, "Settle is a very unusual word." As usual, you did what a good language (communication) arts teacher would do, and that is to target a key word in the text and examine its significance to the whole lesson.

I appreciate your highlighting settle. As we have endeavored to hear you teach us about self-denial, many of us have been unsettled in our hearts. We have believed you and have persevered to acknowledge and even fulfill your counsel, but many have squirmed uncomfortably or paused to analyze the process while trying to complete the act of self-denial. Most of us are unsettled. Perhaps that's why we cannot consolidate into oneness, or cannot solidify a mutual foundation, or cannot hold steady.

Although English structure and word meanings vary constantly (which is typical of any language), settle, as chosen by the linguists of the 1600's for scripture translation, maintains much of it's original meaning. In Old English settle (spelled as setl) meant as a noun "seat." As a verb (setlan), it meant "put in a position of repose or rest."

From that, we see many practical and spiritual significances, and I hope we'll take the time to meditate on them. But suffice it to say here that you have once again taken a step backwards to clarify the need for continuous self-denial. We are such children! I've watched you do this over the years. You used to imply we're all in kindergarten together, but have since stated that you're making application for entrance.

Thank you for a delightful message. Your counsel provokes the worldly mind and jostles the unsettled heart, which proves your point. Thank you for loving us without prerequisite, for loving a people unto perfection, a goal rarely realized, I suppose, since the days of John the Baptist until now. I hope we'll love you likewise. With deep admiration and affection for you and Florence, Michael (Pierce).

Rev. and Mrs. Helm, Tonight at the jail was so exciting. I was walking past one of the cells trusting God to get me to whomever He would have me talk to, when my attention was drawn to a young man. I beckoned him and when he came to me, I introduced myself and began to tell him about Joseph-- how he refused to complain about his lot in life, but only pressed to believe that God's love had not failed him.

Michael, the young man, said, "This is amazing! Some of my cellmates had said to me, 'Why don't you speak to one of the church men and have him pray for you,' to which I responded, 'If God wants me to I'll let Him send one to me'. Well, Jerry, I saw you walk by me and then come back to me. It was as if you picked me out of the crowd." We rejoiced for a little while because of the evidence that God was hearing prayer and ordering our steps.

Michael continued, "That ain't all, man...I want to show you something." At that, Michael reached for his Bible which he had been reading, and said, "Now look here, man, I'm going to open the pages to the place where my book marker is and I want you to see where it is." He opened his Bible to Genesis, precisely at the point of Joseph's life, which God had led me (in my ignorance) to share with him. We rejoiced some more.

I've planted two A Voice in the Wilderness books in the hands of the prisoners, and had not seen much response until tonight. When I approached Gibson, a dear black man about 35 years of age, "Hoooowweeee," he exclaimed, "Did this book come from you?" I answered, "Yes," and he said, "Brother Jerry, I picked this book up one day and began to

read, and couldn't put it down until I had read and cried my way through ninety pages. How come I ain't seen this book on bookstore shelves before? This is the greatest thing that has ever happened to me! (I have no fear of exaggerating here.) I would read about self-denial and all of a sudden say 'glory!'"

After I said a few words about the book, he continued in a high-pitched voice, "You mean this man is still here walking on this earth?...and you actually know him!" At which, he looked toward heaven and said, "Oh, Lord, I'd like to know a man like that." Rev. Helm, while he was saying all this, another man was inching toward us, and when Gibson had finished, he said, "You know, the church must be brought to oneness, but first there must be an emptying out of the old nature." He hadn't seen or read the book! I couldn't believe my ears.

There's a man whom I had seen on several visits during the past year that never wanted to talk to me, and, frankly, I was a little bit scared of him. About a month ago, however, I pressed pass my fright and told him a little bit about Jesus. The next week a little more, etc. Last week, after I had seen only a little progress--I was talking to a couple of men when I saw him emerge from the back of the room, nudge in between these two fellows, cross his arms, look me in the eye and soak up every word I had for him! It was a sacred, precious time. Looking forward to seeing you soon. Love in Jesus, Jerry Ward.

Dear Loran and Florence, "Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation. O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy joy and salvation."

We had a wonderful time with God in church today. David was wonderfully helped, and Martha was used greatly too. It was a unique day of services, and Pastor David held steady and allowed the breeze to guide the ship. That is a wonderful attribute.

I've been writing to you in my mind to tell you how the last newsletter helped me. I have read in school how the great writers would often write one sentence over and over--fifty times or more--to get it just right--to get it down to its essence with no wasted words. That is exactly how the newsletter struck me. It was so concise that it was as if each sentence had been mused over and developed until all the fat had been trimmed. Of course, I know that that is basically how it flowed from the heart. It seemed like a miracle how God could help someone to do that. Praise the Lord!

We love you both and thank you for loving us, accepting us, and showing unto us this "more excellent way." Because He loves, Kim (Gilbert).

Dear Rev. Helm, I want to thank you for this last newsletter. As I read it, I underscored things that especially stood out to me. That turned out to be seven passages. Then, as I reviewed these seven passages over and over again, I received conviction, insight, inspiration for preaching, and much more. The Lord helped you so very much to bring to our attention what we desperately need. Thank you for writing us. We are praying for you. Most Respectfully, Paul Spasic.

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Hi for you
Mabel
Dear ones in Christ Jesus, Greetings.

Jesus said, "Whosoever will come after me." This means conversion, transformation, testimony. "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." (Mk. 8:34) This is the requisite of the life of self-denial. What is it that we have to have before we are able to take the first step in following Jesus after conversion? What is the requisite of self-denial? The first requisite is revelation. If you do not have the revelation in your heart and mind, you will never deny yourself. Do you think there is one in a hundred, or a thousand, or ten or twenty thousand who has it in their heart as well as their mind?

We must have the revelation of the urgency of inner denial every moment, every second, every breath (He says every breath) after conversion. How does this revelation operate in the heart? Did you know that you can go to church all your life and never really get the revelation of self-denial because carnality and the flesh do not want it? Twenty to thirty years ago I said to the Lord in prayer, "There is something wrong in the church. There is a missing link." His reply was, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Where is He going to find a man or a woman who has this revelation? This is the first step in the Christian walk, but we will not take it until we have the revelation of the urgency of inner denial. How many thousands do you suppose there are in the church who have this inner revelation of the urgency to deny self at every breath from the time they are converted? It must be revealed to the heart by the Holy Ghost.

This message has seldom been preached. I have rarely heard it emphasized. I hear that we are simply to repent and we will have eternal life. We can be saved, however, and not follow Jesus. How many persons do you know who are led in their hearts by the Holy Spirit? We must remember the revelation that we deny ourselves every moment or self will take over and we will live a self-assertive life, which is the life of disobedience.

The Bible says that the human heart is desperately wicked, and is deceitful above all things. Our hearts will deceive us in all things, and will keep us from getting the revelation that self-denial must be in operation from the first breath we

take after conversion. If we miss this revelation, we will not obey the Holy Spirit. We will not go all the way with God. We must also understand that unless we make all restitution concerning finding fault with people, we will not be able to live a life of self-denial. Self-denial requires it. It is a death, but it is also the beginning of life.

I am sharing about the spiritual life of following Christ. The first requisite is to have the revelation of self-denial in the heart and mind, and the second, is to resolve to make all restitution. If we don't take the second step, self ceases to be denied. How much self-denial does it take to make a restitution? an ounce? two ounces? a pound? a ton? tons upon tons? We must humble ourselves to make restitution, and we can not live a life of self-denial until that is taken care of. It is a requisite.

The third requisite is determination. How much determination does it take to make a restitution? Does it take eighty percent? or fifty percent? or ninety-nine-and-a-half percent? We must get things right with our children, with our in-laws, whom we have put under bondage. We must be one hundred percent determined to make all restitution or we will not deny self.

The fourth requisite is perseverance. How much perseverance does it require to deny self? How much submission to the will of God does it require to deny self the first time? Is it possible to deny self without a childlike spirit? A spirit of childlikeness is also a requisite. I have never heard a sermon on the requirements for a life of self-denial, and I have been in the church all my life.

Only in the life of self-denial can we be in fellowship with the Holy Spirit. I have not listed all of the requirements in this message for Holy Spirit fellowship, but the four mentioned are absolute in coming to a life of self-denial following conversion. Precious dear ones have told me it discourages them to hear this. We must resist the devil all of the time. He fights hard, and we have to resist and rebuke him all of the time, but the self in us does not want to. His blood can cleanse us (and He touches me now) from all wickedness, all resentment, and all iniquity, so that we can take the first step of self-denial after conversion to follow Jesus.

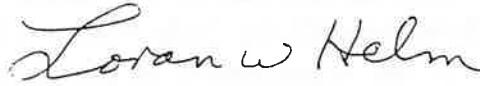
I have never shared quite like this before, but every hour is a different hour. This is a time of sobriety, a time of inner searching, a time to say,

"Praise the Lord! I want all of this wickedness, deceit, and resentment out of me! I want all these evils and iniquities cleansed out of me so that I can be holy unto God!" Wouldn't it be wonderful to find a few persons who would deny self faithfully? Where are they? Everyone of you can do it if you will, by the grace of God. Revival would then break out, and His kingdom would come. He would be lifted up and all men would be drawn unto Him if they would get right with God and take care of all things that are holding them back. We have been in the church a long time, but we are trying to live a Christian life without denying ourselves. Only one in many is willing to pay the price of self-denial. How much death does it require to deny self? We are trying to have Christianity without self-denial. He is trying to find a man or woman who will really deny self and do obediently His will. Hallelujah!

We trust that each one of you will have a victorious Christmas as you endeavor to obey God and do His will. We appreciated your Christmas cards and greetings of last year, and pray that God will return to you that which you have given to others. May the coming year be a year in which you will be able to deny self and be cleansed in the inner heart so that the Holy Spirit will guide you as you walk in balance in all manner and behavior, in humility and brokenness, instead of becoming radical or fanatical. If we lack wisdom we create problems rather than bringing rest, light, challenge, and invitation. As Jesus was, so are we to be in this world.

Thank you for praying for us, for your sacrifice, love, and care, for your petitions and supplications to God on our behalf. If the Lord would allow you to pray for our finances we would be thankful, for they have been coming in slowly.

In Jesus' Name,



Loran W. Helm

p.s. We have included the following letters for God's glory, giving Jesus all the praise, honor and thanksgiving for everything.

Dear Rev. Helm, Greetings in the name of Jesus. I am so glad you, Mrs. Helm, and the Hagues are able to be in the Smoky Mountains once again. We wanted to share a gift of love to help you in your stay. We want you to know that, by God's grace, we want to help you in whatever Jesus leads you to do.

Rev. Helm, be encouraged, for you have the message for today! Your message is what will bring revival. I was reading from John Wesley the other day and he said

² self-denial is the most important element in a victorious Christian walk--but, he went on to say there was no book written on the subject. Well, I believe if Wesley were alive today, he would be reading A Voice in the Wilderness with great delight and joy in his soul. I know it has helped me more than any other book besides the Bible. Our prayer is that you receive the spirit of rest and consolation on this trip and all of your travels. Your son in the gospel, Joe Nance.

Dear Rev. Helm, Please use this money for the new facility at Parker City. It's wonderful how God provides and cares for us.

I appreciate your book so very much. I've read it several times, and am reading in it again this week. I'm beginning to understand how I must deny self, and obey God. I need to keep reviewing over and over, so I'll understand more. God bless you and strengthen you and your precious wife. Lois Henry.

Dear Brother Helm and Grandmother, For almost four hours, from the beginning to the end, God came, helped, healed, comforted, and brought life to those in need this Sunday morning. (This dear daughter is referring to the Sunday morning service on November 16th.)

We enjoyed every minute. Somehow, the Holy Ghost works through you to breathe life into people--Janet McAdams' sweet, sweet testimony on being willing to be taught, Michael Parker's testimony on how he was led to this ministry, your daughter's response to her father and his life, Richard Moore's light and gentle speaking, Donna Keen's dream of where you are, Jane Miller's response to your visit to their home. The anointing that comes through you brings people out of themselves. Beautiful to see and hear.

God helped you in I Kings 8:61, Genesis 17:1, then on to the New Testament to bring forth the cry from the heart of God that has come down since creation: "Let your heart be perfect," through waiting, dying and denying. We are thankful and indebted for God's mercy... We are still meditating on your praying for John McAdams. Far more was going on than what we know. God was showing me some things... We love you, Jana Dunn.

Dear Mother and Father Helm, As a means of reviewing God and His workings with man, I must start out with yesterday, Nov. 18th. The Lord started me going from Memphis, Tennessee, around 8 a.m. I begin each day with the same tape of quiet worship music, which quiets my soul and prepares it for "Waiting on God."

Sometimes it is easy and quick to get tuned in to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, but other times are a

genuine uphill struggle. Nevertheless, any blessing or freedom in the Holy Spirit is, by God's grace, complete. Praise the Lord!

Yesterday was a good day in God. Somewhere around 9 a.m. Jesus put a song in my heart and this song sang of it's own accord in the interior life all day long. To work something up doesn't help me or feed my soul, so a time or two I tried to turn the song off inside and get quiet again. But the song kept on singing in the Lord. It goes:

Bless the Lord oh my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord oh my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. He hath done great things. He hath done great things. He hath done great things, bless His holy name.

Today, Nov. 19th, I got home and your epistle from Parker City had arrived. That's why this song was singing all day yesterday in the Holy Ghost. Praise God! I'm unworthy of all these, God's richest spiritual blessings, but deeply grateful to the Lord. Hallelujah!

At this moment, I'm reading in paragraph 4 on page 2 and you are saying, "We must be faithful, humble, obedient, yielded, and utterly dependent upon Him as little children." As I finished this part, the Holy Ghost spoke to my heart: "**This doctrine is rock solid.**" While sitting here meditating on this rock solid doctrine, these two words specifically came into my heart: **Shiloh come.** It appears to me, by God's grace, that this doctrine allows Jesus to come in. Hallelujah!

From here, I began to review Nov. 7, 1990, when God spoke to my heart with tremendous urgency: **Go now!!!** In the weeks and months that followed, the Lord allowed me to tune in to the urgency that is upon God's heart. This great urgency could also be called **THE LONGING OF GOD: TO FIND A PEOPLE WHO WILL LIVE THIS ROCK SOLID DOCTRINE SO THAT SHILOH (OR JESUS) CAN COME INTO THEIR LIVES COMPLETELY.** I'm caught up and lost in the awe and wonder of God's amazing grace that you, as God's servant, through preaching and teaching during especially the previous four years, have us positioned precisely in the center of God's purpose for this day and age. How is it that verse of scripture goes?--**FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS.**

Of course, the church advancing into one accord is always conditional, isn't it? Needless to say, this doctrine is probably not very well known throughout the earth, if known much at all. It may not be popular in many circles, even if they did know about it. Losing all to gain God is not overly popular. The heights and depths that you've been through in forsaking all, self-denial, obedience, loving and losing all for Jesus' sake, all contributed to form this rock solid doctrine. But the doctrine doesn't set well with a lot of people, does it? Nevertheless: **THE URGENCY AND LONGING OF GOD IS STILL THERE FOR ALL PEOPLE TO LIVE THIS DOCTRINE, BY GOD'S GRACE.**

3 In machine shops they work with various materials in drilling, lathing, molding, shaping, fitting, and so on. The steel, iron, metal, titanium, and other articles all have a sweet spot that is the most cooperative spot to work with. By God's grace, this rock solid doctrine that you preach and teach machines it's way into the sweet spot of God's purpose in His spiritual realm. Love through Jesus, pleading His blood over all, Son Earl (Harris).

p.s. On Nov. 20, 1990, this scripture was burning in my heart and was predominant, similar to the Emmaus Road story of Jesus in the Bible: *My well beloved (the Lord) has a vineyard on a very fruitful hill.* Praise the Lord.

Dear Ones, Praying that our wonderful Jesus will strengthen and sustain you this day, and rain His Spirit upon you. May He unlock the coffers of blessing, of promises, of help in your behalf this day! May He heal, quicken, restore and lift you this very hour.

I have missed seeing you since I took on my assignment in Fort Wayne. I endeavor to pray for you and to lift you to the Throne each day. I must tell you that Jesus has helped so wonderfully, so specifically in every aspect of the work. I have prayed each day for the wisdom of Joseph, for this job is one too great for me. The Lord has given me favor with board and staff alike. The first six weeks have been a major orientation during which I have been on the circuit meeting business people, community leaders and other folks, along with getting to know the library system. There are 323 employees, a main center almost a block large, as well as thirteen branch libraries. You may also be interested to know that the library houses the third largest genealogical research center in North America. It is only preceded in size by the National Archives in Washington, and the Mormon Church genealogical center in Utah. Every day there are people from all over the world at the doors when they open at 9 am. All kinds of people are here each day using the facilities. It is amazing.

I cannot praise the Lord enough for opening this door of provision and work for me. I remember how Dad prayed about my getting to the job that is "just right" and Jesus certainly opened the door. He has also opened the door of witness in several situations. It has been a joy and privilege to share with various persons whom Jesus has brought across our path. I praise Him for the opportunity, as the Holy Ghost leads.

...May you and mother have a wonderful Thanksgiving. May the Lord lead, guide and direct you and make a way where there is none. Surely, Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. Fondly, Guy William (Young).

Rev. and Mrs. Helm, How can I tell of the presence and help of the Holy Spirit last night at the jail? I'll try. I visited first one of the fellows I told you about in the last letter--the one that had been reading about Joseph. Oh, what a greeting! As we reviewed (at his request) how God helped us the last time, other men began to slowly gather around. Two of the men were from Mexico and could not speak or understand English very well. At one point in my exhortation I asked if any man had a special need or petition to bring before God.

"This fellow does, but he doesn't speak English very well," said one man. I asked, "Is there someone who can interpret for us?" The other Mexican replied, "I think I can." As he began to speak in Spanish his plea to God, I sensed the presence of God and the witness of the Holy Spirit. I told him I believed his prayer was heard in heaven as it left his mouth, and that the work was already done. He was touched.

Michael, the man mentioned before, said, "Brother Jerry, I can feel God's presence here." I replied, "Yes, me too," and asked, "Is there any one of you who have not yet asked God to forgive you of your sins and transgressions?" I looked to my right into a face of bewilderment. This young man asked, "What do you mean?" I explained our need and Jesus' sacrifice and mercy, and asked if he would like to follow me in a prayer of repentance. He shook his head affirmative, and we did.

Rev. Helm, he changed immediately. He went to the floor and looked up at me with teary eyes until I left that place. Rarely, if ever, since revival days when I was a child at Roaring Fork Baptist Church, have I seen so sudden a change. During this visit the men said things that were very sacred and encouraging to me. One man said, "Out of all the men that visit us here, you're the only one that says he loves us." At this, Michael said, "Yeah, and he means it too."

At another cell block, Jesus helped in a similar way and another man was converted. The evidence of God's forgiveness was all over him. Praise the Lord! Thank You, Jesus, for Your help. Jerry Ward.

(I would like to give a little background information concerning what this precious daughter is referring to. She is a close friend of our granddaughter, April Marie, and April called me, asking if I could pray with her. When I called, she was weeping. As I endeavored to begin to pray, by God's grace, through the Holy Spirit, the Lord revealed she had burdens scattered in various parts of the world. When that prayer was ended, she began to pray for Florence and me. It was quite a wonderful guidance of Jesus and answer to prayer. The Lord lifted her out of the deep depression and weeping she had been experiencing for two to three weeks. After the Lord revealed her burden, by His

4 grace would we ever know again, she was lifted and encouraged.)

Dear Brother Helm and Sister Helm, I just wanted to write to you and thank you so much for taking the time to call me and pray for me. I'm very thankful to God for lifting those burdens off of me. God has been very faithful to me and my family. I'm thankful that Darren was raised under your ministry and when we met, I joined in it. It is so wonderful that God has shown you so very many great things. I pray every day that I will have a personal relationship with God that will draw me closer to Him.

Brother Helm, I really miss your sermons and all that God shows you in our church. I will never ever forget how Darren wanted so very much to see you and you showed up in your horse and buggy. I pray somehow that God will allow you to come back to Florida and share at church. I'm so very hungry for the words of God that He leads you. We love you and especially, April, Scott, and the girls. I'm thankful for all of April's prayers and love. Love, Shannon Barber.

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Revival For Our Day

January 5, 1995

Dear ones in Christ Jesus, who are striving to do His will, and endeavoring to deny self to take up the cross and follow, in order that the carnal nature be purged and cleansed from us, that we might be sanctified through the truth of Jesus Christ.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in His sight, for the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked. Therefore, it is hidden from the nature of man that most all trouble comes from the fact that we have made our own choice, which is disobedience. We are all to speak the same thing and there must be no divisions among us. He wants us to be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. Proverbs 4:23 says, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." When we are obedient and become like little children in utter dependence upon Him, He works all things together for good. The heart is kept by dying daily and denying self constantly. We overcome the devil by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of our testimony.

The carnal nature is not subject to the law of God, therefore we have to constantly die to self. When we cease to obey, the carnal nature takes over and we live in disobedience. In the second chapter of Jeremiah, verse twenty-three says, "...but they obeyed not thy voice,...." We must constantly press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. We must not figure or try to learn why, but simply press on into obedience with thanksgiving, praise, prayer, supplications and adoration unto the Lord. We must be faithful in the interior life as well as in the exterior life. We must forget those things which are behind, and press toward those things which He has set before us.

Did you know that there is striking and amazing news in the sixth chapter of First Corinthians? Since the fall of man, however, this news has seldom been able to enter into the human heart. It has seldom been appreciated or perceived. This news is so simple, that unless God reveals it to you, it will be hidden. It has been hidden from man since the fall of Adam. Only a few have been able to break through the barrier. Now the closer you are to Jesus, the more easily you will hear this message. If you are at a distance from Jesus, this will not mean much. It will be just a

couple of sentences. But if you have been dying daily, this may simply leap out at you and you will say, "Oh, there it is. I see it. I perceive it. I appreciate it."

This news is great and far-reaching. It is for everyone on the face of the earth. It is very simple, but unless He illuminates it, it will just be words. Unless He brings a light within, your mind will drift to other things. How much can you hear? to what extent? Ever since Adam chose the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil, man has been a figurer, and that spirit is in all of us, unless it is cleansed out. We have to die every minute or it will get back inside of us. He didn't call us to figure. He called us to follow. Are you, my brother and sister, willing to die to self enough to cease figuring and start following? Are you really willing? There have never been many who would really follow Jesus.

In the seventh chapter of Matthew, verse fourteen, Jesus said, "And few there be that find it." He also said 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." Unless we die sufficiently from morning to night, we will figure and analyze. We will arrange things our way. How much pressing will it take for you and me to follow Jesus and be utterly dependent upon Him? From the days of John the Baptist until now, the Kingdom of Heaven is preached, and every man presseth into it. How much pressing have you been doing in your soul? You are pressing as much as you have died for, as much as you have obeyed for. The reason this news has seldom been perceived is because most flesh is repelled by it.

In 1942, Loveda Losh brought my wife and me a book written by E. E. Byrum, one of the great men of God. She asked, "What do you think of this book?" I didn't know anything about E. E. Byrum at that time, but as I began to read the beginning of the book, I turned to this sister and to my wife and said, "This man walks with God. The God that called me, led him. He is my brother and I have never seen him." Glory! He is in the courts of glory now! I am thrilled!

"For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself." (Ga. 6:3) Where is nothing? It is everywhere. There is not anything that escapes nothing. Nothing

surrounds everything in existence. When I told Oliver Hogue twenty-six or seven years ago that the Lord revealed to me I was nothing, Oliver was astounded. The Lord had to slay me day after day after day to get all the impatience, jealousy, anger, analyzation, and criticism out of me. He had to slay me at the river of death. I would call my wife to my bedside, and she would look at me and say, "I know it is God." For fourteen to fifteen days He was slaying me from head to foot. I said to Florence, "The hand of Jesus is now on my foot, honey, and it is coming up my body." When his hand reached my heart, I went to sleep.

The second chapter of Philippians, verse twenty-one says, "For all men seek their own,...." All men who have not given everything over to Christ Jesus and are not doing God's will every moment of their lives, are seeking their own. All men seek their own, and not the things of the Lord Jesus Christ. When I shared with Oliver what the Lord had revealed to me, I could see that the goal was to become nothing, which is inner death, leaving all, forsaking all, putting everything aside and doing God's will completely. I said, "Oliver, the Lord has revealed to me that we are to become nothing, which is childlikeness." Isn't this a tremendous declaration?

Since the fall of Adam, man has been seeking his own. How far is it from where you begin to where you find out you are nothing? What is required to bring us to this place? It is the work of the Holy Spirit, the leading of God, the life of obedience, the life of forsaking all, leaving all to find out that we are nothing, to arrive at this destination whereby we learn this great truth of the ages. To become nothing comes by way of inner death, entire sanctification, the cleansing truth of Jesus Christ. He said, "I sanctify myself that they also might be sanctified." Then we begin to die, and to keep on dying. St. Paul said we die daily, which means we die from the time we awaken in the morning until we go to sleep. Are you still with me? This comes only by revelation. It does not come by intellectual learning. You can know all things and not know this. It is possible to have all knowledge of philosophy, medicine, and agriculture, and have no knowledge of this text.

When I shared with Oliver years ago that the Lord had revealed He wanted to bring me to nothing, utterly slain of self and the desire of things (I don't live for clothes, shoes, buildings,

cars, or things of this earth. I live to find someone who will hear and heed, who will go with Jesus Christ, and do God's will completely, always from morning to night.), he was astonished. Oliver is a scholar. Before he gave his few thousand books away, he had around twelve thousand volumes. He is a reader like my wife. I am a follower. I don't know much about studying, only to study myself to be approved before Him. I am not offering any great presentation of man. I am offering this message in simplicity and childlikeness. It has seldom been heard, perceived, or retained in the heart of man. You may hear it once, perceive it, and then lose it.

When I shared with Oliver that the Lord wanted to bring me to nothing so that He could be first, Oliver replied, "Three hundred and some years before Jesus was born, Socrates would get up every morning (all of his life), to go all over Greece from home to home, person to person, trying to find somebody who knew they were nothing. Everyone he talked to in those thirty to fifty years, every man and woman, thought they were somebody. Not one person found out that they were nothing." How much do you know about nothing? Socrates went out to see if he could find someone who was led of God as he was. When God would tell him to stop, he stopped. He said, "I was never disobedient to God's voice in my heart." Three hundred years before Jesus was born Socrates found that he was nothing.

When you know you are nothing, how great is your need? The more you know you are nothing, the greater you realize your need. Now if this is all you get from this sharing, when it enters your heart, it will be like a spring and will go out as living waters. "...but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." (Jn. 4:14) There is a living fountain within you when you die to self and become nothing. You are utterly dependent upon Him and want to do only His will. You have no plans except doing God's will. This humble message is so lowly, so true, right, enduring, and everlasting. It is never revoked, and yet only a few in the ages have ever received it, heard it, or maintained it.

This striking news, this humble message, is simply this: "And ye are not your own." (1 Cor. 6:19) We are not our own. Verse twenty continues, "For ye are bought with a price." If we are not our own, we can not make our own

plans. We are utterly nothing and dependent upon Him. We belong to the King of Kings, and the blood-washed One of Calvary, who has brought us from darkness unto a marvelous light. We do not belong to ourselves. We can not make our own arrangements. We are utterly dependent upon Him, for we are not our own. This is why He said, "All men seek their own." In other words, He is saying, "Loran Helm, you do not belong to yourself. You belong to me. You do what I tell you to do." This is for everyone, all races, creeds, and colors. Jesus said, "And ye are not your own." We do not belong to ourselves. We belong exclusively to Him.

Most all men and women think they belong to themselves. Most all people who have any knowledge at all think they belong to themselves and make their own choices. Do you know that for every choice you have made, you have suffered a consequence? For every choice made that was not led by the Holy Ghost, the consequence will come either in the next minute, tomorrow, next week, next month, next year, or the next. We are not our own, but have been bought with a price, the blood of Jesus Christ. All clergy, all ministers, all episcopacy, all members of the papacy are not their own. He wants to lead. He has been trying to find someone who would follow Him. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." (Ro. 8:14)

If any man or woman can get this revelation, it will be wonderful. If just a handful get this revelation, it will be something to be thankful for, because He said all men seek their own. How much do I have to die to forsake everything to do only what God has told me to do today? God Himself came down to dwell in human flesh. He went to Calvary to purchase you and me. He wanted all men to follow Him, but He could hardly find anyone. They crucified Him, and even His best friends forsook Him when He needed them. Has it changed any?

Hardly anyone anywhere has ever been able to perceive this truth. May I say that? Can you tell in your heart that this is true? When we know that we are not our own, how much love will flow through us? "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." (Jn. 13:34) Until we know we are not our own, His love flowing through us is blocked. There is a dam in the mind, and His love can not get through. The self in us dams it up. Most all men of learning

feel that they are in charge of their lives. Are you able to hear this? This is a sacred truth. If only this could be learned by mankind, our prisons would be empty. If all men and women knew they were not their own, there would be no theft, adultery, fornication, gossip, judgment, or hurt. Instead, there would be healing.

One time I had a call from Thomas Harman concerning Leslie Gilbert when she was about ten years of age. Her parents needed to choose a physician for Leslie when they moved, and they didn't know who to choose. Neither did I. Thomas called me back three weeks later and asked, "Which physician is Leslie to go to?" I replied, "I haven't any idea." And neither do I know today. All I know is that I am needy and nothing, utterly dependent upon Him. I am just a beginner in understanding. All men seek their own, which crowds out all of God's revelations. The more we know, the more we crowd out God's revelations. Instead, we depend upon what we know. The scripture says they went up to Jerusalem by revelation. This message was given to me by revelation after sixty-one years of preaching, and I have been endeavoring to preach the gospel since I was seventeen years old.

Thomas Harman asked, "Have you discovered who the physician is for Leslie Gilbert?" I replied, "I don't know." And then all of a sudden, God led me. I asked Thomas, "Do you have a list of all the physicians in the Fort Wayne area?" He said, "Right before me." I asked him how many there were and he said, "Five hundred." I prayed and asked Jesus, "Is the physician for this precious daughter in column number one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine." When I got to column number nine, He revealed to me the physician was in the ninth column. I asked, "Jesus, which one is it?" He revealed to me it was number six. And that is where they took her. After the doctor examined Leslie, he sat back in the chair and asked, "How did you come to me?" Jo Anne and Richard replied, "This was learned by prayer. Do you believe in prayer?" He told them to come with him and led them into another room and showed them a plaque on the wall that read, "God gives the best to those who leave the choice to Him." Out of five hundred doctors, one doctor had the courage to put a plaque on the wall which read, "God gives the best to those who leave the choice to Him."

We are not our own. Joseph found that he did not belong to himself. Did he discover it in the

pit, or before? Joseph learned this great truth before, and that is why he could suffer in the pit experience. He could not get out of it. He had to suffer through it, but he endured because he knew he was not his own. How much does a person die in the pit experience? How much dying will be required to perceive this message? How much inner death will be required for us to know we are not our own? Isn't this great news? God always gives the best to those who leave the choice to Him, for we are not our own.

I believe it has seldom been, since Adam fell, that men have found that they are not their own. Most all people have decided to do what they think they want to do. We will not be able to love our neighbor as ourselves until we realize that we are not our own. What will it take to convince men that they are not their own? What will have to occur to bring a man to the realization of this? We are to follow Him, but we have to die to self from morning to night to do it. The devil tells me I am not a Christian a lot of the time. The accuser of the brethren is always there to accuse the one who is dying to do God's will. When I met Rev. Paul F. Hill in 1959, he told me the devil fought him the same way. I said, "Brother, you are going through the same valley I am." When you are really doing God's will, the devil will tell you you are not. And if you are not doing God's will, he will say, "You are not too bad. You have not smoked, drunk, or committed adultery. You are a pretty good fellow." But anyone who will go through the barrier to leave all to do His will, the devil will fight, to try to keep him from the Kingdom of God. This is why Jesus said very few would enter in to the Kingdom of Heaven.

When will we find out we are not our own and that we have been bought with a price? Only those who have discovered this will obey God. Only those who know they are not their own will allow God to work His love through them so they can love their neighbor as themselves. I recently preached on "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." Jesus said in Mark 12:30-31, "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." If a person will not do this, he will not seek the Kingdom of God.

St. Paul said, "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost?" Can the Holy

Ghost dwell in a person who has never found that he is not his own? Jesus was looking for people who were filled with the Holy Ghost and who loved everyone in all the world. Did He find very many while He was here before He died on the cross? Are you going to be one who will say, "Lord, here I am. Send me. Here I am Lord; take all the self out of me that keeps me from hearing what You want me to do."? How much dying is required to learn what God wants? Do we have to die from morning to night to ever receive a revelation from God?

I am talking about the interior life, not the exterior. You may have to read this message about six times before it will begin to break through the barrier and come in to the heart, little by little. Terry Hogue listened to a sermon I preached on "Except ye forsake all ye cannot be my disciple," and he told me that when he listened to it the seventy-sixth time, he was more blessed than ever before. Can we comprehend this? I can only comprehend it by God's grace. If we will endeavor to get this, He will begin to open it up to us, to declare unto us that we are not our own, but belong to Him. I want you to know that all hell is against this message. It is by the grace of God we can die sufficiently to appreciate it and be thankful for it. Jesus was trying to find a people who would learn this great truth and follow Him.

I have been endeavoring to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. I have to cry out to Him in the night. I have come so far short, but oh, the joy of the Lord is our strength! The joy of the Lord is your strength! Jesus' message was disturbing to the multitudes. They were intrigued, but when He preached that He was the Bread of life, many of His followers turned away and never followed Him again. This message is a straight message. This is a striking good news! **WE ARE NOT OUR OWN! AND BECAUSE WE ARE NOT OUR OWN, WE MUST DEPEND ON HIM!** How long will you be able to maintain this message? How much death will it require in you to hear it? How much will you have to forsake? Hardly anyone has ever known this message since the fall of Adam. Hardly anyone has ever found that they do not belong to themselves. Has He revealed it to you today? How long will it be before we get this revelation that we do not belong to ourselves? We belong to Him, and everyone who belongs to Him has fellowship with Him, and it is very sacred, hallowed, holy, pure and enjoyable.

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price." We are to do as He would guide and lead us for His glory. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, Amen.

We wish to express appreciation and thanksgiving to each of you for praying for us, for petitioning the Throne of God on our behalf. We thank the Lord for each one of you who sent Christmas cards, letters, and gifts. We give God the praise for all that He has done for us through all of you and the churches who remembered us. We were humbled and unworthy of this thoughtfulness, love, and care. I would like to ask those of you who feel you can, to join us here in prayer concerning the financial burden for the new building. There may be a dear one who has finance to help us, and we would be thankful. Thank you for praying about this with us in Jesus' name, and for His glory and praise.

We pray that you will be lifted in your endeavor to resist Satan and do as the Holy Spirit would guide, lead, and direct. We must die daily, however, or the leading of the Holy Spirit will be crowded out. We must seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto us. If we will seek first what God wills, then there is no good thing He will withhold from those who would walk uprightly, in time. But we must not seek things. We must seek first the Kingdom of God, which is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

"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) I cry out to God to create within me a clean heart and to renew a right spirit within me. This comes through the blood of Jesus as we obey Him. 1 John 4:17 says, "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world." We thank Him for His mercy, and for all of you who are faithful, obedient and submissive, who are resisting murmuring and who are willing to be cleansed of the carnal nature. Jesus wants preeminence in the throne room of our heart, that we might submit to Him, which brings compassion, understanding, and long-suffering. And we must not press our companion, for if a husband presses his wife, his prayers will be hindered. If a wife is carnal, her prayers are

hindered. It is by His mercies and through the blood of the Lamb that we can make it every step of the way. There is nothing in us, for we are just a sinner saved by grace. When we do God's will, it is a great work.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm
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p.s. Following are two letters that I wanted to share with you for God's glory and honor.

Dearly Beloved Ones, What a privilege and joy to begin the new year here in Parker with you. Especially was it a special benefit to have been in the first service of the year in the new church building. How thankful I am, Brother Helm, for the hymns and your sermon. How fitting that we should open with Horatius Bonar's "I Lay My Sins On Jesus" (Methodist hymnal #230), followed by William Cowper's "O For A Closer Walk With God." (#228). We were able to lay everything upon Jesus on the first day of the year, and then cry for the removal of the idol of selfishness so that purer light will mark the road that leads to the Lamb. The revelation of those two songs which had to do respectively with cleansing and renewal, paved the way for your pungent and powerful sermon, "Ye Are Not Your Own."

Actually, you preached the text as a hybrid, which of course, it is. One was by implication, and the other explicit. You universalized the passage "you are not your own" because of creation, and you preached that we are not our own because of the price paid, which was explicitly stated in the context, "For ye are bought with a price" (1 Cor. 6:20). Of course, this means we are not our own twice over. We are children of God and dependent upon Him because of creation, and then again because of redemption.

Two things were amazing to me in addition to the above. One; you stated that this came by revelation to you--I pondered over that--not by inspiration as from reading the text itself, but by revelation--that is wonderful and astonishing! Second, I realized that it took all of your life to receive and preach it as you did. You simply could not have done it earlier. January 1, 1995, was the day for "Ye Are Not Your Own." This is one of the reasons why it is so important to stay close to you. Each day, each week, each month, and each year, are so important because of process. The revelation of God is an unfolding reality in your life. To stay close to you is so very important in order to grasp the revelation unfolding.

To have a mission (to do God's will) without strategy is so absolutely necessary in order to receive the unfolding revelation. This was a big one. Obviously you have had it in incipient form, for this

was a message already experienced by yourself. As E. Stanley Jones said, "We learn as we obey and in no other way." Education first is a dead end, but obedience will yield the understanding. You, yourself, have said "In the life of faith there are no questions: in the life of faith all questions are answered." Praise the Lord.

Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." The Hebrew word for vision (hazon) means "a revelation given to a prophet." It is the same word for vision as found in 1 Samuel 3:1, where in Samuel's day there was no open vision, and therefore, the Word of God was rare.

How fortunate we are to have a prophet in our midst who paid the price to receive revelation that we might not perish. We all thank God for you, Brother Helm. Praise the Lord. I love you both deeply!
Your son in the Faith, Oliver C. Hogue.

Dear Ones, We trust your Christmas season was special and restful. We are believing for great things in 1995, especially in our hearts. Edward called us when he got in this week, and we checked your apartment recently. Everything seems to be in order. If we can do anything, please let us know. We are looking forward to your return to Florida.

Rev. Helm, our newest convert told me just this week that your book, A Voice in the Wilderness has helped him so much. And it is still helping him. I wanted to share that with you and praise God for all the help He gives through your book. Thank you for your monthly newsletter. It is just a bit of heaven to my heart. It keeps me pressing into the Kingdom of God. May God continue to pour out healing on you both, from your head to your toes. And may the sweet presence of the Holy Spirit surround you with love. Mark and Joy Donnelly.

