

Revival For Our Day

February, 1999

Dear saints of God in Christ Jesus, greetings in Jesus' holy name. Praise the Lord. I want to give praise to God in Christ Jesus for all He has done for us and for those of Revival For Our Day that have prayed and lifted up supplications and petitions on our behalf. We are thankful for all of you who have sacrificed, for those who sent Christmas cards, gifts, helps and blessings. We want to express praise to God for all of you and let you know to keep praying for us, for I need it so very much. We are so unworthy but grateful to God.

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In the sixty-sixth chapter of Isaiah, verse eight, it says, *"Who hath heard such a thing? Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children."* Have you ever considered that we could actually come to Soul Travail? Who has ever heard of it? I have never heard it preached from the pulpit that I remember.

I remember Lindbergh crossing the Atlantic. Who had ever heard of such a thing? It had never been done before. There were times when he was so close to the water that it looked like he would go right into it. But somehow he had the gift to know how high to go and how low to go. Do we know how high to go and how low to go to get to Soul Travail? We don't learn this in books or teachings. We learn it by dying and surrendering.

This is worth more than all the wealth if we could only hear this in our heart and also hold it in the heart once we have heard it. Who will hear in their heart? Who hath heard this? As soon as two or three people in the church come to Soul Travail, God will go into the village and deal with people. They will say, "What is God doing to me? What is going on with me? I don't feel like I did before. Something is moving on my soul." It will be because saints have come to Soul Travail.

Soul Travail is a place beyond Soul Burden. I was in the prayer room a few years ago and I told the Lord, "Jesus, I haven't seen a soul saved in so long. I am hungry to see someone saved." I cried out the best I could. I didn't know very well how to pray. Later I went to go pick up some young people. The Lord told me which way to go and I found a soul. I had to go out of my way to find a soul. When he got in the car, he was converted and found Jesus.

We are to come to Soul Travail by the grace of God. We come to Soul Travail by prayer, willingness, and submission. We don't come to Soul Travail by knowledge. We don't come to it by our own insights. We do not merit Soul Travail by what we do. It is a gift of God. In my eighty years in the

church I have only seen about two people come to Soul Travail in my life.

One time I was preaching on this subject in the state of Michigan in 1963. The Holy Ghost came on me and while I was preaching, one of the most pure and holy men came to Soul Travail. All at once, Gordon Lilly fell on the floor and there was a light all over his face. He was in great travail and it was hurting him until he could hardly stand it. It came by the power of the Holy Spirit. As soon as the burden hit him, I had the revelation in my heart that it was going to take nineteen prayers to lift him up off of the floor. There weren't very many there that night and I pled for people to obey and to die and to pray. This precious man couldn't do anything. Finally, after about two hours, I was able to plead with the people until the person on the back seat who had never prayed started praying. The instant they started praying, Gordon came straight up on his feet. As soon as everyone obeyed, it lifted, but it took a lot of work. O, for as soon as Zion will travail, the children will come forth.

In the spiritual realm of Soul Travail there must be a heart that is willing to hear. There must be a heart in us that is willing to give unto God so that He can work in us to do exactly what God wants us to do; to be prayerful and holy and to do absolutely as He leads and guides.

Soul Travail has requisites -- child-likeness, utter dependence, and much praise. We never come to Soul Travail without prayer. We have got to really let God get a hold of us so that we can listen to His voice. He said, *"My sheep hear my voice; my sheep know my voice and my sheep follow me."* (John 10:27) We only follow Jesus one way and that is dying from morning to night, denying ourselves constantly. Then we take the cross. The cross is an instrument of death upon which we are crucified and all of the evils in us are eliminated. As long as the evils remain in our hearts, we have trouble at work and at home. We are troublemakers. We say things we shouldn't and then wonder why we ever said such things. It requires a pure heart to come to Soul Travail. That comes by the blood of the Lamb. We need to apply it to our heart everyday. This should encourage us because if we just had a few people in any church that could come to Soul Travail, it would transform the community. God would do it through saints that are humble and give Him all the glory and all the praise and all the honor. It comes not by what we can do but by His Holy Spirit working through us.

Prayer, praise, and the work of the Holy Ghost comes within us as we submit and surrender and give Him thanksgiving and as we love everyone. If I have anything in my heart that finds fault with

anybody I will never come to Soul Travail or even have a soul burden. If I complain or if I judge anyone it cancels it out. These things must be cleansed out of me. We come to Soul Travail through prayer and the cleansing of the blood of Jesus Christ and by His Spirit working in us.

"For as soon as Zion..." Zion is the church. We are the church. We are Zion. One of the most neglected things in the church is teaching people about Soul Travail. As soon as we come to this inner travail, God does a miracle-work in the Holy Spirit. (Not in the emotions. You see, we can howl and yell and scream and carry on and jump up and down, and God may not be in it. Whatever God leads will thrill the cold sinner's heart -- that's the test of whether it is really Christian or not, because when it is genuine in this life of Soul Travail, it will bring help and life to us.) People outside need to come to an awareness of their need for Jesus to indwell them. Because when He comes in there is love for everybody. It doesn't make any difference what they say or what they do. There is love in there. We can't do this. It comes by the Holy Spirit. Not by might, nor by power, but by the Holy Spirit.

Soul Travail is waiting. If we are cold, or powerless or prayerless, we fail to get to the city of Soul Travail. Inner travail is a dying. Soul Travail is a giving. Soul Travail is not trying to understand anything. It is just submitting one's self to God and letting Him lead us and then His Holy Spirit comes and brings the power of His presence in Soul Travail. (I want you to know that you are here to learn to come to full travail. He wants all bishops and all ministers and all laity to come to Soul Travail and live in this area.) It is a peaceful place. It is a joyful place. It is a dying place. It is a giving place. It is coming to Him and letting Him work through us that His presence will go out unseen and get into men and women who are wicked and who are sinners so that they may be drawn in.

Isaiah 37:3 says, "*This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth.*" It is time for the children to be born in God, but there isn't strength because the people are not willing to pay the price to come to Soul Travail. This is the condition of Christendom and this is tragic.

Soul Travail is the opportunity of men and women who pray, who have found Jesus. We must know Jesus by faith, not by feeling. Because the powers of the air will try to rob and cheat you of what is yours. We need to praise Him and give Him the glory so He can take out of us all these things that prevent us from being able to come to Soul Travail.

If there be one of you that is willing to pay the price, to say, "Jesus, please begin working with me and taking out of me all of these ingredients of analyzation, bewilderment, hurts, and figuring. Please, in my heart, work with me."

We pray that you will not be discouraged but that you will persevere and press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. It is up to our hearts individually whether we are ever going to be willing to be a soul winner by coming to Soul Travail, which is not a hard thing. It is a spiritual gift and we know that it is not by any might or any power, but it is through submission as children, with thanksgiving and prayer and praise. Where this occurs, there is conviction that will go out into the community and men and women will no longer be at ease in Zion or outside of Zion. They will be drawn in conversion in homes and schools, in business places and factories and cars. God will work with them when the church comes to the inner life of Soul Travail. It is the work of the Holy Spirit. It is by love and by true holiness. Only as we live holy lives can this be experienced and known.

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Jesus, this is an opportunity for each of us to make up our minds that we are really going to press to Soul Travail. This is a time when we can decide whether we are going to continue as we are, or as we should be. We are not pressing anyone; it is just up to our own heart to say, "We really do want to press to the city of Soul Travail." This would bring forth fruit and souls would find what they are looking for, in the church, in the community and outside the church. Jesus, when we come to Soul Travail, people will say, "O, this has helped me. I needed this. Who are these people who are carrying me on wings of prayer and intercession, that I might ascend unto the hill of the Lord and stand in His holy place with clean hands and a pure heart, not lifting up my heart unto vanities nor swearing deceitfully?"

Thank you Jesus for my wife's prayers each day for all the people of Revival For Our Day to be obedient to thee and to walk in the light as thou art in the light, that we would be a soul saving station. Help us to be awakened as a church, O Lord, that we would be at our posts when we get to church; that we won't pull down but that we'll be so anointed that it will lift upward and encourage everyone who has been downhearted or hurt.

Lord Jesus, we have not been able to tell very much about Soul Travail, but just a little. May each of us be determined by the grace of God to go softly and with praise. Because we come to this place by prayer and praise and submission and dying and not figuring what we want to do but letting thee lead us. The church can't come to Soul Travail on its own

terms or its own plans or abilities. It is through thy Holy Spirit that it can be. And then the lost will realize they are lost. When the church comes to Soul Travail, the city will find out that it is lost, miraculously by the revelation of the Holy Spirit. We cannot bring this to pass. It comes through thee, not by anything of us. So encourage everyone not to try to figure how, but to just simply walk with thee and testify at every opportunity and be sure we are in the Spirit and not in the flesh. Let there be strength to bring forth those that are in need of the new life, for thy praise and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In Jesus Name,

Loran W. Helm

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To the Family of Revival for Our Day, Inc.

Greetings in Jesus' Name,

Last year a number of changes occurred in the administration of Revival for Our Day. It would take quite some space in this letter to list those details. We believe God has led and blessed our efforts to obey Him for the advancing of the work of His Kingdom, for which He created Revival for Our Day.

We can only continue the ministry of Rev. Helm and Revival for Our Day as you make it possible through your contributions, because you actually compose Revival for Our Day. The Board of Directors simply administers your faithful giving to this work of God's Kingdom. Therefore, what was accomplished, financially, last year was your doing. Thank you for the trust you have placed in us as administrators.

For your information, over one-third of the total amount given last year came from fewer than 200 individual contributors. The balance of the giving came from 31 congregations and organizations. A report has been sent to those church groups (and a financial report for 1998 is available to any of you, upon request). For all of these thousands of dollars to have come from so few, we believe it is surely a miracle of God's enabling Grace. We cannot thank Him and you enough.

Concerning the new area of Evangel Voice Missions, please make your checks payable to Revival For Our Day/Evangel Voice Missions Fund. (You may use abbreviations if you wish.) It was necessary for us to establish a separate account in order to administer these funds. Thank you for

the support in this effort to expand the reach of the message. Gifts can be mailed to:

RFOD/Evangel Voice Missions
P.O. Box 164
Parker City, Indiana 47368

All other gifts should continue being mailed in the envelopes provided to:

Revival For Our Day, Inc.
c/o Mrs. John Langdon
105 North Cook Road
Muncie, Indiana 37303-4508

A final word on another subject – we have had many letters returned recently because of incorrect addresses. There are still 122 persons for whom we cannot get a correct address. If you know of someone who once received these newsletters but who no longer receives them, would you please send us their correct address? Thank you.

Yours in His Service, Emory Reece, President

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The following letter is included for your encouragement. Rev. Helm requests that you be sure to give God all of the praise, glory and honor.

Dear Rev. Helm and Florence,

Greetings on this beautiful day. We are thankful for the wonderful Christmas season in which we celebrate our Savior's birth. What He means to us is far greater than our human comprehension. But it is wonderful to experience the new birth and to have His life vibrating within us. Hallelujah!

I am rejoicing because of God's great love and mercy. I was healed of a very serious disease that I believe would have taken my life when you were led of God to pray for me in Nigeria in December of 1982. That experience still stands out vividly in my mind. You came through the door and, as your hand touched mine, instantly God revealed to you this serious situation. And through the Holy Spirit ministering through you, the Blood was applied and I was spared. O, how can I ever praise God enough for His mercy and His grace? Thank you for living so that God can work through you.

Yours in Calvary love, Forrest and Mary Jane Richey

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Dear ones in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior and hope. I am just a sinner and it is through His blood and His mercies that I am saved and have the victory and can press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

We thank each one of you who have prayed and we are grateful for your supplications and petitions on behalf of our need in the areas of the soul, mind, body, finances, healing and deliverance. Praise the Lord. We are in debt to God for your prayers and sacrifice and want to give God thanks and praise. God has been so merciful to us these many years.

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In the book of Ephesians, chapter six, verse sixteen, it says, *"Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."* Also, in Hebrews 11:1-2, it says, *"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report."* We know that as we lift the shield of faith, the presence and power of God will deliver us. Further down in Hebrews chapter eleven, verses thirty-three through thirty-five, we read, *"Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection."*

When we take the shield of faith and lift it into position by the help of the Holy Spirit, we see that, through faith, even as *they subdued kingdoms*, we, by God's grace, can similarly press and believe and know that in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Even though the devil fights severely, furiously, we can lift the shield of faith and subdue. To subdue is to gain the victory, to overcome. Many wonderful things can occur because of our faith.

I have felt in the last few years that I need more faith. I have cried out in my heart for holy faith. *"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."* (Romans 10:17) And we know that faith worketh by love. In Hebrews, it speaks of persons who through *faith* subdued kingdoms and *wrought righteousness* and brought to pass many marvelous things as a result of their faith and trust in God. It comes not by anything of us, but it comes through Jesus the Christ, the Son of the living God, the power of the heavenly Father. Jesus said, *"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,*

and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33)

Hebrews 11:33 also tells us that they *"obtained promises."* Look at the obtaining of the promise. Noah believed and received the promise. So did Joseph, Abraham, Daniel and Job. They obtained the promises. Through their faith they also *"stopped the mouths of lions, and quenched the violence of fire."* They were able to stand the fire by the power of God, by living a pure and obedient life through Christ. They *"escaped the edge of the sword."* They were brought through great trials, terrible onslaughts of the enemy and they escaped the edge of the sword. Swords of the enemy are flying today — all kinds of buffetings, accusations, temptations and evils that are just rampant, like a Niagara, going forth to devour. The devil goes about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. We have to have help and take the shield of faith and hold it that we might be able to stay the demons of hell — so that the powers of hell will be driven back.

Something else that took place as a result of their faith was that *"out of weakness they were made strong."* Hallelujah! They realized they were nothing. They realized their littleness, their utter dependence upon God to deliver them. It is through Christ Jesus alone that we can make it every step of the way because the devil is plotting all of the time to get us out of order and away from the Lord Jesus. But nothing can separate us as long as we are pure, holy and hold on and believe and thank Him and press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

The next phrase says, *"They waxed valiant in fight."* That is, *in* the battle, the struggle, the trial, and the upheaval. By faith, by God's grace and love and power, they became valiant. They also *"turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection."* So we see that by God's grace, as we take the shield of faith, the victory can be accomplished.

Paul also said in Ephesians 6:16, *"Above all, taking the shield of faith."* Just before that in verse fourteen he exhorts, *"Stand therefore, having your loins girt about*

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with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness." O, how we need this. Having our loins girt about with truth. This is protection to

remain pure and holy. We need to be protected with truth, purity and true holiness.

We are also to have our "*feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace,*" in order that "*we may walk in the light as He is in the light, and have fellowship one with another; that the blood of Jesus Christ His Son may cleanse us from all sin.*" (I John 1:7) O, how we need to be cleansed from all sin, all iniquity — that we may be pure in heart and delivered through the blood of Jesus the Christ unto the victory and to what God has purposed for all of us.

But He says above all these things to take the shield of faith, wherewith we shall be able to quench *all* the fiery darts of the wicked one. "*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*" (Ephesians 6:12) So we are in a real, terrific battle and Ephesians 6:16 says to *above all* take the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench *all* the fiery darts of the wicked. Those fiery darts are flying and they come over the wall of experience. They hurt and there is suffering, anguish, and crying. We can quench all these fiery darts by lifting our shield of faith. It doesn't say we can quench some of them, but *all* of them. The enemy is constantly shooting these fiery darts of temptation, accusation, buffeting, suffering and different things and we must cry for mercy and for deliverance. The Word of God tells us that, with the shield of faith, we shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

We must also "*take the helmet of salvation*". It says we are to "take" it. We take it by faith, by God's grace, by perseverance. The evils of the world will blow it off and take away our protection. We constantly need to give God the praise for helping us to take the helmet.

"And the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." We must hold tight to His precious truth, His word and His way. The word of God is the sword that cuts down the enemy when he comes in like a flood to destroy and to hurt and to stop the very thing that God wants to do in our lives. For Jesus said, "*I am the way, the truth and the life.*" (John 14:6) Jesus is the way. We are not and He must be exalted and honored continually. Praise the Lord.

Verse eighteen says, "*Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel.*" (I come way short here. I have prayed very little.)

So we want to thank Him that through faith they subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens and women received their dead raised to life again.

I sometimes feel so inadequate and that the need is great, but God is always able. His sufficiency is always there. So be encouraged to pray and to persevere and to obey and become utterly dependent upon Him as little children. Thank you for praying for us that He would be all in us. Thank you for your care and your sharing and for holding us to the throne in all of these areas. May you be encouraged and strengthened by the might of Christ in the inner man. Giving God all the praise, all the glory and all the honor, the blessed Jesus our Savior, the only begotten of the Father.

May He have all pre-eminence in the church, in the clergy, in the laity, that we would follow and be obedient to Him in all areas. For we have nothing to boast about, save in the cross of Jesus. We praise God for His unspeakable gift.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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REMINDER

We are still in the process of updating the mailing list for the newsletter. If you or someone you know would like to receive this letter and are not currently on the mailing list, please notify us of the correct name and address at:

Revival For Our Day, Inc.
P.O. Box 482
Parker City, Indiana 47368

Thank you.

Rev. Helm requested that the following letters be included for your encouragement. He wants you to be sure to give God all of the glory and praise for what the Lord has done.

Dear Brother Helm:

Greetings in Jesus' precious name.

Thank you for your most recent article on "Soul Travail". I have heard you speak on this subject several times, but this time I believe you gave us the best exposition on this matter.

I am grateful for the call you gave me twenty-two years ago while I was pastoring in Nebraska. The Lord spoke through you saying: "Rev. Schultze, go thou to Kokomo, Indiana. The Lord will be with you there." Marcia and I came to six adults. Because of your faithfulness and leading we are now reaching over 150 countries through three world-wide radio stations with what you have taught us. We are also on radio in four cities here in the U.S. This radio ministry is sustained by 7 prayer meetings a week with fasting. Further, we are getting responses from our Internet ministry which reaches into every nation in the world. It all started with you being sensitive to the Holy Spirit to hear that message: "Rev. Schultze, go thou to Kokomo, Indiana."

What is it worth to get one leading of the Lord – just one? The eternal destiny of thousands or millions can depend upon it. We are thankful for your life and your prayers.

May God grant you and Florence healing grace.

In Jesus, Reimar

Dear Rev. Helm and Florence,

I just finished reading your most recent newsletter. Wow! What an encouragement I felt. It was really stirring me deep inside for the kingdom to be operating within me to such a degree that it would draw souls to Christ.

What was perhaps stirring me more was the recognition of the work needed within me before this can take place. I praise the Lord for the stirring that creates the spiritual hungering and thirsting after what is right and true, holiness, purity and altogether the Holy Spirit, that is our victory and has given wonderful consolation in reading your letter. For the Bible tells us that whosoever hungers and thirsts for righteousness shall be filled.

With love, Tyler Garth

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Praise the Lord. Greetings to the ones who are following the Lord Jesus Christ and are striving to submit themselves unto the will of God. For it says in Matthew 7:21, "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." I was reading the scripture the other day and Jesus said that whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, shall in no wise enter therein. (Luke 18:17)

Last Wednesday, dear ones, the Lord surely answered our prayers. As we went into the Holy Communion service, it far exceeded what we could have thought or ever imagined it could be. Cherie Caille has been in the church all of her life and she said, "Brother Helm, of all the communion services I have been in throughout my life, I can't ever remember receiving more help than what I experienced in this one." I agreed with her. The Lord helped us in such a measure that it cannot be expressed in sharing. We were very, very thankful.

As I went into the pulpit on Easter morning, I thought that we would sing "Up From the Grave He Arose" and then a responsive reading and so on. But as I rose from kneeling and sat in the pulpit chair, I began to speak and I spoke for one hour and thirty minutes under such anointing that I couldn't even tell I was tired. I was not weary. Michael is quite a backward man and he was the happiest I have ever seen him in my life. His wife had a baby in her arms and she stood and shouted like the old-time saints shouted. I also shouted at a different time. The Lord helped us in such a measure. We want to thank Jesus for all of your prayers and for each of you who have been faithful to hold us to the throne, because we are the neediest of all servants.

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I want to share with you on patience, but first I have an exhortation on my heart that I would like to share with you, if I may. Most persons who desire to walk with God want it to be easy. They want the revelation of what they are to do and the answer to their situation to come quickly. When we want the answer quickly, it will not work. God doesn't answer quickly. God's ways are not our ways. The flesh wants to know what to do almost immediately. The more we want to know, the more we have to die to have the leading of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

Romans 8:14 says, "*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*" The sons of God have learned that the only way we are going to get the revelation of God is by the Holy Ghost as we deny ourselves moment by moment and pray and praise the Lord. If we haven't praised the Lord

in quite some time and have not been dying out regularly and consistently, we will get the wrong revelation. Many people want to go by goose bumps, thrills and different things that occur in various parts of the body. This is not wise and it is not God's plan. There is nothing in the Bible to verify and substantiate it. The revelation of God comes by dying, praying much and praising the Lord.

There are many people who are trying to get quick leadings. This is not of the Lord Jesus. It is of the flesh. The enemy takes advantage of that and gives the wrong leading. Everyone needs to be warned throughout Christendom never to seek a quick revelation based on certain things that occur in the body in order to interpret whether something is all right or not all right; nor are we to go by what we think.

We must pursue waiting on God. For as we wait, we mount, and as we mount, we fly to submission. We are to wait upon Him and then be sure we have prayed, not for just a few minutes or hours, but a sufficient amount of time until God shows us whether, for example, we should move somewhere or get married. Moving to another city or taking another job should not be done in haste, but requires dying, waiting and praising the Lord. And then, when we wait sufficiently, the Lord can reveal what we should do in a given situation. We are not to go by a quick revelation or what we think.

There are those who take this lightly and believe that we can just find out this way or that way. Well, there is no finding out. It comes by revelation as we die and pray and obey. If we have the slightest resentment or desire to make the plan, we will not get the right revelation. There are many persons who are seeking the leading of the Lord and they are going about it the wrong way. This needs to be cried from the rooftops that this is not God's way – there is nothing in the Bible that indicates that God gives leadings quickly or works in certain ways – each leading is different. It comes through dying and denying self, praising and waiting upon Him. Once He leads, it is good to check with those saints who have been on the way for sometime to see if the Lord witnesses in their hearts that the leading is right. I learned this early on. The devil can reverse this and that is why we need to be so cautious. Satan will deceive the very elect if he possibly can. When we want the leading quickly, that is when Satan can get in and deceive. We must not try to hasten the will of God. It comes by dying, waiting, praying and submitting. It comes in God's time, not ours. We must go only by the witness of the Holy Spirit in the heart and have it confirmed with the saints. That often comes slowly. It may take months and years to know – or it may take seconds.

If we have been disobedient or if we have the slightest resentment toward anyone, we will not be led by the Holy Spirit. Rather, it will be of the enemy. If we find fault with anybody or have a tendency to be picky or to see the weaknesses of others, the Holy Spirit will not lead us; it will be the reverse. God will lead us only as He wills, not as we want. Most everyone wants to quickly do as they want or like. The more we want that, the slower the revelation may come. It will be delayed.

We must die for days, weeks and months to be sure that it is God's will to do this or that, especially in the area of marriage. We know that if we have a living companion, we are not to marry until that person is gone, unless for fornication or in a situation where a person was pressed into marriage unwillingly. Jesus made this very clear and so did Paul. We have to be so careful in seeking a job or making a choice that is very crucial. The flesh wants it quickly – as soon as possible. The more we want it, the more likely we are to do the wrong thing. Many people miss it. Therefore, we need to be warned. **Whenever we press to get God's will, we get off track.** We can't press for anything. There is nothing in the Bible that says we are to press to get things. Now we do press into the kingdom of God – by dying, obeying, and witnessing – every man presseth into it. (Luke 16:16) But we don't press to get revelation or a leading. Most all people don't want to pay the price for God to refine us so that He can get us to His will.

There are wonderful persons who want to know God's will quickly. But God doesn't work that way – other religions do, but not Christianity, not Christ. God took eighty years to get Moses ready for one revelation. So it is urgent that we wait upon the Lord and not press. God's will is what we usually want to bypass. The flesh wants to bypass God's will. To do God's will is never easy. It is always a dying, with praise and adoration and thanksgiving. God's will is usually the opposite of what we want and what we think it is. This is just a warning to all of us to go slowly or slower and to be sure we are in divine order. Our tendency is to make the choice of the flesh. We must go by revelation and that is usually crucifixion. It's the cross. Most everyone averts, bypasses, digs under or makes their own cross. This is not the way of following Jesus. He said, "*If any one is going to be my disciple, let him deny himself*, (that is continually and we die daily from morning to night) *and take up his cross*, (that cross is inner death)." We want it our way a little bit, and when we do, it is the reverse of what God's will is. We must seek the kingdom of God first with all of our heart. Not what we would want, or what we would like, or what we would choose.

"Therefore, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run

with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross." (Hebrews 12:1,2) So there is the enduring of the cross in order to procure the will of God and most people expect revelation in just a few seconds, a few minutes or a few hours or days. There is nothing in the Bible that indicates that it works like that. We must be so careful, because most people have made the choice of the flesh since the fall of Adam. Very few persons have made the choice of the Holy Spirit.

We can, by God's mercy, be sure that something is God's will by the Holy Spirit in our heart as we go slowly. We must go by the Holy Spirit in our heart. God's will is revealed to the babes in Christ. Jesus said, "***I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent and hast revealed them unto babes.***" (Matthew 11:25) Unless we are childlike, we will have the wrong revelation. We will get the revelation of the flesh and the enemy rather than the guidance of God in Jesus. We are thankful that the Lord is able to help us to yield with thanksgiving and praise and that He is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him; to do exceedingly abundantly above all we could ask or think according to the power that worketh in us. Praise the Lord.

This will need to be read a number of times in order to get it into the heart, because the human heart doesn't want this. Most all humans do not appreciate the dying, waiting and crucifixion. We want to bypass it. It is the natural tendency in all of us, but it doesn't work like that. The Bible is the way of the cross.

Thank you for your prayers and sacrifice. We are thankful that God is helping and directing and leading. Because when we left all in 1941, we were going out to find men and women that would not plan, but do what God wanted them to do. I found hundreds, but I don't have many with me now. A lot of people love me, but not many of them have the vision of the need – the need for great conviction to come and for the drawing of the Holy Spirit. That drawing will occur when Jesus is sufficiently lifted up. He is lifted as we obey and He will draw all men to Himself. Some try to do it by crusades and revivals and say, "We are going to have a great meeting." Well, when we think ***we*** are going to have a great meeting, we can't have one. It comes through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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James 5:8 says, "***Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.***" Patience is waiting. Patience is understanding. Patience is compassion. Patience is full of love, for

without love, you cannot be patient. Patience is without speculation. Patience doesn't have any strategy in it. Patience is full of kindness. Patience is saturated with care. Patience comprehends the other person's weakness and frailty. Jesus said, "*In your patience you possess your soul.*" (Luke 21:19) You are in balance. In patience there is caution. In patience there is great concern for everyone near the situation. Impatience is intolerable. There is no tolerance in it at all. But patience is full of tolerance because where love is, tolerance is.

Patience has strength for the test through Christ Jesus. It is through the Lord Jesus Christ that we have this gift. It is through the Lord Jesus Christ and His shed blood on the cross that I could have eternal life. But we are to possess our souls by being patient. The natural tendency of man is impatience. (In this spirit of prayer and obedience, could you imagine a soul being impatient? Could you imagine patience in someone who is disobedient? Could patience live in a disobedient heart? It wouldn't be possible.)

Some of us are born rather patient and others are born a little different than that. But most of us have a tendency to want things when we want them or pretty soon after. We don't want to wait too long. When a wife dominates her husband or when a husband dominates his wife (other than as the Lord leads), it doesn't lead to a good marriage. See, if I would dominate my wife, it would not be good. (The first thirty years we were married I didn't have a dollar I could give her. We didn't have any money. I couldn't buy her a new pair of shoes or a new dress. But I had to do my best to think what I could do for my wife. A patient spirit tries to remember their companion.) Some women are strong and some men are strong. There are strong men that expect their wives (who are weak) to do certain things and because the wife can't do it, a pressure comes upon her. And vice versa. It causes anguish. And vice versa. The more patient we are, the less pressure we put on our companion. In fact, we don't put pressure on anyone if we are patient, because if we do, we lose our patience – or rather it would already be gone.

If we put restrictions on our companion, we bring them into bondage. For example, I am fast and I want things done quickly. My wife is slow. I had to teach myself to be patient and not put any pressure on her for anything. Some wonderful women who are strong-willed put pressure on and dominate their husbands (because they are easy-going) and they don't even know it. And their husbands just bend and suffer and never tell anybody. You and I don't even know it. In our impatience we put pressure on people and we don't even know we do it. Husbands and wives put pressure on their companions and they are

miserable. They would like to leave. Some have tried to leave. In your patience the marriage can be strengthened.

Patience is full of gentleness – a gentle spirit. Patience is taught of understanding. How much do we understand of the hurt, crushing and disappointment of others? This needs to be repeated many times because our hearts can't hear it. My heart is so hard. I don't want a hard heart. God said to keep your heart with all diligence, for out of the heart comes the issues of this life. (Proverbs 4:23) That is where the revelation comes. The revelation is not given to learned persons. The revelations of God are hidden from the learned and prudent. God's revelation comes to the patient, the child-like, the longsuffering. If you put a restriction on your companion (and I am likely to do it. Any of us are. We might as well admit it.) There are some women who have done that to their husbands and they are brow beaten. And some husbands have done it to their wives and they don't realize it. No one can tell them because they would get offended if someone said so. He wants us gentle and thoughtful. Some husbands and wives are in prison in their own homes because of the impatience of their companions.

Now when we get older and have prayed along the way, sometimes He will give some insights. I want you to know that the insights are given to the patient. The holy things of God are given to the patient. Can you imagine God giving an impatient and dominating man or woman a revelation? They don't go together. Anyone who is impatient at all is carnal and needs to really be cleansed. We are to be gentle, tender and understanding. Understanding just saturates the patient spirit. Compassion and understanding are throughout patience. It comes by the blood of the Lamb and the grace of God and obedience. If we don't obey the Holy Spirit, we are going to put pressure on people and not even know we are doing it.

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Another item I want to bring to your attention is in Matthew 11:20, which reads, "*Then began He to upbraid the cities wherein most of His mighty works were done, because they repented not.*" It says that in most of the cities where He (the all-perfect, all-wise, master of understanding and wisdom) had His greatest ministries, they repented not. There wasn't anything that Jesus did not know. He knew everyone of earth and knew what was in man. You can't fool Him. He knows all about you and me right now. He knows whether I am honest or whether I am coming short, whether my heart is critical or off. He knows whether I am all for God or not. He is perfect. He did mighty works in all these cities. And how many repented? He didn't have one convert. Have you considered that very much? I thought it was a pretty good thought. He

was the perfect preacher and yet He did not have a convert from these cities. (This is frightening. Some people say, "Well, I tell you, if Jesus would have been here there would have been a lot of people saved.") Yet, He upbraided the cities where most of His mighty works were done. You mean to tell me that the all-perfect Christ, the almighty God incarnate in human flesh did all of these mighty works in all these cities and not one heard him in their heart?

How much do you hear when a servant of God speaks? How many in all of these cities heard Him? He didn't win one of them. Just think of it! *"Woe unto thee, Chorazin! Woe unto thee, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works, which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the Day of Judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum, which are exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the Day of Judgment, than for thee."* (Matthew 11:21-24) And not one heard him.

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We see a lot of services on television. But Jesus, we need your presence. I pray Jesus that each one who is carnal will pray and ask you to cleanse it out of them, so we will be patient with our children and companion. Help us to be thoughtful of one another and tender. The heart of man is very, very hard. Hardly any man will let you lead them. I don't know, Lord, if there are very many men in a hundred who will actually let you lead them. We want to do what we want to do when we want to do it. We have things in us that need to be cleansed out. You know what our needs are and we thank you. We pray for carefulness and caution so that we don't bring disturbance, but that we will bring peace. Wherever patience is there is peace without pressure. There is no pressure in patience. It is just full of thoughtfulness, understanding, comprehension, carefulness and sweetness. Honey is so sweet that a parasite can't live in it. If we are sweet enough the unclean things will be cleansed out of us. We pray that the words of our mouth and the meditations of our heart will be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

Lord, help us to be thoughtful of others, because the more patience we have the more understanding we are. Take these things out of our hearts that have caused us to be so cold of heart, so indifferent; no fire, no glory, no victory in us. Your people are full of glory and full of praise and thanksgiving. Your

people are pure and holy. Patience is full of purity. If the heart is not pure, patience can't dwell there.

Thank you Jesus that you can help us to be convinced of what you are telling us. It must be in our hearts, and we can't get it in there unless you put it in there. Unless we are willing to let you. If we think we are somebody, it won't lodge in our hearts because Galatians 6:3 says, "For if a man thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself." Most everyone has a high estimation of himself or herself unless we confess we are weak, because if we are weak, He is strong. Most people don't have time for you Lord. They have some time for themselves and have time for services and for many things. Your people just simply let you lead. I have never found many in my life that would let you lead, really. Thank you for the few we have found. You said only a few would find it anyhow. Amen.

May you be strengthened, healed, lifted and encouraged. In Jesus' precious name and for His glory, thank you, again, for your prayers. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

In Jesus' Name,

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Revival For Our Day

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Dear precious followers of Jesus Christ, of the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world, greetings in Jesus' holy name.

I wanted to share with you the message God have me last month on Easter Sunday morning at Parker City Christ Fellowship. On Easter Sunday morning, I thought we would sing, "Up from the Grave He Arose." I had even mentioned that we might sing it, but God had other plans. Sometimes things change and don't work out at all like we plan. God led me to preach first. We don't always know what is God's will. Often, committees get together and arrange a lot of things, but God's kingdom does not operate by plans, arrangements or ideas. Nor does it operate by likes or favorites. God's kingdom is guided by the Holy Spirit. We have to be sensitive to know how the Holy Spirit slays us. If we do not die daily from morning to night, and deny ourselves continually, we will not know God's will.

Even if we know the Bible by heart along with all doctrine and theology, we won't know His will. It doesn't come by what we know or to those who depend upon what they know. Jesus said in Matthew 11:25, "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes." God's kingdom and revelation come to the individuals who are like little ones, utterly dependant upon Him as little one year old children are to their mother and father. We are entirely helpless if we depend on any other strength or knowledge. When the Holy Spirit leads, it helps the sinners and they sinners are blessed. When you and I lead, it is as empty as a rain barrel after a three-year draught. It is expedient that you and I not be figurers or analyzers, but rather "Diers", submitting ourselves to His will. For He does everything opposite of our anticipation or expectation. Never does He lead like we think. Never does He plan like we plan. He just doesn't work that way.

The Lord gave this message to me that morning. Easter (Jesus' resurrection) was little known about or expected prior to its occurrence and, even when it occurred, they didn't believe it. Jesus had revealed it but few could hear or perceive. We in the church are spiritually blind and deaf unless we die every day and obey every leading of the Holy Spirit. There is a great gap between hypocrisy and the reality of His presence. Most all people that are not obeying the Holy Spirit and loving their neighbor as themselves are living in hypocrisy. If we talk about anybody or criticize anyone or their weaknesses, we are living in hypocrisy.

We don't belong to ourselves. The real proof that we are not our own is that we do not try to work out anything. We simply let Him lead at the moment. I

don't know how many years of obedience it would take to hear what I have just said. When I went into the pastorate sixty-two years ago, I thought the church was really the church. I really did. I thought everyone knew Him. But when I looked out on the congregation, I didn't see very many lights. I was only twenty-one. I looked for the lights. Who are they with the light? They that have been dying daily, who have been praising Him and honoring Him, giving Him all the glory and all the praise and all the honor. He is the rewarder of those that diligently seek Him.

It is true that we in the church are living a make-believe, put-on life, on the whole. Not all, but most. He said there would actually be a few who would pay the price to die daily and surrender all to Him. He said there would be a few. We can jump up and down and shout and holler and just carry on and God not be in it at all. There is no witness whatsoever of the Holy Ghost.

Society makes far more over the Final Four or the Indianapolis Five-Hundred. They get worked up far more than people who go to church to celebrate His resurrection, ordinarily speaking. Some of you came in here on "high" this morning. You were stepping high with thanksgiving and anticipation and praise for His presence and His guidance. I long to meet persons who walk with God. The fellowship I am privileged to have with them is inexpressible. Each day along the way I am striving to find someone that I can get tuned in with that God would bless us.

Easter Sunday is a celebration of the greatest event that has ever occurred in the universe. It is beyond what we can think it is or ever dreamed it to be. Prior to this event, Jesus took the inner circle of the apostles high up on the mountain and all of a sudden there was a great drama. There stood Moses (who was buried by the angels in the valley of Moab and no man knows of his sepulchre to this day) and also Elijah (who went to heaven in a chariot of fire). They were both standing there with Jesus discussing His death on the cross in Jerusalem. The apostles were trembling and shaking and didn't know what to do because they were so afraid. (When God comes in power, men tremble. He hasn't come very many times because we haven't paid the price to have it. Seldom has it ever occurred in all of history.) Jesus told them not to be afraid in the midst of this experience. They were trembling and didn't know what to do. Whenever God comes like that, every man on earth is frightened immensely, or more than that. We have no comprehension of the wonder and splendor of the magnificence of Jesus when there is a manifestation from heaven. It is so great that we won't have to proclaim that God is here with us.

We will be trembling with our faces to the ground. After they had this great time together with Moses and Elijah, Jesus and the disciples descended from the mountain. I don't know how long it took Jesus to get them settled down. The disciples wanted to stay up there, but Jesus said it was time to go down.

We have been living in reverse since the fall of Adam. Not many men in the world have ever been willing to seek first the kingdom of God. If Jesus were here, He would tell you that it is very, very true. We all know it anyhow. This is just a review. Because most people are living in reverse, anyone that is of God is not understood. They are strange and peculiar to all people that walk in the flesh. Jesus was one of the most misunderstood persons that ever lived on this earth. Hardly anyone knew Him. I am glad that Simeon knew Him. Many thought they knew Him, but when it came to the crucial time, their acquaintance was far off. Jesus said to Peter, "Get thee behind me, Satan; thou art an offense unto me; for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of man." (Matthew 16:23) And Peter was His leader, a precious man. But he was living and speaking in the flesh. Jesus told him he didn't know the things of God but that he knew only the things of the flesh. Jesus also said that if anyone was going to be His disciple, let him deny himself. We are not going to deny ourselves unless we die daily, as St. Paul said. (Earthly people of the flesh would be disappointed with me here this morning. They would say, "We ought to have a hymn. Let's get something going." Well, we have something going that is deep. It is the opposite of the flesh's desire, but it is a joy to the saints. They are delighted to hear and review. This is only a review.)

In Luke 24 the women came early in the morning with spices to the sepulchre to prepare the body of Jesus. That tells us plainly that they didn't know that He was going to rise from the dead. That tells us that there wasn't any anticipation of His resurrection. *They didn't know He was going to rise from the dead, yet they were with Him and heard Him say it. They didn't hear it. We only hear in the church what we have died for.* We can hear the word, but we don't get it in our heart unless the Holy Spirit gets it in there. If the Holy Spirit places it in there it is because we have left all, forsaken all and love everyone. We love everyone in the world as He loves us. We only get in on this revelation as a little child. These things are hidden from the world. We can spend forty years in the study of theology and doctrines and be as blind as a bat or worse. (He says worse.) This comes not by power, not by knowledge, not by might, but it comes by the help of the Holy Spirit. The message is that when it took place the world didn't know it and didn't believe it. And yet many get all excited over the Final Four and similar events, but when it comes to the greatest event of all time, they are

blinded and deaf to it. Not one person perceived it when it occurred.

Now the ones that were coming to the tomb first, did they love Him more? They found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre and they entered in and didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. How disappointed were they? How startled and amazed were they? What happened inside their heart? Take a little walk right now through their mind. Just walk right through the corridor of their minds now. Look at the astonishment and surprise. *They had an unexpectant spirit.* They were much perplexed. (If we haven't obeyed the Holy Spirit in the last few hours, this won't mean very much to us. It will just be a review of history.)

Two angels were standing there and talked to them about this event. When these followers of Jesus saw the angels, they were afraid. They weren't saying, "Glory, glory glory! We are so glad to have you! It is great to behold you!" They bowed down their faces to the earth. (How much can we perceive and hear of the glory of God? If we could only perceive spiritual things. We have worked so hard to achieve earthly attainments. Earth will all be gone after a while. It will all be burned up. The only thing that will remain is our dying daily and obeying continually and loving our neighbor as ourselves. The rest will be consumed.) And then the angels spoke. As the women were at the tomb with their faces to the ground, the angels spoke. They said to these precious followers of Jesus that had not anticipated His resurrection, "*Why seek ye the living among the dead?" Why did they? Why? Hardness of heart.* Not hearing what Jesus said. He said it more than two or three times. They didn't hear what He said. (How much has Jesus spoken to you in the last year or ten years and you didn't get any more out of it than they did. How far do you think we are from the will of God? What is required to be in the will of God? That is all that is going to count. If people have millions and they are highly esteemed it will mean nothing.) The angels said, "He isn't here. He is risen. Remember. Remember? Remember how He spake unto you while He was yet with you in Galilee?"

In Luke 24:6,7 the angels said to the women, "*He is not here, but is risen: remember how He spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee, saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.*" And there wasn't one who remembered it and expected it. Not one? Not until the angel told them did they remember it. When the women gave the story to the apostles it seemed like idle tales and they believed them not. (I am all worked up. Are you worked up? How is your response? How much are we getting out of this? We are getting as much as we have died for. You are as thrilled as that. We can know the story and not possess it in our heart.

It is free and it doesn't cost anything to get it. All it costs is leaving all and obeying the leading of the Holy Spirit. Hallelujah!)

Jesus said to review in the morning, at noon and again in the evening and just before you lie down. Everybody that is in the flesh resents that. I have had friends tell me that for years they resented me. They have said to me, "Every time you reviewed over and over I didn't understand it." They were offended by it. But after years of dying they said, "O, we didn't know it was so important." That touches my heart. This world goes by programs and ideas. Listen, the Holy Spirit doesn't go that way. He leads you at the very moment. The flesh will not listen to the counsel of the Holy Spirit.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord of hosts." (Zechariah 4:6) And it comes when we least expect it. They thought Jesus' coming would be as a great general, a great learned man, but He came in the form of a baby. He was divine. He knew all things. There wasn't anything hidden from Him. He knows exactly what is in you and me. He knows whether we are real or not. But always remember this: if you are walking with Him you won't have many friends. People will love you, but you won't have much fellowship at all. He didn't. He sought it earnestly, didn't He?

On the day Jesus arose from the dead, did anyone know He was going to arise? Was there anyone that was so excited that morning that they didn't know what to do because the grave couldn't hold Him? How many do you think there were that knew it? Jesus had already told the twelve. They had been informed more than once about His coming forth from the grave but they could not perceive what He said. Even when the apostles were informed by the women of His resurrection, they did not believe it. It says in Luke that it seemed like idle tales to them. Are we any different than those apostles were? Only if we have a special work in our heart and have forsaken all and obeyed Him will we have a different response in our hearts.

After Jesus' resurrection, He appeared to two of His followers on the Emmaus Road. And when they reported to the apostles what they had seen, again they did not believe. It is so easy for us to take this for granted and not get worked up inwardly over it at all.

In Mark 16:14 it says, "*Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen Him after He was risen.*" Now these men had left all. They saw the dead raised and the lepers cleansed, the storms and the seas silenced. And He upbraided them because they had such hardness of heart and unbelief. If their heart was hard and had

such unbelief, how about my heart and yours. How far away are we from where we are to be in Him?

As Jesus was on the road to Emmaus with the two travelers, He said, "*O fools and slow of heart to believe!*" (Luke 24:25) How straight was that sermon? "*O fools.*" Who had the bravery to say such a thing to religious people? Have you considered this? How much courage did it take for the Master to say this to people who were His followers? Is that what it says in your Bible? How much of this can we perceive? "*O fools and slow of heart to believe.*"

What is it to believe? How do you believe? Believing is grasping the truth about the subject mentioned. You possess in your mind the truth with great regard and esteem. "*O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself. And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and He made as though He would have gone further. But they constrained Him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And He went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as He sat at meat with them, He took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened.*" Their eyes were not opened until then. *When do you think it will be that our spiritual eyes will be opened?* They didn't know who Jesus was all those hours on that walk to Emmaus.

It says He opened to them all that was written about Him. That is something, isn't it? That would take a while. But they still didn't know Him. Why didn't they? How blind can we be and not know it? Then it goes on to say in Luke 24:32, "*And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the scriptures?*" *They said they had a burning heart. Did they say they had an understanding heart? No. They said, "Our hearts burned."* *How can a heart burn without understanding? What is it in a burning heart that has to take place to bring understanding to us in spiritual revelation?* I have said through the years that if you find anyone that is getting word from God, hang onto their coattails. No one who is in the flesh is interested in that. They want to meet someone who can knock a homerun farther than anyone else. They want to hang onto the persons that are beautiful and can make them laugh. That is what the flesh likes. They don't want to be around anyone that gets word from God. It puts them under conviction and they are miserable. The men and women of this age are working for what they can get here. There is hardly anyone working to do God's will.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if people could really find Jesus in their heart? Wouldn't it be a marvelous thing if they really could? If anybody knows Him they are on fire. They want to tell it. They want to share it. They have to pray for grace to keep quite, if they have the victory.

They knew their hearts burned, but they didn't know to whom to attribute the fire. That is enough sermon if we could grasp it. It would be wonderful if people young and old would really find Jesus today? I mean really find Him. You may have been in church for years without much glory on the soul at all. No power, no light. Some people have had it but it has just faded away because they did not obey God every morning or they resented someone or they talked about someone or they complained about someone. Just as soon as we complain about anybody, right then our love for God is cut off. *"As you have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, you have done it unto me."* (Matt. 25:40) We talk about how much we love God -- but if I talk about anyone to my wife in a negative way, I don't love God at all. But the moment we ask Jesus to forgive us, we are reinstated. We are ready to go again to see if we are really going to love Him and love everybody like He loves us.

Verse thirty-three continues, "And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. And they told what things were done in the way, and how He was known of them in breaking of bread. And as they thus spake, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And He said unto them, Why are ye troubled? And why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when He had thus spoken, He shewed them His hands and His feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, He said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And He took it, and did eat before them. And He said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the Psalms, concerning me."

"Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures." To what extent has your understanding ever been opened or enlightened? How does it feel when He opens to you your understanding? Their understanding had not been opened and they had been with Him several years. "And He said unto them, Thus it is

written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. And He led them out as far as to Bethany, and He lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God." In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

May you be sustained and encouraged today by the grace of God as you press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. We want to be grateful to all of you who have been faithful to help us and to pray for us in these last years. We are thankful for the earnest prayer, sacrifice and the burden you have carried for us in the soul, the mind and the body and for your faithfulness to pray for us. We need physical healing.

We are also thankful for how the Lord has heard your prayers and trust that He will help as you continue to pray for our finances. We are in need of much prayer in this specific area. We would be in debt to the Lord and to you for this mercy, help and blessing in prayer for this need, as well as your obedience in giving. Not many people have the vision anymore of our need in the area of finances. We are trusting Jesus and believing for God to lay it on the hearts of the faithful ones to give as they feel led. We are very thankful and in debt to Jesus for your faithfulness to us and your obedience to the Lord in this area.

May you be strengthened, healed, lifted and have a blessing within your soul that will be helpful and encouraging. We want to express appreciation to all of you. We thank you for your consideration, prayers, perseverance and your listening to His voice. We pray that the precious Holy Spirit will help each of you.

Praise Thee Jesus. We give you all the glory, all the praise and all the honor.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

Loran W. Helm

Rev. Helm requested that the following letters be included for your encouragement. Please be sure to give Jesus all of the praise for everything He has done.

Rev. Helm,

Praise the Lord for His grace and love! I praise God for you and Florence. You are so special to our family. Your faithfulness through the years has been an inspiration to us.

I am certain that the message of self-denial and obedience is the message that I most need to get into my heart. It is there where the victory has come and will come for me. Thank you for being such a pure example to all of us of the self-denied life! We all love you dearly!

Love in Jesus, Don Litchfield

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Helm,

Praise the Lord! Just a note to express thanksgiving for you and your ministry. Your last newsletter on spiritual warfare came to me as I was in the heat of the battle. Praise the Lord! He sent just the supplies and ammunition I needed! After reading your letter, the battle began to fade and dissipate. Praise the Lord! God is faithful. I'm thankful for all God has done through you and the message He has given you for all the church, "Make straight the way of the Lord." Praise God. May all the crooked places be made straight for Him, that He might receive a glorious church without spot, wrinkle or blemish. Hallelujah! I'm thankful the Lord is helping Pastor Schultze to get your message out. His last two newsletters seem to proclaim some of the things God has shown you so wonderfully and they are going out to many parts of the earth. Praise the Lord!

May you both be strengthened, healed, helped and delivered.

Praying for you, Steven Smith

SPECIAL NOTICE

In just a few days, on **May 27th**, Rev. and Mrs. Helm will celebrate sixty-five years together. We thought you might like to join us in sending your thanksgiving to them for their lives of faithfulness and obedience, and for what they have meant to all of us through these years of endeavoring to walk with God. I know that many lives have been wonderfully affected because of their obedience to God's will. They would be so encouraged to hear from each of you on their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary. Praise the Lord.

Please send your cards, greetings and remembrances to:

Rev. and Mrs. Loran W. Helm
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Parker City, Indiana 47368

Thank you.

Revival For Our Day

July 1999

Dear Ones in Christ Jesus, Greetings! Hallelujah! Glory to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We want to thank each of you for your prayers, petitions, and supplications. I am in my eighty-fourth year and am constantly in need of much prayer. So we are grateful for all of you who continue to hold us to the throne of God. We are grateful for all of those who have assisted us, for our staff, and for Stephen and Michelle Carpenter who have helped us with the typing and editing of the newsletter. We are thankful for those who help us at Harmony Press and for what each one of you have done. We want to express gratitude, appreciation and thanksgiving. We give God the praise.

We are thankful for your prayers concerning our financial need. Thank you for your sacrifice, giving, praying and waiting before the Lord.

Praise the Lord for the victory through the precious Blood of Jesus, the sacred Word abiding. "For if ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." (John 15:7) We are to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Thank you for your love and care these many years since RFOD began. Thank you again for your patience with us, your supplications, petitions help and sacrifice. May you be encouraged, strengthened, lifted, blessed, sustained, guided, and directed as you follow in the steps of Jesus of Nazareth, the mighty God of Israel. We give God the praise. Amen.

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I wanted to share a message God gave me a few weeks ago at Parker City Christ Fellowship.

A few days ago I was led to call a widow who had been a widow for only a short time. The Lord had me pray for her. I prayed that the Lord would come and comfort her, that He would give her great strength and courage and take away the loneliness, trials, tests and struggles. I prayed that God would help her in the midnight hour when she would miss him or in the morning when she would awake and see that he is gone. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." (James 1:27)

Then I was led to make another call to another widow who had been a widow for quite a long time. I heard a little bit of sniffling in the middle of the prayer. He helped me, for I did not know how to pray. I was so thankful. If He doesn't help me in prayer or preaching, it is just words. When

I finished the prayer, she said, "O I needed this prayer this evening." Was that worth it? How much was that worth?

Do you pray? Do you really pray? Do you pray until God hears? Can He count on you with your companion for morning or evening prayer together? If I had not pressed to have family prayer, we would have never had it. One of the companions has to press hard. Do you know that it is as difficult for us to have family prayer now as it was sixty-five years ago? Do you think it is easy to have family prayer? Do you know that the flesh of all men doesn't want it?

What is praying? Samuel Morris said, "prayer is talking to my Father." He would pray and pray. The people knew, when he was at Ft. Wayne College in 1892, not to knock but once. Often he would not answer the door, but when he did he would say, "Father and I are through now." When I knelt at his grave fifty or more years ago I had quite an experience.

On April 2, 1943 I reached to get a postcard to write my brother Warren who was in Europe for the war. As soon as I reached that card, right beneath it was a lavender pamphlet that I had received at Taylor University in 1934. The Holy Ghost said, "Read this." The flesh said, "You don't have to read it. You already know what it says." Isn't that something that the flesh would say that I didn't need to read it? Do you know that the flesh is talking to you nearly all of the time? And me too. Do you know that? God said, "Read this." The devil said, "Don't read this, you already know what is in it. And that is sufficient." I said, "Get behind me devil." This was in 1943. The flesh in me didn't want to do it. We can't go by what the flesh puts on our mind or our prayers never will get through.

Prayers don't go through if we have talked about anybody. Our prayers don't go any higher than our head if we have found fault with anyone and haven't asked them to forgive us. Can you hear what I am saying? If we have judged anyone about anything our prayers are null and void. Do you know when your prayers go through? Psalm 24:3,4 says, "Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath cleansed hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his heart unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully."

We are to pray in the Spirit and in divine order. Do you pray in the Holy Spirit? Or do you pray in your like desires and as you feel? I confess that I don't pray very well. I don't pray nearly enough. I don't get through nearly as much as I want to. I prayed

with a man years ago that was perhaps one of the holiest men that ever walked on the earth. He had been blind for twenty years. He couldn't tell whether it was light or dark. I prayed with him many times. When he prayed, he never stopped until the glory fell. When the glory fell, he would be trying to get hold of me. He would say, "O Brother Helm, God is hearing us. Glory! Glory! Glory!" At that time he was seventy-eight years old. I led a testimony meeting at his funeral. The preachers in charge told me I could not. But his daughter said, "O yes. Uncle John said that Brother Loran is to lead a testimony meeting at his funeral." Uncle John was a man of prayer. He told me one time, "Brother Helm, I tell you, I go to the buggy shed three times a day. There are times when I pray by that buggy wheel for an hour, or sometimes longer before the glory falls. Brother Helm, I want to tell you, sometimes before I get there, at ten feet away the glory falls all over me." Do you have an experience like that? God would be glad if we did.

All hell is against praying. Circumstances are against praying. All those who are truly Christian are one. If you are really Christ's completely, you are one with me. There is no Holy Ghost fellowship with a heart that is not pure and loving all the people of the world. If I don't love everyone in the world as He loves me, I would be disobedient. He said, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34) Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could get people all for God? If you could just find a handful anywhere. Do you know where you go to find them? Some of you think I am strange. If you go all for God, you are strange in this world. You will stir up the flesh and the devil. You walk into a restaurant and people will look at you and say, "That is the preacher."

Praying is communion. It is listening as well as speaking. In prayer there is dying. St. Paul said, "I die daily." That means that every twenty-four hours he was dying, not because he had to, but because he chose to. If we are not all for God, we are not going to die and we will not know anything about dying. We must be all for God and all for everyone as much as possible. Prayer is labor. It's work. Prayer is about the greatest work that you will ever be in. It's a privilege. It's a joy. It's a new experience. It's a great experience. How much perseverance does prayer require? Considerable. How much do we hear? Do you know how serious this is? During the years from 1942 through 1946 I would stay on my knees sometimes five hours. My father would say, "Son, you will not always be able to do this. A time is coming when you will not be able to do it." And of course, I agreed. There were a lot of times I tried to pray and I didn't know how. Do you know that you and I don't know how to pray until it is revealed?

We don't know how to pray until He helps us.

Many times when you start praying, the minute you start praying you are at home. You don't want it to end. It is so glorious. It is so wonderful you want it to continue forever. It will only last a little while. That is God's time. When we pray, it is wonderful, but it takes everything we have. I can't let my family interfere with what God wants me to do. My father would say to me, "I want you at my church a certain afternoon." My heavenly Father told me to be in another place. Which was more important? I wasn't a disobedient boy. I obeyed my father and I didn't complain or reprimand him. He lined me up lots of times. I needed it. But when he said to me to be at his church when God wanted me somewhere else, I said, "Daddy, Jesus told me that I am to be at junction 9 and 6." It was a big test.

What happens after death if we have done what we want? Do you know that most people on earth do what they want to do and not what God wants them to do? Is there a half of one percent of all humanity that does God's will absolutely? I doubt it. I have just been on this way for over eighty-two years. I still don't know much about it and am only a beginner. How is it going to be when we get to the judgment and fathers and mothers have not gathered their children in for family prayer? What will happen? How much do you think about being pure and holy? Does it enter your thoughts much how we need to be pure, holy and faithful? I am way behind on mine.

Praying is talking with God. Praying is petitioning the throne. Praying is supplication. Praying is mainly praise. Is that easy on the flesh? No no no. The first zone of prayer is praise. Have you ever been praising Him when the power and the glory would just come down on you? How far behind are we on praise? For many people, prayer is request, asking for something. We tell God so many things we certainly need. But primarily we are to praise the Lord and give Him the glory.

It is by the grace of God that we can make it. By praying (talking to God) and rejoicing. The more you rejoice, the Holy Spirit seems to just open up the skies. Then the glory falls. Hallelujah! Praise God. Praise Jesus! When you talk about prayer, some people would rather talk about how you can make a million dollars or how you can get happy. When you talk about prayer, not many people are really that interested. Just a few. There are not very many people in Christendom who look forward to prayer meeting to pray. Do you come to prayer meeting saying that you want to pray? Does God have a hold of you? Pray until Jesus comes. Pray until the glory falls. Pray until the heart is lifted. Pray until your burdens are gone.

Once while I was recovering from surgery in Memorial Hospital in Logansport, Indiana, I was awakened at 5:30 in the morning and I was crying out for help, for I was in a great deal of pain

following the surgery. Suddenly I knew I had to call someone in Knoxville, Tennessee. I called the hospital receptionist and requested to make a call. When the call went through, Joe, a man who was like a son to me, answered and said, "Dad, my wife has rolled and tossed all night." I started praying and I prayed and cried and I found her first burden. When I located it Betty could tell it in her heart. Then Jesus helped me to find the second burden she was carrying and her husband could tell it in his heart and she said the same. We found forty-two burdens that she was carrying. When I got to the forty-second burden that she was carrying (I don't know how long it took me) Betty said, "I feel as though I have had a night's lodging."

What are the essentials of prayer? What are the requisites of prayer? I haven't talked about that yet. What is a requisite or an essential to pray? Did you know there are requisites in prayer? One of them is sincerity. Another one is honesty. Another is integrity. (That means we stay stable. We don't vary.) Another requisite of prayer is humility. Is that extremely scarce? Do you know very many people who have humility? II Chronicles says that God is waiting for His people to humble themselves. Ezekiel 22:30 says, "And I sought for a man among them that would stand in the hedge and make up the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none." God couldn't find one man in all of His people that He could depend upon.

Humility precedes prayer. What is humility? What is it not? Humility is willing to take the bottom place. It is willing to take what is left. When Samuel Morris (Prince Kaboo) was at Taylor University, the president of the university interviewed him. He asked him, "Prince Kaboo, what room would you like me to assign you to?" Samuel Morris responded, "Do you have a room that nobody else wants? I will take that room, please." The president said he turned his face and wept. He couldn't control it because he was sitting in the presence of a humble heart.

How much humility has been exhibited in your life and my life? Humility is faithful. Humility is submissive. It has a lot of joy in it. Humility is full of true holiness. Humility is the front door to prayer. In fact, it is the only entrance. Everything is in it.

These are just a few thoughts on prayer. I trust that we will be faithful in well doing and not faint, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

We would be grateful for your prayers concerning the upcoming Waiting Upon God this September. Rev. Gregory McBride, Rev. Joseph Nance, Rev. Jerry Keller and Rev. Thomas Young will host the

meetings. I am trusting to be there to do whatever the Lord leads and guides. We haven't been able to go very many places recently, so we are very thankful for all of our dear ones to be able to get together and let the Holy Spirit lead. We want to praise the Lord for His help and direction, because it is only through the help of the Holy Spirit that this can be. We are trusting to have strength to be there; for protection in travel going and coming for each one; for the anointing in the services and that we will be like Jesus; that the light of Christ will shine forth and be obvious to those who are seeking God's will and wanting to do as the Holy Spirit leads. We pray that every soul victory will be for His glory, praise and honor. Thank you for your consideration, for your compassion and dying out to self. We pray that everyone will come to the Waiting Upon God trusting, and not wanting this or that to happen, but will let the Lord lead. Thank you for your devotion, commitment, dedication, understanding and help.

May you be strengthened, healed, lifted and grow spiritually. We need the help of God. We need His healing, encouragement, protection, anointing, and the unction of His presence. We pray for souls to be saved, believers to be sanctified, and for persons to learn how to pray and listen in prayer, how to be thankful and give Him all the glory for everything.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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WAITING UPON GOD

The Lord has led for a Waiting Upon God to be held this year over Labor Day weekend. The meetings are scheduled for September 4th through the 6th (Saturday, Sunday and Monday) at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Lexington, Kentucky. Reservations can be made by calling (606) 231-9000 or toll-free at (800) 333-3333 and asking for the "Christ Fellowship" special room rate of \$65 per night (for up to 4 in each room). Two services are scheduled each day at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (or as the Lord leads otherwise) and an additional meeting for the youth will be from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day.

We are trusting for the Lord to help, and look forward to seeing each of you who will attend. We trust that the Lord will make a way for all that desire to attend these services and wait upon God. May the Lord bless and encourage each of you. Praise the Lord.

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Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We give you praise, blessed Jesus, for the blood that you shed on Calvary and for the work of the Holy Spirit in the kingdom of God. "Christ in you, the hope of glory." Even though we have had much tribulation, trials, battles and struggles and storms, thou has helped us so sweetly.

Jesus, thank you for the way that you lead and guide, bless, direct, reveal, lift, heal, restore and bring forth in light just what we need. Hallelujah! Praise thee Jesus for the privilege of speaking to thy people about doing thy will and walking in the light as thou art in the light, that we may have fellowship one with another and your blood cleanses us from all sin. As this letter goes out, Heavenly Father, I pray it will be sanctified. We need the power of the Holy Spirit, the fire of thy grace and holiness. We are in desperate need in the world, the nation, the community and our hearts. It is urgent, for you told us there would be a famine of the word of the Lord and the work of the Holy Spirit. Our world is so lost and we are in such upheaval in society, unless we have a revival there will be calamity and collapse, unless we turn to thee. In Jesus' Name. Amen

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In all my sixty plus years of walking with God, I have never found many who would really obey Him or give testimony about the joy of the Lord and how the Lord has blessed them and led them that day. I have never met many in the church world that are balanced spiritually, who tell about the sweetness of Jesus, the glory of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost and how the Holy Spirit leads. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." (Romans 8:14)

1 Peter 4:12 says, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you." In Acts 14:22, the apostles confirmed the souls of the disciples and told them that, "We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God."

I looked in the dictionary to see what the word tribulation meant. Tribulation is: "severe affliction, distress, trial and hardship." That is what I have been in for many years and the apostles were telling the disciples that they must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God. Yet, I hear programs on television and they say that all we must do is confess Jesus and we have eternal life. This has been quite a concern to me. So we trust that the Lord will deal with the hearts of the people on our mailing list. There are many who do not read the newsletter, but throw it in the trash when they receive it. I have felt that way for about two to three years. We get so many things in the mail and

we can't possibly read all of it. So I pray that the Holy Spirit will deal with every heart on the mailing list that they will be aware that we need to seek first the kingdom of God. For the Bible tells us that in the last days there will be a falling away. I have never met very many people who want to tell how Jesus has helped them today, this week, last week, last month or last year. Not many people have much victory. This is a concern because if we don't have the victory we are not going to witness on our own. We will have to be prompted to witness. This is important because Revelation 12:11 tells us that we overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. If we haven't got the victory, we aren't testifying, we aren't overcoming. We pray that everyone will be encouraged to be obedient. I know I have failed many times, so I ask for forgiveness. Thank you Jesus for the victory and the light that you gave me last night. In Jesus' name.

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Dear ones, I want to thank Jesus for the experience that I had last night with my wife when I was reading to her some letters we received from a dear brother by the name of Richard Sanchez. He has written us for the past five or six years from one to five letters a week. Last night was one of the most wonderful times I have ever had reading these letters. As I read them I was so encouraged. They were such an inspiration to us, and when I finished reading them, it seemed like I had just been converted. It seemed as though I was in such light and sweetness that I couldn't explain it to my wife or anyone. I can hardly describe how wonderful it was. It inspired and lifted me in light. God came upon me.

To give you a little background about Richard, he was led by Jesus to walk about a mile to a friend's home where he lived in Holbrook, Arizona. When he went into the home, the room he was in had book shelves with quite a number of books on them. He looked up and saw a book he had never seen before, and there was a light all around it. It was illuminated. That book was A Voice in the Wilderness. He asked them, "Where did you get this book?" They did not even know they had it, nor when or how they got it. They didn't have any idea. So he asked if he could take the book home with him and they said yes. So he took it home and has read it somewhere between five and twenty times. The Lord has blessed him and worked through him since his conversion and he has endeavored to witness to people. At the present time, he is in Kokomo, Indiana at the Christian Fellowship. I didn't know that when I read his letters this week that it would seem as though I was in light and had just been converted. The first letter reads as follows:

"Dear Loran and Florence, Praise Jesus who doeth all things well. I want to thank the Lord for helping me not to complain on my job. I work in a place where people come and go so fast. Just about everyone there complains and murmurs and criticizes. I have been praying not to do this, but to be thankful to God that I have a job and that Jesus died for me and arose. God has been helping me to be grateful and not to complain. It is a great thing to endeavor to be a light at your workplace, but I am finding that it takes much pressing and determination. I pray to live a sanctified life, to be filled with God's Holy Spirit and to be faithful and to obey God in every situation. I thank Jesus for His help and plead the blood and give Jesus the praise."

"I thank the Lord for your lives of encouragement and for being faithful when it seemed sometimes that you were pressed above measure. So, by God's grace, Jesus has helped me and I know it is because Jesus has helped you. I give Him the praise. May you continue to shine as lights in the world."

The next letter that he wrote says, "Glory to God, to the resurrected One. I am having a great time thanking and praising the Lord about the upcoming Waiting Upon God. We are trying to pray much for it at the Kokomo Christian Fellowship. Everyone who has been there before is excited about it. We are trying to tell the ones who have never been how great it is to be present. We are so encouraged that God wants another Waiting Upon God. We are praying for strength and healing and protection for you. God's grace be with you and grant our prayers to be answered for you. Yours in Christ."

When I read these letters to my wife last night, it was such a help that it cannot be described. It is a mystery. The Lord has so marvelously lifted me in light. Lately there have been such severe trials and afflictions, distress, aggravation, buffetings and upheavals. I have prayed these past few years that the Lord would see fit to give me a spiritual dream. I heard Benny Hinn preaching a few nights ago and he was speaking about how God speaks to us in dreams and visions. I thought how wonderful it would be if God would give me a spiritual dream. After reading these letters, I came into my room and that night God gave me a dream. I was going down Main Street in Parker City toward the North, approaching Highway 32. It seemed in this dream that I had met John Wayne on the road there and I said to him, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." He said to me in the dream, "Now look here, don't tell me that." It was a wonderful experience how God helped me to have this privilege in a dream to say to John Wayne, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." (John Wayne represents the mindset of most men in America. They don't want to be told they are to have the mind of Christ.) We don't want

the carnal, reprobate mind, but the mind of Jesus, so that He can lead, guide and direct us. It was an answer to my prayer last night to have a spiritual dream. It gave me some encouragement and lifted me in light. It seems the devil has fought so severely lately in accusations and buffetings trying to convince me that I am lost and that there is no hope for me. But we must all go through these things in order to enter into the kingdom of God. When I first read the scripture in Acts 14:22 relating to tribulation, I was amazed and surprised.

This past Wednesday evening the Lord enabled me to attend the service. During the service, Jesus told me that Michael Lampl was going to pray. That afternoon he and I were together and shared. I prayed with him and I prayed pretty hard. Then in service the Lord led for him to pray. Afterward, the Lord revealed that he was to sing number sixty three on his list of songs. When I told him, he went to find his list to see what it was. When he looked, it was the song that he had talked to me about that afternoon. Michael was all stirred up. I had no way of knowing unless the Holy Spirit was to reveal it. He was overwhelmed and we were too. Hallelujah. I was thankful that the Lord was so merciful to tell me that Michael was to sing this song. He sang it under the anointing. It was a song he had composed a number of years ago. Then after he prayed, I had another leading of the Holy Spirit for Robert Abraham to pray. Tyler Garth told me that when Robert prayed it just went through him and helped him and lifted him. It was so precious. It doesn't often happen that someone is in order. I have been trying to find people who would live close enough to God to be in divine order because we can get out of order when we pray or testify and bring the service down to nothing. But if we pray or testify in the Spirit, it blesses, lifts, feeds and encourages each heart. The service was so precious. When I got home, I was lying in bed around midnight saying, "O God, when will we ever be in another meeting like tonight?" It was so much to be grateful for.

That same evening God gave me a message that I would like to share with you. In Matthew 14:12,13 it says, "**And his disciples (of John the Baptist) came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus. When Jesus heard of it, He departed.**" How would you feel? One of the great prophets of all time beheaded. When Jesus heard of it, what was He feeling and thinking in his heart and mind? It says, "When He heard it, He departed." There is a lot in Jesus' hearing and departing here. If I could get it all out, it would help each of us a great deal. Would you have been pretty devastated if you had heard it? You on our mailing list, would you have been devastated when you heard that one of your great loved ones was beheaded? When Jesus heard about it, He departed. When you depart, you have to be going somewhere. Where was He

going? What was His destination? What would have been yours or mine? (That operates in my heart and kind of hurts a little.) The first thing He did was to get into a ship. Where was He going? It was to a desert place. Verse thirteen says, "**When Jesus heard of it, He departed thence by ship into a desert place apart.**" It says that He is going to a desert place apart. He has been on the sea and He is now come to a desert place that is along the seashore.

Verse thirteen goes on to say, "**And when the people had heard thereof, they followed Him on foot out of the cities.**" They all heard that Jesus was in a desert place. It is a marvel to me how they heard about that. How did these people, without television, newspaper or radio, hear that Jesus was there in a desert place? It says it was a great multitude. They followed Jesus on foot out of all these cities. Verse fourteen says, "**and Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.**" It was a great multitude, not a small group. Remember, He is in a desert place and they have come out of many cities to be with Him. When He saw them, He was moved with compassion.

May I ask you, dear ones, as you read this letter, how much compassion do you have? Am I compassionate? Are you compassionate? What is compassion? How do we get it? I try to teach people about visiting hospitals. A lot of people go (when they shouldn't go). When we go, we should go softly, quietly. When I was in the hospital in 1954 I was in such suffering that, if someone would open the front door all the way downstairs, it would go right through me. You have to suffer to have compassion. Compassion comes out of great love as well as great suffering. If we haven't suffered, we are not very compassionate. We are compassionate in proportion to our suffering. Often, suffering teaches us more than about anything else. Is that surprising? It is amazing. When we go into where sick people are, we should talk at a whisper because there may be people in the rooms we pass that are in such suffering that our words will pierce them like an arrow. But if you haven't suffered, you won't know anything about that. I never enjoyed suffering very much, but it is through this that we get to compassion and love those that are sick, by quietness, few words, tenderness and gentleness.

So Jesus saw the great multitude and was moved with compassion. How does compassion move you? How does it stir you? How does it help you? How does compassion lift you, or teach you? What does compassion convey to you, dear one? Are you taught by suffering? Are you taught by insights that Jesus gives you through the Holy Spirit working in you in inner agony and travail and burden? It is

interesting that Jesus was moved with compassion. He is moved toward the great multitude and they are moved when Jesus speaks because, when Jesus speaks, the tempter's power is broken. The night is turned into day. The heaviness in our hearts melts away and He brings in such rest.

"And Jesus healed their sick." How long did that take? There were five thousand men besides women and children. Wouldn't you have loved to be there? It would be so wonderful if all that Jesus has done could be written down – all the diseases, sicknesses, hurts, growths, troubles in all parts of the body. You take a group of several thousand people and there are generally a lot of people with all types of things wrong with them, nearly everything that is in the body. "And He healed their sick."

I was recently thinking of Daniel Light, when he found out months ago that he had a tumor in the brain. We were all shocked. It was a good size tumor in the left side of the brain. Of course, a lot of prayer was made and they went in there to get it out. They had to saw the skull. The physicians had to be very careful. It was not a small growth. But through it all, he had such a spiritual experience with it that it is quite amazing. He was able to be in the wedding of Steven Classpell and his precious wife Erin. They said that Daniel's prayer was so marvelous and his testimony was so outstanding that it was a lot to praise Jesus for.

Well, here we see Jesus and the multitude. I don't know how long the service lasted with this multitude. There is one account in the Synoptic writings that says it lasted all day. And in one account it lasted three days. This all happened because Jesus departed, because He heard something and responded. No doubt, He spoke, He preached and He healed.

There wasn't any running water there or bathrooms. There were thousands of people but no buildings nearby, for they were in a desert place. There weren't any chairs or couches or mattresses to rest on. "**And Jesus healed their sick.**" Then evening came. Hours had come and gone. Verse fifteen says, "**And when it was evening, His disciples came to Him.**" After all these hours, His disciples came to Him. They had a request to make, didn't they? They asked Jesus to do something. Have you ever asked Jesus to do something? What do you think about it, you and I telling Jesus what to do? Do you think it is good? Do you think it is wise?

In the fifteenth verse, they said to Jesus, "**This is a desert place, and the time is now past: send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals.**" Send the multitude away. Dear ones, what is this happening? The disciples told Jesus to send the multitude, these

thousands, away. And they were in a desert place. They are requesting that the multitude be sent away. Where is away? They said to send them away. Where is that dear ones? The disciples said, "The time is NOW past." How far was it to the town where they were being sent? This is what they requested and wanted Jesus to do. What did Jesus do when they told Him what to do?

Jesus said to the disciples in verse sixteen, "**They need not depart.**" O my! That is great. He said they didn't need to depart from there, even though they were in a desert place and had been there for hours. They had nowhere to lie down, nowhere to rest, no running water, no dining room and no food. And Jesus tells the disciples, "**They need not depart; give ye them to eat.**" The followers of Jesus are to feed the flock. Can you see that?

The disciples said in verse seventeen, "**We have here but five loaves, and two fishes.**" Jesus told them to bring them to Him, and to just have the multitude to sit down. And they sat down. It's a marvel to me how they got them all to sit down. Have you ever sat down in a desert place? He commanded them to sit down on the grass. Praise the Lord for the grass in this desert place. Isn't that unusual? Not chairs, not pews, not couches, but they sat on the grass. And then verse nineteen says, "**Jesus took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, He blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to His disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.**" This would have taken quite a bit of organization, to distribute all of this to five thousand men, besides women and children. Have you thought about the discomfort and the stress involved here, being in a desert place. It was probably hot. It is something to consider, isn't it?

Verse twenty says, "**And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.**" The Hebrew in this verse means that they gorged. Imagine this feast that they had with Jesus and the taste that He would have put in that bread and fish. It would have been an adventure in flavor and tastiness. And after they ate they gathered up twelve baskets. They had everything they wanted and still had twelve baskets left over.

Verse twenty-one says, "**And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.**" We are in the midst of a miracle, a marvel of the supernatural. Jesus did it for His glory and praise. The multitude was satisfied.

So here is the multitude. They are all filled and satisfied. Where is Jesus going and where are the disciples going now? The multitude will return home? How inspired were they as they traveled home? How light were they? How happy were

they? How strong were they? How delighted were they? How blessed were they? How well in body, soul and mind were they? It was a great experience, wasn't it? Praise the Lord.

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Thank you for praying for us. Our need is very, very great. When we started out in 1941 and left all to go with Jesus, we didn't have any place to live until God led. We didn't have any income or anyone to help me and I was told that I would never make it, that I wouldn't have any finances. Where was my finance going to come from at that time, for I just had a few people that I knew? The Lord would send in money to pay my rent and food and travel. I didn't have any salary and I didn't know where any of it was going to come from. Not a penny. I gave my last three cents in Rev. Field's church at the Church of the Nazarene in Hartford City. I had preached for Rev. Field the previous Wednesday night. I had a wife and three children to feed and all of this responsibility. That afternoon a man took me to a church I had never been to before and when I got there, the pastor told me I had the message for that night. He had been trying to find the message all day and he could not get anything at all. But when I got there, the Lord told him I had the message. I said, "Well, by God's grace." I preached that night. I had no money for the next day. None. And I had a wife and three children to feed. When I finished preaching I wanted to go to the door and shake hands but the Lord told me to sit down on one of the pews. I sat down and here came a person to shake hands with me, and they put something in my hand. So I sanctified it on my knees and put it in my pocket. Then came another person, so I got down on my knees and sanctified what they gave me and put it in my pocket. Then came another person and did the same thing. I don't know how many people came up to shake hands with me to tell me how much they appreciated the message and left me a little offering. I didn't know what I had. But when I arrived home and got in my bedroom I began to take the money out of my pocket and I had twenty-seven dollars and some cents. A dollar in those days would now be worth around twelve. So that would be equivalent now to over three hundred dollars. I was then able to get some bread, meat and milk the next day for my family because we had nothing to eat in our house.

Praise the Lord. I trust that somehow the Lord will lay it upon the dear ones who are reading this letter of our need. We are in our eighty-fourth year. I have talked to several ministers recently, and they don't know of any minister in his eighty-fourth year that is conducting meetings. The Lord has been merciful. It will only be by His mercy that I will be able again to conduct a service like last Wednesday evening. It was so precious, His mercy to us. I trust that you will pray for our finances, for our

finances have fallen off quite considerably. I want my staff to have their paychecks first. There are some who wanted me to have it first, but the Bible says that if you see someone in need and you don't have compassion, how dwelleth the love of God in you? How much of God is in your heart? I have so little. I need God's presence and indwelling more than anyone else. I knew that when I was twenty-five years of age, and it hasn't changed. I have got to have help all of the time in my soul, my mind and my body. So if you could pray and find out what the Lord would have you to do, we would be in debt to Jesus for it. We would be unworthy of it. I want to ask you to forgive me for not praising the Lord enough for what you have already sacrificed. It has been fifty-six years since I left the pastorate. Brother Emory Reece started Revival For Our Day in 1962. And that is the way we have lived, by the race of God, through you helping us, all the dear ones we have found in various parts of the United States.

I also wanted to mention that the old-time preachers used to preach that we should never go by feeling because feelings will fool us. It is not wise to go by any physical operation because the enemy can copy it and repeat it. It is best to go by faith and by the work of the Holy Spirit and by the word of God. I am thankful that we can praise Him, give Him all the glory and rejoice. "Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian! Lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ your king!" "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice." "Rejoice evermore and in everything give thanks." Hallelujah! We are grateful for the peace and the joy that He gives to the obedient, trusting heart that walks in the light as He is in the light, that we may have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His son, cleanseth us from all sin." Praise the Lord for His mercy and His word that endureth forever and the Blood that will never lose its power. Hallelujah.

Thank you for helping us and praying for us, for lifting us to the Throne and sacrificing and waiting upon the Lord. "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." (Isaiah 40:31) In Jesus' name we thank you. Please pray for Florence and me in our bodies, minds and souls. We are grateful to you. May you be blessed and helped, and as you give, may it be returned to you three-fold. Praise the Lord! Hallelujah! Glory! And we will be in debt to Him for it. We know we are unworthy.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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Rev. Helm wanted the following letters to be included in the newsletter. He asked that you be sure to give Jesus all of the praise for what He has done.

Dearest Rev. & Mrs. Helm,

Good morning, in Jesus' wonderful name. I am so thankful for you and your lives of obedience. Also I am so thankful for your wonderful family. I was sharing with my dear friend on the phone yesterday, Linda (Bellamy) Hill, that if it were not for your ministry and teaching, I cannot even imagine, or think where I would be. Honestly, my words are so limited and unable to express the great love and appreciation for you. Truly my life has changed since we met over 20 years ago. Jesus is to be praised. My heart's desire is to continue to be faithful and to pray for you and your family each day of my life. I know I fall short many times, but please know how much I love you and am thankful for you. You see, the sound and balanced teaching that you have so beautifully displayed to us over these many years, has been the difference for me to see truth in existence. My heart so longed for someone who was truly following God, for the joy in the Lord that was genuine, for the Love that covers all sin. Thank you so much for this example. Praise be to God!!! The most special times in my life have been when we have been with you in services. I am so thankful and excited for the meetings in Lexington, I am praying and trusting to be there. I wish so much I could be closer to help you in some way. Please know that you are greatly loved. If there is anything I can ever do for you, please let me know. I again want to say how much I love you both and am thankful for you. With lots of love and prayers,

Karen Hoftey

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Helm,

Praise the Lord! Thank you for your phone call. We were sorry that we missed you, but were thankful for the message on the machine. I have been reviewing the things of God concerning camp and the importance of what we have learned. I want to Praise God for all that we have learned through your ministry. When I was thinking of Brian Freeman, I began to be so thankful for this year's camp. Then, I began to look farther back. You know when Pastor Dan left to go to West Palm, there was some question about whether we were to continue to have camp or not. Some felt that camp should end. The year before when we were talking about going back to Shakamak, I had the feeling that it wasn't going to be. So, based on that, I was one who felt that maybe we weren't to have camp anymore. (It could have been that Jesus was just showing me that it wasn't going to be the same. Not that it wasn't going to be.) Anyway, because

Mike had the vision of Fellowship Youth Camp and felt so strongly that it was to go on (and because of some prayerful support and encouragement from Jonny & Mary Light), the board agreed to continue with camp. When I knew how strongly he felt, that was good enough for me. What if we hadn't?

If we had not had camp in 1998, we would not have had camp in 1999. Another thing, it was because of the teaching to love the people that the campground workers made it possible for us to get the camp in 1999. What if we hadn't loved the people as we were taught to do? We wouldn't have had the camp in 1999. We wouldn't have been there from July 4th to the 9th. Brian Freeman would not have recommitted his life to Jesus. How important is it? It is someone's soul in eternity with Jesus. Praise the Lord!!!! If not one other thing came from camp, this one thing makes it worth it all. Thank you Jesus!!

We love you very much! I wanted you to know how much you were a part of his salvation. It is what we have learned through you that helps us to love the people – and to press through to do God's will.

In His Love, Kathy Douglas

MAILING LIST UPDATE

We are once again in the process of updating the RFOD mailing list. If you or anyone you know of would like to be added (or deleted) to our list in order to receive these letters, please send their name and complete mailing address to:

Revival For Our Day, Inc.
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Parker City, Indiana 47368

WAITING UPON GOD

The Lord has led for a Waiting Upon God to be held this year over Labor Day weekend. The meetings are scheduled for September 4th through 6th (Saturday, Sunday, and Monday) at the Radisson Plaza Hotel located at 369 West Vine Street in Lexington, Kentucky. Two services are scheduled each day at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (or as the Lord leads otherwise) and an additional meeting for the youth will be from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day.

The response has been greater than expected. As of this writing, the Radisson has indicated that no additional rooms are available. If you have reserved a room and are not able to attend, please call to release your room. Reservations for the Radisson can be made by calling (606) 231-9000 or toll-free at (800) 333-3333 and asking for the

"Christ Fellowship" special room rate of \$65 per night (for up to 4 each room). Rev. Joe Nance is making arrangements to secure additional rooms at the Radisson and at the Hyatt across the street (connected by a skywalk). For more information, call (423) 457-5417 Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

We are trusting for the Lord to help and look forward to seeing each of you. Praise the Lord.

TRAVEL BY AIR:

The Lexington Airport (Bluegrass Field) is located approximately 5.5 miles from the hotel where we will be meeting. A shuttle service is normally provided by the hotel to and from the airport that runs once an hour from 6:00 a.m. until 12:00 midnight daily. In addition, a hotel courtesy phone is located in the airport at which, upon arrival, you may call and request special pickup. (The Hyatt may have similar arrangements.)

If you are driving from the airport, turn left onto Man O' War Boulevard. At the next traffic light, turn right onto Route 60 (Versailles Road), which will take you downtown, where the road will fork to the right and become a one-way street (Maxwell Street). Take Maxwell to the first light and turn left onto Broadway and get in the far right lane. Turn right at the second light (Vine Street) and the Radisson parking garage and hotel entrance will be immediately on your left.

TRAVEL BY INTERSTATE:

Lexington is located at the intersection of Interstates 64 and 75. The two highways merge at one point to form 64 and 75 simultaneously. Therefore, regardless of the direction from which you are driving, everyone may take Exit 115 (Route 922/Newtown Pike). From the exit ramp, travel south approximately three miles. As you approach the downtown area, you will cross some railroad tracks. Turn left at the next traffic light onto Route 25 South (Main Street). After about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, Main Street will fork to the right and become a one-way street (Vine Street). Stay in the left lane and continue through the next traffic light (at Broadway). The Radisson parking garage and hotel entrance will be immediately on your left. (The Hyatt is across the street.)

Revival For Our Day

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Dear ones in the Lord Jesus our Savior: We thank you for your prayers and supplications. We praise God for all who are striving to follow Jesus by denying self. As we die to self and obey the Holy Spirit, He is able to crucify us of the carnal nature that we may become one as God and Jesus are one. In St. John 12:32 Jesus was referring to a corn of wheat falling into the earth and dying before it brings forth a harvest. He said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." The Son of God was first lifted up from the earth when cruel hands nailed Him to a rude cross where He bled and died that we might be forgiven. Through His precious Blood He saves us. Praise God that Jesus is able to transform souls into His likeness.

In order for Jesus to be lifted up spiritually to the world today, it is urgent that each blood-washed believer follows Jesus faithfully. It is expedient that we are submissive and surrendered to God's will completely. To do God's will is simply to follow Jesus like a little child, to put Him first in all areas of our life and to witness faithfully. I believe that only as we are obedient to the Holy Spirit in all of these areas is the lifting up of Christ in operation. Jesus is lifted by the Holy Spirit when we follow faithfully in self-denial and obedience, assuming the cross, being cleansed of the carnal nature and these evils which so easily beset us to hurt and hinder others. "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanseth us from all sin." (I John 1:7) So it is through His death on the cross, by His holy blood, by the precious Holy Spirit leading and guiding, by His sacred word as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, that we are able to see Jesus lifted.

I believe the most supreme lift of Christ to the world will occur when His followers become one. That is why the enemy fights so hard against oneness. Jesus prayed, "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth...**That they all may be one;** as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, **that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.**" (John 17:19-21) The enemy is always at work to cause division, not unity. That is right, isn't it? The strength of the church depends upon our unified effort. Any time the enemy is allowed to sow discord and division among any of God's people, it paralyzes their power. Have you found this to be true? I have.

Another scripture that has been on my heart is in Malachi, chapter three, verse sixteen: "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it." This goes right along with oneness. Can you see how it just fits right in there with it? Where there is no fear of God

or the love of God, there are a lot of questions and a lot of explanations required—wanting to know why people do this and why they do that. Where there is fear of God there is the surrendered life that does not want to malign or criticize people. Where there is fear of the Lord there is no criticism and no faultfinding. Where the lack of fear exists there is quite a bit of murmuring and complaining, and the scriptures tell us: "Do all things without murmurings and disputings: that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world." (Phil. 2:14,15)

When there is fear of God, complaining, fault finding and judging do not exist. To judge one another is sin. When one casts a judgment toward a person it grieves the Holy Spirit and it is evidence that we have not sufficiently learned to love and fear God. Jesus said, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." Now if we have little fear of God, we will be likely to talk about the weaknesses of others and why they decide to do this and why they don't do as we feel they should do.

Also, when we have no fear of God, there is pressure and there is a dictatorial spirit. This spirit wants to have the reigns and wants to direct. If one who has this spirit doesn't get his way in directing, then there are problems. And persons do not enjoy being around anyone who maligns or complains or murmurs. Very intelligent persons, if they are not careful, can become critical and judgmental and cause the body to be parted and separated, because that kind of spirit will scatter the sheep and crush the lambs.

When we fear the Lord we do not try to give people directions. The carnal mind wants to give directions. The spiritual mind blends and yields, is surrendered and desires to do God's will and not put a stress upon workers or family members, church persons or individuals near them. This kind of spirit causes unhappiness and is a merciless spirit. Where the spirit of God reigns, the heart is full of mercy and good fruits.

Now it is a constant battle for numbers of individuals to be cleansed of these weaknesses in the carnal nature. Any and all of us are likely to fall into this pitfall unless we pray much and obey humbly and faithfully. I am the weak one. There is a way that God always makes for those who yield, surrender and trust with all their heart. The trusting heart fears God and tries not to cause confusion or frustrate others, but rather brings healing and encouragement to those they are with. Persons who fear God and love God always bring strength and help to others, but those who don't fear God do the

reverse. At times they are not aware of it and wonder why so many things are not working out as they had hoped.

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

"And above all these [put on] love and enfold yourselves with the bond of perfectness—which binds everything together completely in ideal harmony. And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from the Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts—deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds - [in Christ's] one body you were also called [to live]. And be thankful—appreciative, giving praise to God always. Let the word [spoken by] the Christ, the Messiah, have its home (in your hearts and minds) and dwell in you in [all its] richness, as you teach and admonish and train one another in all insight and intelligence and wisdom [in spiritual things, and sing] psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, making melody to God with [His] grace in your hearts." (Col. 3:11-16, Amplified) As we meditate on this scripture and review it from time to time, it will assist us in maintaining unity and oneness within the Body of Christ, for which our dear Savior prayed.

This comes by the work of the Holy Spirit only as we follow, not by anything that we could do ourselves. In every life of obedience and surrender, there is praise and adoration of the Holy Trinity. There is a walk by faith in the Word of God, running with patience the race set before us, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Heb. 12:2) "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." (I Pet. 4:12,13) "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." (Gal.6:9) It is so wonderful when Jesus is lifted. He is lifted not by any strength or ability of ours, but in the life of a

child-like, surrendered follower who prefers others, who rejoices in difficulties, who does not put stress on his or her family, church or neighbor.

Be encouraged that we are to trust in the Lord with all our heart: not leaning to our own understanding, but acknowledging Christ in all of our ways and He promises that He shall direct our path. The Holy Spirit is able to direct our paths through the Word of God and as we wait upon Him in prayer. We are to hold steady and allow Him to guide us and direct us. May each of you be strengthened by the might of Christ in the inner man through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We are thankful for how the Lord was so merciful to help us at the Waiting On God. We want to express appreciation for all that each of you did to make this possible. My wife was so blessed, and it was only by the mercies of Jesus, the faithfulness of God, that we could make it. It is not an easy thing to travel when you are in your eighties. So we give Jesus all of the glory and all of the praise for His help, blessing, guidance, direction and leading. Thank you all for what you have done and for your help and prayers, intercessions and supplications. We are very needy. We want to be appreciative of each person who prays and assists and helps even when we are not aware of it. For every assistance, we give God glory and praise, asking that He will return a blessing that only He could give.

We give God praise and Jesus glory and honor for all that He has done and all that He is going to do. We pray that each of you will be encouraged and strengthened in Jesus.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm
Loran W. Helm

The two following writings are summaries of some of the ways the Lord blessed us in the recent Waiting on God in Lexington, Kentucky.

The Waiting on God held on Sept. 4, 5, and 6 was, I believe, a great blessing to all who attended. We should be very thankful for the vision that God gave the four Pastors, Rev. Gregory McBride, Rev. Jerry Keller, Rev. Joe Nance and Rev. Thomas Young, and for the wisdom given by God in carrying out that vision.

God helped them to flow together with Rev. Helm in leading the services. When Rev. Helm became weary, they were able to pick up the responsibility smoothly and lead us on in God's design for that time. This was done with respect for the calling on

Rev. Helm along with the desire to relieve him of having to carry the pressure of the entire meeting.

It was very apparent that God hasn't left or forsaken us. God's Spirit was evidenced as greatly as in the past. The people in attendance maintained the things taught to us by Rev. Helm through the years regarding carefulness and caution during the services, yet there was tremendous freedom in the Spirit.

Rev. Helm brought messages from Luke 15:11-31 concerning the prodigal son and the elder brother in ways not ever before quite like them.

Edgar Martin was greatly anointed as he preached from Luke 12:31-40. We were reminded that God wants to use us for revival, that Holy Ghost Awakening is coming, and that God doesn't want us to miss it, but rather get in on it. We are called to be servants and to be a part of one another. Our churches are to be lights burning in our community.

In another message, he reminded us that God called Moses, Elijah and John the Baptist and He has called Rev. Helm. God will help him to fulfill his calling through his life, and through those to whom he has ministered directly and indirectly. We were encouraged to hold on and keep going because we are at the brink of the fulfillment of the prophets. We can be a part of divine activity and divine history.

Gregory McBride shared his heart as he preached from Acts 14:22. He did a wonderful job as he alerted us to the fact that we can expect trouble to come to those pressing into the Kingdom of God. He also shared that we have an identity as a people God has found. We need to be careful not to be caught up in other things. God wants to use this group of people. Paul was stoned and left for dead, but he was alive. We need to be careful who we leave for dead. Be faithful, press in prayer, and love all people. He said we should hang with this people of God who were found one by one by the divine leadership of God.

God was able to speak in a timely way through these men to our need in RFOD. "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." (Proverbs 25:11) (These messages can only be truly appreciated and grasped by hearing them in their entirety. Tapes are available.)

The last service was opened for sharing of Scriptures and testimonies.

God gave Mrs. Helm unusual physical strength to enable her to be in each morning and evening service. We must praise God for this work of mercy. To see her so greatly encouraged and free was a help to all of us who love her and to whom

she is such a blessing. Rev. Helm was encouraged and lifted also. Surely their being lifted is reason enough to rejoice over these meetings.

My personal opinion is that the relaxed scheduling was good because it gave opportunity for fellowship with one another. There was great need for sharing God's love together at this particular time.

God is good to grant this help, and we praise Him for all He was able to do in our hearts during these days together. We thank Him for what our hearts heard, and for renewed love and commitment to Rev. Helm and each other. There is more that will come out of these meetings than we know. Surely grace and strength to press on in faithfulness to the challenging Word from God was given to every hungry, receptive heart.

Forrest and Mary Jane Richey

I got so much help at the Waiting! It was almost like I lived my whole life in one weekend, I changed so much. I never really knew how much help I needed until it was given to me.

This was the first year for Youth services at the Waiting on God and I would not have missed it for the world. The love in the room was tremendous. Never before have I seen such a light abounding from young people. I went to sit by myself and a sweet voice said, "Will you sit with me?" The voice belonged to Jessica Cyrus. From then on we were inseparable. The best of friends the moment we met, something just clicked and I knew it was right. She helped me so much, I don't even think she realizes the little ways she witnessed to me. Her true unconditional love of Him was a major one. She taught her trust to me because by the end of the weekend I was telling her, "If God wants it to be, it will be." That is something that I wholly and totally believe. I know God will take care of me.

I met so many special young people. 'Friends for life' I like to call them. Words can't adequately describe the sweet spirit and calling I saw on so many of them. They over flowed with pure love for Jesus and we never tired of talking about it. Traits that will only get stronger as they grow in the Kingdom.

During the Saturday night service I was asked to help with the children's church. I was so excited because I love children. They have a freedom of love I don't see in most adults. I remember seeing a little girl bent in prayer with her hands clasped and head bowed, and thinking it was one of the most beautiful sights I have ever seen. Things worked out so well in that children's service that I was

asked to come back on Monday morning.

A couple of hours before the last Youth service there was an unorganized Youth meeting that was indescribably beautiful. We sang and prayed and it was just what I needed. The songs were real and touching and the prayers were heartfelt. I was afraid I would be called on to pray because I didn't think I could say thank you to Him adequately enough. And so the last Youth meeting came and went. We loved, laughed and prayed. Hearts were touched and lives were changed. I know mine was. The time had come to say our good byes and take what we had learned home. It was an experience of a lifetime and I look forward to many more.

I will leave you with one final thought for you to bring home: "May the Son rise in your heart and shine on your face", as said to me by a friend.

Diane Elisabeth Miller

Rev. Helm also received the following letter. Please be sure to give God all of the praise for what He has done.

Dear Rev. & Mrs. Helm,

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus our Savior and Lord. I'm so thankful for the both of you. You have been a source of inspiration, hope, and a light in the darkness through the years.

I attended my first one day Waiting on God in 1969 as a guest of Rev. J.R. Boggs and Maxine. I've attended most of the Waitings on God since then. There have been so many changes in 30 years. Precious ones have gone to be with Jesus and I miss them, but I'm thankful for the memories.

When I arrived at the Radisson on Friday, 9-3-99, as I got quiet I could feel a pull like a magnet lifting strongly, but gently in my heart and spirit. This lift lasted several hours and joy came in underneath. In the first session, "Love Lifted Me" was sung. I felt like I was "at home", "in the right stall", and part of this great family. I felt acceptance, love, and equality, yet I knew so few of the faces.

I'm so thankful for the messages on the man with two sons, Edgar Martin's message, Greg McBride's sermon, and the exhortation by Mrs. Helm. I'm thankful for the young men whom God could work through to lead us, and especially for God giving you strength to be in the meetings. The last meeting you were like yourself 30 years ago. Praise to God for His help.

With Much Love in Jesus
James W. Bunnell

PRAYER REQUEST

Rev. Helm is in **urgent** need of prayer. He has severe degenerative heart disease along with one or more aortic aneurisms. **Please pray earnestly** for his heart to be strengthened enough to handle the surgery necessary to correct the problems at hand. Thank you for your faithfulness in prayer.

The family has requested that any cards or letters you may wish to send be sent to their home address in Parker City. Please do not send cards, letters or flowers to the hospital. Please feel free to mail cards and letters to:

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

WAITING UPON GOD TAPES

Video Tapes of the recent Waiting Upon God are available upon request. These tapes have been edited to improve their quality and include most of what took place during the services. The cost for these tapes is \$25.00 plus shipping and handling.

Audio Tapes are also available. Due to the labor and time involved in making these available, the cost for them is \$50.00

If you wish to purchase any of these tapes, you may call Evangel Voice Missions at (423) 457-5417. Or you may fax your order to (423) 463-9206. Please include you name, address with zip code, telephone number and what you want to purchase.

The address for writing is:

Evangel Voice Missions
838 Ridgeview Drive
Clinton, Tennessee 37716

Please make checks payable to Evangel Voice Missions. Thank you.

Revival For Our Day

November 1999

Dear Ones in the Lord Jesus Christ,

We are so in debt to God for his mercy before, during and after my surgery. As many of you know, I wasn't feeling well and had to go to the hospital. They found an aneurysm that was eight centimeters in diameter and two smaller ones besides. In addition, I needed several bypasses. It was too great a risk for many surgeons to even attempt to operate. It is difficult to do this type of surgery even on a young man and they were concerned about operating on me at my age.

When Dr. Manalo (who attends White Harvest Christ Fellowship) heard about my aneurysm, he and his wife could not sleep all night because they were afraid it would rupture. I knew if it ruptured that it was all over for me. Dr. Manalo wanted the opportunity to examine me, so I went to see him at Community Hospital East in Indianapolis.

Dr. Evans, who is a surgeon, said, "When I read all of your x-rays and see these scans, I can see that it is such a great risk to attempt surgery on you." Just to do surgery on the aneurysms was a great risk, but I also needed bypass surgery. To do one and not the other would not have done much good. I don't know how many surgeons looked at my situation and said they could not risk it.

But Dr. Manalo didn't give up. He said if he could not find a surgeon in Indianapolis who was willing to perform the necessary surgery that he would look at the Mayo Clinic and the Cleveland Clinic. He kept looking and found a surgeon by the name of John W. Fehrenbacher at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. He is a "doctor's doctor" – when doctors need surgery on themselves, they want Dr. Fehrenbacher. After I was with him, I could understand why.

Dr. Fehrenbacher is a precious, compassionate, tender, gentle and skilled surgeon. He is probably either one of the great surgeons of this area or of the world. He said to me the day before my surgery, "I have read all of your records and I believe it is possible to operate on you." I responded and said, "By prayer." He said, "That's it. That's it." He said he thought he could do it, God helping him. The surgery took seven hours, during which time they fixed the aneurysms, replaced a valve in the heart and performed three bypasses. He was so amazed with me the next morning after surgery when he came into my room. I was sitting up in bed and I could hardly tell I had had surgery. The doctor said, "This is nothing short of a miracle."

If Dr. Manalo had not persevered, dear ones, as my wife has told many, I would not have had surgery. We are so grateful for Dr. Manalo's help and that he

would have our interest at heart. We give God the praise and glory. I had many people praying for me and I want to thank each one of you for your prayers. The Lord has done a great thing and we owe it all to God. We want to praise the Lord for what he has done. It is by God's grace in all these areas that he has helped us and delivered us from every phase of danger, evil and upheaval.

I called Dr. Manalo's office last week. His wife, who is a registered nurse, got on the phone. I thought I had waited too many days to call him and should have called before that, but his wife said, "Rev. Helm, right now, today, this morning, we needed your call." I didn't know it. All those days went by and I called that morning when they needed it. We praise God for his mercy. How he lifted, guided, blessed and directed. We were so thankful.

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In the sixth chapter of Ephesians, verse ten, it says, "**Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might.**" Finally. It's time. It has been long enough. We have passed through. We have met up with situations. Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord. Our strength in the Lord is as we obey him, as we mind him and as we are submissive to him. We are to let him lead and guide us. We must put aside all of the weights and troubles and obey the Holy Spirit and walk with him by faith. Pressing on for the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Looking unto Jesus, the author and the finisher of our faith! He said we are to be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. I know so little about the power of God, but he is mighty; more than we have ever dreamed and he is mighty to deliver out of temptation, out of troubles and buffetings through the power of *his* might. Not through our ability, but *his*. He is the one. Praise the Lord.

Verse eleven says, "**Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.**" It is up to us to put it on and to be willing to put it on as he tells us. We are to put on the *whole* armor. Not a part of it, not some of it. Not most of it, but all of it, the *whole* armor of God upon us. Hallelujah!

This is in order that we might be able to stand against all the wiles of the devil, which are more than we ever dreamed. We learn, by the grace of God, to stand and to press on and to have faith, knowing that in due season we will reap if we faint not. He is able. We are not, but he is, for his praise, glory and honor! He is able in the midst of our nothingness, weakness and faltering. He takes care and makes a way where there isn't any way.

Verse twelve says, “**For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.**” These are not of this world. We are so thankful that he is able in his precious might, power, wisdom and knowledge to deliver out of all these evils that assail us.

Verse thirteen says, “**Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand.**” We stand by the grace of God. It is by the mercy of God that we are delivered. His mercies are new every morning and his compassions fail not. Hallelujah! We know that he is always ready to help us as we cry to him in the hard and desperate places. We stand by the grace of God in prayer and in witnessing, in carefulness and in going forth in humility. Letting him lead us and guide us. We need it continuously.

Verse fourteen says, “**Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness.**” We must get our loins girt about with truth, by the marvelous grace of God and the ways of Jesus, who is the truth. He is the way, the truth and the life, and we are to gird ourselves about with the truth, Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, the precious one. We are to have on the breastplate of righteousness, and true holiness. In his righteousness all things are found.

Verse fifteen says, “**And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.**” We are to have our spiritual feet shod and we need to be sure that we have the right size. We first get them on by vision. We also get them on by applying our hearts in humility. (We cannot get these shoes on without humility.) It requires the work of the Holy Spirit to get the precious gospel shoes on. The only way we can get them on is by his truth and love. What's in our heart helps us to get them onto our feet. When these shoes are placed onto our feet, they will take all the bunions off, as well as the corns and the hurts, aches and pains. When your feet hurt, it is quite something, isn't it? Well, when you get the gospel shoes on, your feet won't hurt anymore.

With these shoes, you will also have a melody and a song. You have a witness and a testimony. It puts a spring in your heal and a song on your heart. It lifts us up and gives us what we need – and that is a lot for me. Hallelujah! When you get your gospel shoes on, be sure to tie them. They'll slip off if you don't. We need to be careful. They won't slip off as long as we are trusting, obeying, persevering and yielding. That's what keeps them on. Keep them tied so that we may go forth in the roadway of the straight and the narrow, yielding and submitting as we say, “Not my will, but thy will be done.”

Notice that these are the shoes of the gospel of *peace*. When you have these shoes on you are a peacemaker. You are careful about what you say. You are careful about where you go. “Little feet be careful, where you take me to. Anything for Jesus only let me do.” Wherever you go, you are a peacemaker. You don't find fault, criticize or scold anyone. You simply love them and let the Holy Spirit give the rebuke at the time appointed. Go in his peace and in his rest constantly.

The gospel shoes are always sufficient, when God is in them through us, to climb the steepest hills of difficulty and the mountains of terrible struggle. The marvelous thing about these shoes is that they never wear out and they never have to be half-soled. The heels dig in and the soles grip the rock so that we will not falter and fail, which otherwise we so easily do. It seems like the longer you go, the better they feel and the higher you climb the more you enjoy the shoes. These shoes are on the spiritual feet of the pilgrim who walks in the light as *he* is in the light.

The Bible tells us that when the children of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years that their shoes never wore out. That is a marvel. The materials wore on and wore well. The gospel shoes are the same way. They wear on, keeping us from all the briars and cutting things that might occur in our pressing on. The whole body rests on the feet, and our shoes are very important.

Verse sixteen says, “**Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.**” When we take it, we have to put forth an effort and reach for it. We have to die and resist the devil. He is a liar and the father of it. This is how we take the shield of faith, by the grace of God. There aren't any darts that can pierce through this shield. There is not a bullet in hell that can get through it. Hallelujah!

Verse seventeen says, “**And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**” Where are the helmets stored? Do we have a reservation for the right one that fits us? One thing about putting on your own hat is that no one can put it on for you the way you need it. It doesn't feel quite right. You have to move it a little bit. We are to take the helmet of his great and unending salvation. How much pressing does it require to take it, to possess it, to know that it is yours? How can you tell when you get your gospel helmet? Are you able to discern concerning your spiritual heritage? This shelters us from the thoughts of evil and darkness and we must take it. This is the victory.

“**And the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**” We are to take this and cherish it. I am so far behind in reading it. We are to assimilate and

embrace it. Knowing it brings us to the way, the truth and the life.

Verse eighteen says, “**Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.**” I come so far short of praying like this. He says here that we have to do some pressing. Only God really knows how much we need prayer, petition and supplication in God. He didn’t say we were to pray for the sinners. It is the saints who are really in great need of prayer. I know I am. It is the children of the Lord that we need to persevere and press upward in prayer for. Giving him all the glory and the praise, because he is the one who will take us through, as we yield and as we hold fast in thee, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer. Amen.

In Jesus’ precious name and for his glory, thank you, again, for your prayers. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

In Jesus’ Name,

Loran W. Helm

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Rev. Helm wanted the following letter included for your encouragement. He asks that you be sure to give God all the glory, praise, and honor for everything that has been accomplished.

Dear Rev. Helm,

I just wanted to thank you for changing my life simply by being obedient to the Lord. I was just a kid at camp in the mid ‘60’s, and you came up to me and told me that God was calling me, and that it was my time to receive Jesus. I will never forget it.

I was sitting at the breakfast table, and just about everyone else had left, except you. You told me that as I prayed, I would feel the Holy Spirit come in and my heart would beat faster, and that when I opened my eyes the light would be very bright. You said that my feet would feel like they were not touching the ground when I walked away. And that’s exactly what happened. You told me to go read my Bible, but I couldn’t because I still couldn’t see for a long time!

You told me that God had a special purpose for my life; and that He would be training me along the way. I realized just this year that I am now doing what God has been training me to do for the last 20 years. We have moved several times, and every time we moved God had us learn something different in whatever church we were in. Now I lead a Bible Study out of my home for teens, both high school and college, with the help of my husband. I have recently felt an anointing on our ministry. It is all of the Lord and for His glory.

Thank you for being faithful to the Lord.

In His Love,

Suzi Sachs



December 1, 1999

To the precious followers of the Lamb of God,

At this special time of the year, Florence and I would like to wish all of you a most blessed and holy Christmas. We love each one of you and are thankful to God for your prayers, remembrances and sacrifices.

Most importantly, we want to remember the reason for this blessed season, to celebrate the birth of a King. Our heavenly Father so loved each of us that he sent his only begotten Son into the world, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

In the second chapter of St. Luke, we read the precious story of our Savior's birth. It tells us that Joseph and Mary made their way to Bethlehem to be taxed, and that while they were there she brought forth Jesus. "And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.' (All people were included in this message.) 'For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord,' (the great Lamb of God, the Ancient of Days, the Everlasting Father, the Counselor, the Mighty God.) 'And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.' And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, 'Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.' And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them." (Luke 2:7-16, 20)

As you celebrate the birth of Jesus, may your burdens be lifted and your hearts be filled with the love of Jesus this holiday season. We pray that your Christmas will be not only enjoyable, but also delightful and victorious.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas. May God's grace be with you this Christmas and throughout the New Year. In Jesus' holy name,

Loran and Florence Helm

