

Revival For Our Day

January 2003

Dear precious followers of Jesus, greetings in His holy name. "He leadeth me. He leadeth me. By His own hand He leadeth me. His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me." I praise God for the gracious gift of the Holy Spirit imparted to our hearts and that He is able to lead each of His dear children along as we trust in Him with all of our heart and lean not to our own understanding. O that we would be faithful in following the precious voice and leading of the Holy Spirit and that we would remain true to the Word of God. He knows all things. He knew them before the world began and He is able to lead the way through the wilderness. All we have to do is follow. Praise the Lord.

I want to express thanksgiving and gratitude for those at Harmony Press who work hard and offer their time and resources for the printing of this letter and also for those at Shepherd Services who assist with the mailing of it. I am so grateful and in debt for all of their love and assistance these many years. May each of you be lifted in this New Year and may God supply all of your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

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The message I want to share with you is found in Matthew 21:1-3. *"And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, 'Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them."*

I want us to notice in this passage the importance of the word **need** – not only in this scripture lesson, but also throughout the entire Christian walk. There are numerous things of which the Lord is in need. One of the things He is in need of is a child-like follower, a child-like heart. 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) This scripture tells us that things are withheld from the wise and prudent and revealed unto little ones. Jesus also said in Matthew 18:3, "*Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.*"

This is serious. He says that unless we become as little children, we are not going to enter the kingdom of heaven. That is tremendous. *A spirit of absolute dependence upon the Lord is an absolute in Christianity.* Doing God's will instead of our

own. And we can only know the will of God by the Word of God and the witness of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will lead and guide us, but whatever He speaks will always line up and be in agreement with the word of God.

Another thing the Lord needs us to have within us is a **pressing into the kingdom of God**. We need it, for Jesus said, "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven is preached, and every man presseth into it." (Luke 16:16) It is a continual pressing to get into the kingdom of God. This is a great need.

God needs faithfulness in us as his followers – faithfulness when it is easy as well as when it is difficult – even when it seems utterly impossible. It is only by the grace of God that we can have this kind of faithfulness. Jeremiah 2:32 tells us, "Can a maiden forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet my people have forgotten me days without number." This scripture says that Israel forgot the Lord days without number. To forget is the opposite of faithfulness. In this verse, it doesn't seem to reflect the fact that there are very many faithful ones. The Lord is just saying that his people forgot him days without number. Forgetfulness is in relationship to need. We do not need forgetfulness.

When I think about Joseph I can see that the people of his time needed God working through Joseph in order to save all of Israel and Egypt. God had need of a man like Joseph in order to save all of Israel. The brothers came down to Egypt and were starving. They were in need. So God needed a man like Joseph, and then his brothers came to get what they needed. The need for Joseph was so urgent.

One thing I thought about is that Job didn't need much of anything said to him by his friends. He didn't need what his friends had to say to him, did he? His friends were discouraging, so he didn't need what they had to say. They thought he needed it. They really thought he needed it. How mistaken were they? Drastically. Job was upright, humble and faithful. But his friends didn't see that at all. Isn't that amazing? His best friends didn't see in him his faithfulness, nor his humility, purity or perseverance. We need perseverance. We have to press constantly.

We see as we study God's men in the scriptures that Joseph was very much needed. What if he had not obeyed God? What if he would have succumbed to the pressures in the pit? What if he would have succumbed to the pressures upon him in slavery? The need that Israel and Egypt had would have never been met. It is so serious. If he had been defeated during the time in prison, what would have

happened? But he persevered, I believe, for about thirteen years in prison.

Now back again to things we need and that the Lord needs in us. *Another one of these things is prayerfulness.* O how we need to pray and communicate with God. I am way behind on prayer, praise and adoration. This is a great need. "The Lord hath need of it." Praise the Lord.

So we pray, we hold fast and we press toward the mark to faithfulness, to rejoicing. *"Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice."* (*Philippians 4:4*) He said that we are to rejoice ALWAYS. Is there any time that we are not to rejoice? According to this scripture there isn't any time that we cease to rejoice. We are exhorted in the scriptures to do it always. So this is a great need. And it is not natural in the flesh to do this – to rejoice always. The flesh is weak, feeble and faint. He is telling us here that there is a great need in us to rejoice, because when we rejoice it lifts us up. If we dwell on the negative it will take us down and discourage us. But if we rejoice it will take us up into encouragement. The flesh wants to quit as soon as possible. But if we will praise the Lord long enough and fervently enough, then the darkness will leave us. As we praise him faithfully, he may help us, heal us or lift us. Praise the Lord.

So he hath need of a people that will hear. It says that some have ears to hear, but they won't hear. It is possible to not hear. We are to take heed to what we hear. We have to press to hear the truth. We don't have to press to hear the evil, worldly and fleshly things. These things come to us very easily. But we are to resist them in order to hear what the Lord is saying.

The one thing I believe is needed more than any other attribute is *obedience*. It didn't seem like they obeyed God very well in the Old Testament. There weren't too many that were faithful in obedience. "To obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." (*I Samuel 15:22*) It is urgent to be obedient. When I was first converted I tried to obey and do what the Lord told me to do. It was hard for me to testify. I had to press to obey and testify, because the enemy fought it so hard. The more important it is, the harder the devil fights. But we have to live in praise and have faith in him always so that he can deliver us.

One of the great needs in the church is that of helpers. It is so precious to be a helper. Can you think of a biblical person in the Old Testament who could be called a helper? It is great to be a helper. Something else we need that goes right in there with helpers is encouragers. It is so easy to be in discouragement by being on the dark side – by not being agreeable and picking things apart and being critical. We have to press to get through that so we won't be discouraged or pressed down. The normal is to be such. We are called to be encouragers. How much do we encourage people? Children need encouragement very much. Many children are not raised in a Christian home where the Word of God is read daily and where prayer occurs. Most children are not raised in that atmosphere. Children need something they can hold onto. It is vital that they can get a hold on something that is steadfast and always the same. That is what children must have or they are very disappointed and hurt. Then these hurts go into problems and many end up in prison because of it. Can you think back in your life and remember who encouraged you a lot? Can you think of someone who was really an encourager indeed? We need that.

Another thing that we need is a spirit of thanksgiving. We need to be thankful. We are to be thankful for the water we drink and the steps we take, and even for being able to turn over in bed. When you get to the age of eighty or ninety, the time may come when you cannot turn over. We need to be thankful for all of our faculties. In addition, we have a lot of other things to be thankful for, such as the saints, the kingdom of God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Word, and the faithfulness of the Lord who is our lamp, our light, our fortress and our hiding place. Praise the Lord.

These are just a few thoughts on what the Lord has need of. I trust we will be able to assimilate them and not let them slip away from us. If we are not careful, this message will slip away from us and we will forget again. Be encouraged to press onward to the goal. Be faithful, be obedient and be courageous. Rejoice! Rejoice! O Christian, life up your voice and sing! In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

In Jesus' Name

Loran W. Helm

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. Helm will be celebrating his 87th birthday on February 3rd. We wanted to encourage those who have appreciated his ministry and have been encouraged by his walk with the Lord to remember him at this time with a card or letter of love and appreciation. Rev. Helm is always so appreciative when he hears from any of us and we know he will be encouraged to hear from each of you. Cards and other remembrances may be sent to:

Rev. Loran Helm
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Those desiring to send flowers may contact Normandy's Florist in Muncie, Indiana. Just let the florist know they are for Rev. Helm on South Fulton Street in Parker City, Indiana and they will know where to deliver them. They may be reached at (765) 282-2263. Thank you. May the Lord bless and encourage each of you.

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January 16, 2003

In the month of January, some people look back into their past and then into what they hope will be their future. This January will be a most special one in the life of Loran William Helm. I will tell you of this later. The significance of this January and the prompting of two dear ones inspired me to look back at some events in each decade anniversary of 2002-2003. My first draft of this review became seven handwritten pages by the time I was about half way through the review of just what had happened at each ten-year point. I became so excited and did not want to leave out details. Then I realized you could find most of these in A Voice in the Wilderness. So I will briefly bring these events of each decade anniversary together and refer you to their location in A Voice in the Wilderness by (). The review begins...

110 years ago:

Alvin Eldon Helm was born April 11, 1889. At the age of 2 1/2-3, or in 1892, Eldon was miraculously rescued from what would have been death beneath a horse's hoof by his Uncle Pete (Pages 23,24).

100 years ago:

Eldon was 12-14 years old, so that could have been 1902-03. He was "skating" on ice on a creek near their home with his brother George. Suddenly, Eldon broke through the ice at a place where the water was swift and deep. God miraculously brought him back up through the hole and George helped him get out with a long stick. Otherwise, Eldon might have drowned or died of hypothermia (Pages 29-48).

90 years ago ~ 1912-13:

Eldon and Mary Rosetta Dickson had married May 6, 1911. They desired to have a family, but no child came. They began to pray earnestly for a child during those two years and following. Loran William was born February 3, 1916, as an answer from God to their prayers (Chapter 6).

80 years ago ~ 1922-23:

God brought to Eldon's attention that he should tithe his income. When he and Mary began tithing, their income was only a few dollars each week.

Before long, Eldon was asked to become the pastor of a church in Carlos City, Indiana. After much prayer, he accepted the invitation. His ministry had been only a short time when a stranger appeared and offered him a job with Standard Oil. He would receive \$180.00 a month, plus commission.

This work caused the family to move to Parker in 1922 (page 58). Much more happened in the Helm family before 1932 (Chapters 8-10).

70 years ago ~ 1932-33:

During 1932-33 the life of Loran William Helm was changed forever by his conversion and call to preach on Sunday,

January 22, 1933. He was the president of his Junior Class at Parker High School, a member of the basketball team, and a leader in the school, church and community. God changed him and started him on a life's road of seeking and doing God's will.

A few weeks later, while preaching in his home church, he turned to look at the choir behind him. His eyes met those of Florence M. Spence and God said, "Here is your companion!" They were married May 27, 1934 (Chapters 11-13).

60 years ago ~ 1942-43:

Before this significant time period, much happened in the lives of Loran and Florence. Their three daughters were born, Loran graduated from Earlham College and they had served as pastor of two Methodist Circuits – Oak Grove/Mt. Pleasant and Whitewater/Middleboro.

In 1941 Loran was appointed to the Shidler Circuit of three churches, where he began seminary training (just before World War II).

In his third week at seminary, God came upon Loran in great revelation and power, declaring to him that he was to leave all and follow as God led (Chapters 16-20).

From November 1942 until June 7, 1943, Rev. and Mrs. Helm and other dear ones met almost every night to wait and pray for the Holy Ghost Revival to the World. God taught Rev. Helm many "secrets" of the Kingdom of God by the inner voice of the Holy Spirit (Chapter 21).

On May 23, 1943, Rev. Helm and his family officially left the pastorate to embark on a wonderful adventure of absolute trust in God, where they would live by faith for nineteen years (Chapter 22).

50 years ago ~ 1952-53:

God had provided two houses for Rev. Helm and his family to live in (Chapter 23) before Ora and Grace Spence, Florence's parents, invited them to come and live with them. In 1952 God made a way for them to buy a lot on South Fulton Street in Parker City. Six to eight days later, a gentleman leading a child by his hand knocked at the door of the Ora Spence home. He was Horace Reynolds.

Horace Reynolds, a farmer near Mooreland, Indiana, had heard of the home to be built by faith and came to offer the trees in his woods for the floor joists, the ribs and the rafters of the house. This brought rejoicing to the Helms.

Through much prayer, careful work by many volunteers, and God's bringing miracles to pass, the "Home Built by Faith" was completed and dedicated on December 20, 1953 (Chapter 24).

40 years ago ~ 1962-63

After living exclusively by faith in God who led and provided for the Loran Helm family each day, God revealed to me in

August 1962 that a nonprofit religious corporation should be organized to be the business agency of the ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Helm. I reviewed this in the October 2002 newsletter.

30 years ago ~ 1972-73:

After forty years of ministry and travel to Israel and a few other nations, God made the way for the writing of A Voice in the Wilderness to begin. In August 1973, 5,500 copies were printed. These were soon placed in the hands and hearts of people in many areas. Since that beginning, A Voice in the Wilderness has been translated into four other languages and sold and given to people in many nations. As of January 2003, 100,500 copies have been printed, most of them sold or given to persons who desired them.

Someday the prophecy of Aunt Zelpe will be fulfilled – “This young man (Eldon) is going to be a man of God; and his faith, or that of his seed, will circle the globe” (Page 26).

20 years ago ~ 1982-83:

In the Year of Jubilee (Leviticus 25), after Loran’s conversion and call to preach and the beginning of his life of obedience to God, God told him to leave the organized denominational church. On Saturday, August 15, 1982, a meeting of some followers of Jesus was held in Muncie, Indiana. From this meeting, some of those and other followers became Parker City Christ Fellowship.

A few years later God made a way for the farm to be purchased where the Eldon Helm family had lived when Loran was converted and called to preach.

10 years ago ~ 1992-93:

In August 1993 work began on the present worship center of Parker City Christ Fellowship. Through God’s great love and power, he provided material and workers to complete the building for the first worship service on December 18, 1994.

Now ~ 2002-03:

Florence M. Helm went to live in her mansion in her Father’s house (John 14) in March 2002. Though Rev. Helm and many of us in the Parker City area miss her greatly, we know, like King David, “she cannot come to us, but we can go to her”.

In the days ahead it will be known what God will do in and for his people who will love him with all their heart, soul, mind and strength, and their neighbors as themselves; and in and for those who will trust and obey God, and live each day a life that pleases him. Be assured that it is still true that **the best is yet ahead** for those who will seek and do God’s will.

In Jesus’ Name,



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March 2003

Dear Ones in the Lord Jesus, glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. We praise the Lord for his help and blessing, faithfulness and mercy. We are thankful for his provision, and for making a way when there seems to be no way. Hallelujah! I want to express appreciation for all of the gifts, cards and flowers that were sent to me on my birthday. I so appreciated all of them and thank each of you. I received numerous flower arrangements, which were beautiful, as well as cards and gifts and I want to thank Jesus and give God the praise for each one.

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The text that my message is found in is Luke 7:37-50, which reads, *"And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, and stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee, which had bidden him, saw it, he spake within himself, saying, 'This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner.' And Jesus answering said unto him, 'Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee.' And he saith, 'Master, say on.' 'There was a certain creditor, which had two debtors: the one owned five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most?' Simon answered and said, 'I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most.' And he said unto him, 'Thou hast rightly judged.' And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, 'Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.' And he said unto her, 'Thy sins are forgiven.' And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, 'Who is this that forgiveth sins also?' And he said to the woman, 'Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.'*

Notice that Luke called this woman a sinner. Also notice that she "heard" Jesus was in the Pharisee's house, and that she showed up uninvited, because she heard Jesus was there. How many of you would go to someone's home when a great guest was there and just walk in? What would you think about

someone doing that? How much courage did she have to have? One thing, which she had to possess a lot of, was thanksgiving. She had so much of it in her that it just drove her right into the Pharisee's home, uninvited. She had a heart of praise and thanksgiving to Jesus. Do you see that? If it had not been for the thanksgiving she had in her heart for Jesus she would never have pressed in there. She was a sinner, but that did not matter to her. She came in anyway. She pushed her way in. She had to have so much courage and strength – way more than I have. She was not welcome at all and Simon did not want her there. He knew she was an awful sinner.

Now when she entered the home, she did not come in alone. She brought with her an alabaster box of ointment, precious and expensive. She was a sinner, far from God, but she had the insight to bring what she had to Jesus, and she pressed her way in there with her gift. Now when she got in there, she stood at Jesus' feet *behind* him. As she wept, she kissed his feet and wiped them with her hair and anointed them with the ointment. She had great love for him. Just think of the measureless love that she had that would press her into Simon's house, where she was not wanted. (Remember, this is all going on because of thanksgiving and appreciation to Jesus. Thanksgiving flows out of love. If it weren't for love we would not be thankful. Love is filled with thanksgiving and thoughtfulness of others.) And she kissed his feet. Have you ever known anyone who has kissed someone else's feet? I haven't. But this woman loved Jesus so much, that she got down low, behind him, to kiss Jesus' feet. She had to strain to get down on her knees and kiss his feet. Look at the love and the care here. Look at all that is in this scripture. It is full of giving, and giving more. Who would ever be willing to wipe someone's feet with her hair? How much humility and vision does it take to do that? Did any of the disciples have the vision that she had?

Now the Pharisee judged Jesus here and this woman by thinking that if Jesus really were a prophet, he would have known whom this woman was. Now Jesus knew Simons' thoughts and responded to them by telling him about two debtors who owed money, one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And Jesus showed Simon that this woman loved him so much, because she had been forgiven much. Jesus told Simon he had given him no water for his feet, but she watered his feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. Simon gave him no kiss, but she ceased not to kiss his feet. Simon gave him no oil, but she anointed Jesus' feet with precious ointment. I am not able to fathom the love that this woman had for Jesus, that she would enter someone's home uninvited and get down on her

knees in back of Jesus, kiss his feet and anoint him with anointment. She had to love Jesus more than I am able to perceive. I have seldom known anyone who had the love and the care for Jesus like she did. Verse forty-five says that she ceased not to kiss Jesus' feet while he was in the house. Isn't this rich? Did you ever get this much out of this?

And finally, after all is said and done, Jesus turns to her in verse fifty and says, "Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace." So he is saying that her faith was so great it brought her right through the door. Her faith saved her. Her faith, which flowed out of love, saved her. And out of that love came thanksgiving, came her tears, her humility, her gratitude, her courage and her insight. How does our love for Jesus measure up to hers? Let's stand right next to the yardstick of her love for Jesus and see where we measure. It just seems like mine won't reach very high in comparison – that it is just

down low on the stick. But hers went all the way up. Her's was almost limitless. She was bold, courageous and persevered. If she did all these things, what are we going to do to show our love for Jesus? Are we going to do it in faithfulness, in witnessing? Are we? She went to the uttermost for his highest. She did what she could. Praise the Lord. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

May the Lord encourage and strengthen each of you as you look to him to find grace to help in time of need. He is able, for his grace is sufficient. Yes it is. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." (II Cor. 9:8)

In Jesus' Name,

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Revival For Our Day

April 2003

Dear precious followers of Jesus, we are grateful for each of you and are thankful for all of your prayers and supplications for us and for your financial assistance and sacrifice. We are very grateful to each of our dear ones that assist us, for our staff that has worked so hard to help us, for Harmony Press and Shepherd Services, and for each one who has helped us with the newsletters and by praying for us. We are so thankful to Jesus for all those that have labored and carried the burden for us. Praise the Lord.

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The message I want to share with you is found in Mark 8:1-8. *In those days the multitude being very great, and having nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said to them, (2) 'I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat: (3) And if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way: for divers of them came from far.' (4) And his disciples answered him, 'From whence can a man satisfy these men with bread here in the wilderness?' (5) And he asked them, 'How many loaves have ye?' And they said, 'Seven.' (6) And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before them; and they did set them before the people. (7) And they had a few small fishes: and he blessed, and commanded to set them also before them. (8) So they did eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets."*

As we review this scripture, it is evident that there was a great multitude and that they had nothing to eat. And Jesus said, "I have compassion on them." As I look into my heart, and as you look into yours, how much compassion do we possess? Do you know what it is to have compassion? Jesus said that he had it. What do you think compassion is?

Compassion is filled with a lot of care. It is overflowing with the love of God and is a result of the Holy Spirit's indwelling. Without love, there isn't any compassion. Love is the very source of it. Have you ever had your heart go out to someone in need who wasn't doing so well? Did you find that your heart had compassion for them? Can you remember those experiences? A person can be trying so hard, yet have such a difficult time – and your heart wants at that time, to help them. You cannot have compassion without seeing. You have to see it before you really come to the place of compassion. What touched Jesus' heart was that they had nothing to eat. They hadn't eaten for three days. There were thousands of them. They were hungry and they were weak from not eating.

Many years ago the Lord would lay it on my heart to fast. (I don't know if you have ever fasted or not, but I always suggest before a person fasts, to be sure to pray about it.) When you start fasting and do without food and water all day, all afternoon, all evening and you finish one day and come into the second day, it seems like something lets loose of the mortal being and the earth doesn't hold on to you quite so much. That was my experience every time I fasted. I was amazed at it. When you fast in the Spirit of God and he has led you, the earth lets loose of the grip it has on you.

So Jesus had before him this large multitude of people and he loved and cared for them. They touched his heart. When I read this scripture the other evening in family prayer, it touched my heart. If it would touch your heart like it did mine, you would have soul food and help for your inner man.

When in your memory do you recollect having compassion on someone? Who was it? I remember one time I was driving along and I saw a man without any legs. He was on a little platform, with just his hips. He had two old-fashioned irons that they used to iron with and he was using them to move along. It really touched my heart that he had no legs. There are many veterans in our veteran's hospitals that are suffering from loneliness because their companions are not able to get to see them. Have you prayed very much for the veterans of our military, those that were shot and hurt, who are in institutions? Do you think about that sometimes? They went to give their lives for us, but a lot of times we can forget to really remember what they did for us. We just take it for granted. We need to pray for our veterans because they paid a price. It takes them a long time to recover and we need to remember them.

My brother Warren flew thirty-four missions over Germany. The first mission, he had a brand new B-17. His plane was shot up by the enemy and so full of holes, that when he landed the plane, it could not take off again. I believe it was because of my mother's prayers that he was delivered. We were so thankful he was delivered. He was on one mission, and as he approached the enemy, it was like flash bulbs going off in front of him. There were thirty-four B-17s going into this area and when he hit where the flashes were, one of the planes to his side flew apart into pieces and he could see his buddy flying through the air at 35,000 feet. Then one exploded, and then another exploded and another. And all of his buddies were just going through the air. How much compassion do you think he had? He said he just had to ask for a lot of help. He prayed before they went on every mission. There were thirty-four B-17s from start to finish and only

four of them came through all thirty-four missions. The rest of the thirty were shot to the ground.

Now, Jesus had compassion on the multitude. They had been with him three days and they didn't have anything to eat. Nothing. Just think, they were with him three days, listening to him preach, without anything to eat. There were no restrooms, no beds to lie on. They went one day like that. Then they stayed the second day and listened to his preaching. No food, no lodging. And then they stayed for a third day to listen to him. All they had was the ground. Why did they stay so long? They couldn't help themselves. It was so rich, so encouraging, so full of love, of grace, of wisdom, so full of something they had never known before. It was beyond anything they had ever experienced.

It seems to me that his speaking to them was their food, their bread, and their water. It seemed that when he was speaking, they didn't get hungry. It seemed like they had plenty to eat and plenty of water to drink. They had been drinking at the fountain that never runs dry. And they were satisfied. There is nothing in this account that says they were unhappy. Rather, they were happy. It seemed like they had had a drink from the Great Fountain. Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! They had been drinking at the Fountain for three days, the Son of the living God.

And Jesus had compassion on them. Isn't this encouraging? Hallelujah! Now as we read this account, it says that they had seven loaves and a few small fish. Jesus had them to sit down, and he took the seven loaves, gave thanks, broke it and commanded his disciples to set the food before the multitude. Verse eight tells us that they were all filled. All four thousand of them, plus women and children, were *filled* with seven loaves and a few small fish.

And to top it all off, not only were they all filled (the Hebrew indicates gorged), but they also took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets. It doesn't say that they took up the broken bread, but the left-over *meat*. Where did they get the seven baskets? I wonder how large they were. I don't know, but they filled seven baskets with what was left over. In the other account – they filled twelve baskets, but that was bread, not fish.

Verse nine says, "And he (Jesus) sent them away." How did he send them away? What did he say to them? They had been with him for three days. How hard was it to break company? How difficult was it to have them leave him? It is a marvel to me that this multitude could come and be with him, and stay with him for three days. It was because he had compassion. He had such understanding for them. There is understanding in compassion. There is love in compassion. There is such care, gentleness

and sweetness. What insight into compassion. And Jesus sent the multitude back home. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Thank you for praying for me. I am very needy. We have no righteousness of our own. "Nothing in my hands I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling." Let us follow Him with rejoicing. For as He leads us, we are able to rejoice in what is little or nothing. The little things, though seemingly small, are not. The sanctified heart is careful about the seemingly little things. The carnal heart, however, is just thinking about advantage and getting things accomplished. The Lord is to be the accomplisher and bring us to what He wills so that the world may know that God sent Him into the world to save us through His sacred blood.

May the Lord strengthen and encourage you today. May He take away any discouragement or hard place and let it be simply in His hands. Rest upon His promise, fully dressed in Him, trusting and rejoicing.

In Jesus' precious name and for His glory, thank you, again, for your prayers.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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Revival For Our Day

May 2003

Dear Ones in Jesus, greetings in His holy name. Praise the Lord for the victory that we have through His precious blood that He shed on Calvary for you and for me. It is through His blood and the help of the Holy Spirit that we are able to make it, as we trust Him with all of our heart and lean not to our own understanding. Thank you for your prayers and petitions on my behalf and for you faithfulness in giving. We appreciate every help and assistance so very much. Praise the Lord.

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The message I want to share with you is found in John 5:1-16. *After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. (2) Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. (3) In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. (4) For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. (5) And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. (6) When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, 'Wilt thou be made whole?' (7) The impotent man answered him, 'Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.' (8) Jesus saith unto him, 'Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.' (9) And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the Sabbath."*

This healing took place at the pool of Bethesda, where I have been privileged to visit numerous times. St. John's gospel tells us that a great multitude of people was waiting to be healed at the troubling of the waters. Whoever got into the water first would be healed of whatever disease they had. Many were waiting that day when Jesus came by and one man had suffered with an infirmity for thirty-eight years. He was part of a great multitude of people, and of all the people there, Jesus healed him only. He had been near that pool for a long time, but he was still sick and still had great need in his body.

How did he persevere to be there day after day, week after week, month after month? He had been there a long time. He had been sick for thirty-eight years. And every day at the pool, he anticipated being made well. He wasn't just coasting along, he was pressing in to being whole. And Jesus knew he had been in this condition a long time.

I want you to notice the endurance of this man. And notice that he had patience. If he had not had patience, he would not have come to that pool for all that time, day after day. If he had not had perseverance and vision, he would have just stayed home. But he believed, "One of these days, I am going to be healed." He had great faith, patience, and longsuffering. It took this to be able to persevere for years in one place. He wasn't any stranger there. Everybody knew him. But of all the people that were there, how many were truly interested in this man? Not many. He had no one to help him. He was in a desperate condition. And one day, Jesus came by and asked him, "Wilt thou be made whole?" And the man answered him in verse seven, "Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me." He had been disappointed time after time. He had no one with him – not one friend to help him into the troubled waters. He didn't give up though. What a tremendous spirit! What a marvelous person to persevere and press as he did. He pressed and wasn't discouraged. If he had been discouraged, he would have quit years earlier. Each day, here he is, with no one to help him, yet he is not discouraged nor upset. What fortitude and courage.

It is a marvel to me that out of this entire multitude at the pool, this man is the only one that Jesus healed that we know of. Out of all the people there, he was the one who had the faith to persevere, who wouldn't give up, and Jesus saw him. And when he saw him Jesus knew he had been in that condition for a long time.

The man told Jesus, "Sir, I have no man to help me." If he had known who Jesus was, he would have known he had someone to help him. (In fact, after the man was healed, he still did not know who Jesus was.) When he told Jesus that he didn't have anyone to help him, Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." Hallelujah! He didn't need the pool any longer. He had come there, but he didn't need it. Someone greater than the pool was there – Jesus.

I tell you, not many people would have endured an infirmity like this and persevered day after day to get to the pool for those many years. He had to have something within, faith and assurance that his perseverance would pay off. How surprised do you think this man was when Jesus told him to rise, take up his bed and walk? Could you measure it? What was the depth of surprise he had in his heart?

How wonderful it is that God is mighty to help and deliver us when it is so difficult. It was something for him to be healed, but it was something else for him to take up his bed. This man had this infirmity

for thirty-eight years. To think that he got up immediately and walked is quite something. I want you to know that his faith operated within him when Jesus commanded him to get up and walk. He felt the power come through his body. He got up and began to walk. I am sure this is beyond us to comprehend. He had weakened muscles in his legs, for they had not been used much for many years. If you don't walk for six months or a year, there is very little strength. When Jesus told him to walk, he just rose up. Where did the strength come from? He not only walked, but he picked up his bed. This was a big order from Jesus. What a story.

Now, continuing in verse ten, "*The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, 'It is the Sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.'* (11) *He answered them, 'He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.'* (12) *Then asked they him, 'What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed and walk?'* (13) *And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place.*" (14) *Afterward, Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, 'Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.'* (15) *The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.* (16) *Therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the Sabbath day.*"

I want us to notice that the Jewish leaders got so upset that they wanted to kill Jesus for healing this man on the Sabbath. He healed a man who had been waiting by a pool for years, and the leaders wanted to slay him. Those religious leaders should have had a praise meeting, shouldn't they? They should have said, "O, my, we want to get in on this ourselves. We want to be partakers of this great blessing." But they didn't. They wanted to find a way to kill Jesus because they did not appreciate Jesus.

So here is a man who did not cease to persevere and whose faith touched Jesus. The only one of the multitude that Jesus healed, and he was made well. You know, his family and neighbors must have been stirred and surprised. What do you think they thought when he came walking down the street where he lived and he had his bed on his back? What in the world has happened here!

Praise the Lord for his mercy, help and grace. Be encouraged to persevere and to keep pressing on the upward way. "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." (Galatians 6:9) The Lord revealed to me years ago that most fall in the fainting lines never to endure to reach the reaping fields. Press on, be faithful and follow on in obedience and love. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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Revival For Our Day

July 2003

Dear Ones in Jesus,

Precious striving followers of Jesus Christ, of the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world, the mighty God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the Creator of the universe, Greetings.

May you be sustained by the grace of God, as you press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God, laying aside every weight and sin that so easily besets us to run with patience the race that is set before us, in purity, humility, utter dependence and childlikeness, as we strive to become like Him and allow Him to cleanse and crucify the carnal nature from us.

Heavenly Father, we come to you in Jesus' name knowing that in us dwelleth no good thing, we are just sinners saved by the blood and your mercies and grace to forgive us of all of our short-comings and every choice of the flesh and every disobedience. We give you praise and glory for the blood that saves and the truth that sanctifies. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32) Except a kernel of wheat fall into the ground and die it abideth alone, but if it die it bringeth forth much fruit."

We thank you, Jesus, for forgiving us and helping us to stand with clean hands and a pure heart. For you said, "Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet my people have forgotten me days without number." (Jeremiah 2:32) and Ezekiel 22:30 says, "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." Jesus, we know that we come so far short and it is only through your blood and mercies that we can make it in every area. We are so little and limited, and so inclined to stray and grow cold and have a lukewarm heart. Help us to have a heart on fire for you, a heart that will give glory to you, that will praise you and obey you, and follow you, letting you lead and guide on.

Lead on, oh King eternal, for the day of march has come. Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, who is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him against that day, and to present us faultless and blameless before the throne with exceeding joy. We know that we have nothing to boast about. We pray so little, but you are so merciful to help us in our inconsistencies and nothingness. Hallelujah. Praise you Jesus. We cry out to you, knowing that we are the bottom one of all. We don't claim to be anything but just a little servant. Thank you Jesus for how you have been so merciful to us. We thank you, Father, for souls that help us with this little message, that we could declare it. By Thy mercies only could we say a

word. We come before you with thanksgiving for forgiving us in so many places for we have come short. Praise the Lord.

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In II Chronicles 7:14, God says, "*If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves...*" We should come to Jesus utterly dependent upon Him like a little child is dependent upon his parents. Humility is a marvelous gift of God to a heart that desires to be broken and yielded. We cannot be humble unless we are broken, submissive and surrendered.

We must become lowly, which is required of us in humility. We must be aware that we are nothing and very needy. When I was around age twenty-five, I realized that I needed prayer more than anyone I knew — and it is still that way. It is through the grace of God and His mercies that we can be humble, courageous, prayerful, and pure in heart.

"If my people...shall humble themselves." It says "if", and that suggests that there is a choice that is made by the person who is going into humility. Humility is God-given, but we choose humility when we humble ourselves and ask God to forgive us for not honoring Jesus and giving Him the glory and praise that is due Him. We must seek God continually.

If we are willing to humble ourselves and pray, God will act. For he promised, "*If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*" The human in us is reluctant and hesitant to strive for humility. The price required to be humble in the spiritual world involves self-denial, dying daily, taking the cross and following.

How did Israel humble themselves? How do we humble ourselves? One way to humble ourselves is to admit our sins and "confess our faults one to another that we may be healed." (James 5:16) I believe there is quite a need for confessing where we have talked about people, where we have criticized people and made wrong choices. (It is easy to do these things, isn't it?) We make the choice of what we want instead of God's will. If we have done that, we must ask for forgiveness. It is by His grace that we are forgiven. Then, humility is attained by humbling ourselves and confessing our weaknesses and faults and things that we have said and done that were out of order. We must have brokenness, yieldedness and a surrender of all to make restitutions. Is it possible to be humble if we haven't made restitutions to all the people we have wounded? Is it possible to get into humility if we

have talked about anyone critically or negatively? Is it possible for humility to get into us if we have made an estimation of someone or judged him or her, or if we have found fault?

When we humble ourselves before God, it benefits us in several ways. From this scripture, we see that humility is urgent and helps open the door to prayer. Unless we have a humble spirit, it is difficult for us to pray and to get in before the throne and have the glory fall upon us. He said, "If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray . . ."

In Ezekiel 22:30, God said that there wasn't one man in Israel that would stand in the hedge and make up the gap for the land. He couldn't find one. There were maybe two to five million and He couldn't find any. But you see, humility was required before they could get to that gap. Isn't that tremendous? They were precious people, but He couldn't find any with the humility to stand in the gap and make up the hedge. "If my people shall humble themselves." Humility is a great requirement. It is urgent. It is a tremendous thing and more than I can see or comprehend.

Not only are we to humble ourselves and pray, but also God said we are to turn from our wicked ways. Have you ever considered how many wicked ways there are within us? In Luke 9:46, some dear ones were discussing who was the greatest among them. How many spiritual miles is that from true humility? How far are we from it if we want to know who among us is really somebody? It said they reasoned among themselves. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves." How hard does our heart have to be to keep us from coming to humility? The scriptures say, "They considered not the miracle of the loaves and fishes because their hearts were hardened." (Mark 6:52) They were with Jesus when all these wonderful things took place, but they considered them not because of the hardness of their hearts.

We must be aware every moment that we are living near the place of temptation for the flesh to take control and make a plan or program or an arrangement. If God isn't leading, it's not so good. It doesn't work too well.

"That He might present unto Himself a glorious church." (Ephesians 5:27) How much humility is required before we can be in the glorious church? How much humility is required in our lives consistently before we can ascend to the glorious church? We are not to have a spot or wrinkle. If we do, can humility dwell within our heart? We are to humble ourselves and in this humbling we are closely associated to the glorious church. We are to be holy and without blemish. Humility is by the mercy and grace of God. It is a gift of God. Each person in the

glorious church is full of humility. They all deny themselves and die daily every step of the way. The glorious church is the goal. That is where Jesus is lifted up. Jesus said "If my people" and He said "If I be lifted up". Both of these statements start with "if" don't they? If my people will humble themselves and if my people will lift me up. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32)

What are some of the impediments to humility that are within us? One is **judging**. The Word says, "Judge not, lest ye be judged." Is it possible to be humble if we have judged the weaknesses of others, their faithlessness or prayerlessness? It seems to me that we need to ask one another's forgiveness in order to be a people who are humble, broken and yielded.

A lot of people put the emphasis on **knowledge**, but sometimes the more we know, the more we are prevented from pursuing brokenness, yieldedness and childlikeness. For Jesus said that unless we be converted and become like a little child, we shall in no case enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 18:3) To become as a little child is utter dependence upon God. Utter dependence is an open door to humility. I would that we could perceive it and hold it in our heart because the flesh will draw back from it.

When we plan and **arrange in the flesh** without the leading of the Holy Spirit and the guidance of God, right then we cease following. It's a narrow path, isn't it? It is so easy for us to stray into self-will and self-assertiveness, but we need to cry out for mercy because no self-assertiveness can get into humility (or humility into it).

There cannot be any **self-assertiveness** in humility. I have to deny myself all of the time or I will make certain choices and plans that I want. We are kept from humility by making plans and arrangements. It seems to me, dear ones, that when we make the plans or arrangements without the leading of the Holy Spirit, we just then cease following Jesus. We need to ask Him to forgive us for going ahead of Him and fixing things to suit us, for figuring things out and for analyzing the circumstances. Isn't that something to consider? Is it possible for the heart that makes a plan to pursue humility at the same time? Can humility dwell within us if we make a carnal plan or an arrangement of our own about something we wanted to attain, reveal, or share?

Another impediment is **foolishness**. There is no foolishness in humility. In the seventh chapter of Mark's gospel, verses 20 through 23, Jesus said, "That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit,

lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: all these evil things come from within, and defile the man." So we see from this passage that Jesus put foolishness right in with adultery and fornication. How far are we from humility when we are foolish and try to make an impression by telling a funny joke to get attention? How much humility can dwell in our heart when we have a joking, jesting spirit?

Foolishness is the enemy of humility. Jesting and joking in the flesh are the opposite of humility. If we jest and joke in the flesh and find fault, it prevents us from being humble. We must be cleansed of these tendencies. A lot of people tease and they think it is fun. We need to confess where we have been foolish and have tried to get attention and something for ourselves. This is the opposite of self-denial. We need to make confession and get all of this wickedness out of us by the blood of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit and the truth. In the seventeenth chapter of St. John, Jesus said, "I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified. Thy word is truth. That they all may become one as the Father and the Son are one, perfect in one, that the world may know that God has sent Jesus into the world." Hallelujah. I need Him constantly.

So we see that there are certain things that keep us from humility. What things draw us closer to humility and help us to abide there? God said, "Thou shalt **love** the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy mind and with all thy strength and thou shalt **love** thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Unless we love God with all of our heart and our neighbor as ourselves, we can't get to humility. This comes by waiting on God daily.

Revelation 12:11 says, "And they overcame the devil by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their **testimony**." We witness to people as we tell about how Jesus saved us and how God has been merciful to us, a sinner saved by the blood of Jesus and the mercies of God. As we witness, it gives Jesus the glory and praise for our salvation and it helps much in our pursuit of humility and in its formation in us.

The Holy Spirit will draw souls when we talk to them about Jesus. We don't want to press them to come to Jesus. Humility puts no pressure on anyone. Everyone needs to be saved. II Peter 3:9 says that it is not God's will that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But if we press them too much without them being sufficiently drawn by God to the place of birth, they are born prematurely. We could press them too soon by just a matter of a few seconds or hours, weeks, or years.

He said, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves." Self-denial is required for humility. We must pay the price and die out. St. Paul said, "I die daily." Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself." (Matt. 16:24) If we don't deny ourselves, then self will get in there and assert itself. Is it possible to be a humble people if we don't die daily? How much daily death to self is required for us to humble ourselves? It is through death to self that we come, by God's grace, to the point where humility can trickle into our hearts. Is it possible for humility to flow into our hearts if we don't take time to deny ourselves, and if we don't ask one another's forgiveness? Is it possible for me to get into humility or for humility to get into me or to you without a continual life of self-denial? If we have been self-assertive, is it possible for humility to be within us that we might come to the place of prayer?

We must press into this. Jesus said that every man presseth into the kingdom of heaven. "He that endureth to the end, shall be saved." (Matthew 10:22) Can we enter the kingdom of heaven without obedience? Praise the Lord.

How much of the cross do we have to bear in order to be a humble people? Jesus said that we must deny ourselves and take up our cross. How much self-denial does it require to come to the cross, to assume the cross? The cross is an instrument of death upon which self is crucified and slain, so that God can have His way and we can do His will. How much of the cross must we experience in order for humility to come into us? Sometimes we take up the cross and then we lay it down. We lay it down because we don't take time to resist the devil and do God's will. We lay down the cross because we fail to witness. (We are supposed to witness to that person at the grocery store or the drug store or the garage, the department store or the next-door neighbor or the person up the street or in a car or in a bus or a train or a plane.) If we fail to witness as we should we have to say right away, "Lord, forgive me. I did not obey you." We have to do that before humility can be in us. You see, it is a narrow path. It is a bright way and it is a dying to self or we will lay down the cross and not witness. We will fail to die daily. We will not witness or praise Him enough or pray enough.

How can humility get into you or me unless we are willing to let Him have His way with us and maintain the cross? The urge of self-assertiveness is so strong in mortals that we will make the choice and humility will depart from us. Humility is first and foremost in order to get into prayer and intercession. We humble ourselves by dying daily, by denying constantly time after time after time, which involves witnessing, praising Him, and doing God's will. When we deny ourselves we are

obedient. When we don't deny ourselves constantly, we are disobedient. "Let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." How far is it from the cross to following? Where does following begin in the cross? Is following a part of the cross? The following is as we carry the cross and are slain of this carnal nature, this inbred sin nature. Unless we are cleansed of this inbred sin nature, we are not embracing the cross. The slightest bit of carnality, criticism or judgment doesn't go with the cross. They are as far from each other as the North Pole is from the South.

It takes the Lord's mercies to help us enter humility. The requirement is to die daily before humility can be in us. We want to consider the urgency of what Jesus said to the entire crowd and the disciples, that in order to be His disciple, a person must deny himself and not do what he wants or likes or what is best for him or most advantageous.

So many of us seek to save ourselves. He said, "He that will seek to save his life will lose it." My burden for many, many years has been that we seek to save ourselves by making our own plans, choices and arrangements. "But he that will lose his life..." We must lose our life to find it. Can we find it without humility? We know that it is by His mercies that we give our heart to Jesus, then yield and humble ourselves in order to begin to lose our lives and let His will be dominant. In order for us to be a humble people, we must do the will of God. Praise the Lord. We want to praise Him because He is able to help us.

So as we follow, we maintain the cross by God's mercy and through many times of denying ourselves. It seems like it is "All the way my Savior leads me. What have I to ask beside? Can I doubt His tender mercies, who through life has been my guide?" We must yield because the guidance comes through the grace and mercy of God. That is, as we humble ourselves and pray. Unless we are willing to deny ourselves and die daily, assuming the cross, and doing what God says to do, we can't follow Jesus. He said after we take the cross we are to follow Him. The cross is preceded by continual self-denial.

When we tell people they have eternal life, we need to also tell them that they need to follow the teachings of Jesus from the time they are converted so they will deny themselves and die daily. This is what Jesus said in Matthew, Mark and Luke. Denying ourselves is a requisite of following. Humility is a requisite of prayer. Oh, how we need this. The flesh in us won't want to do this or accept this. The carnal in us won't accept it and the reprobate in us will deter it and will not have anything to do with it. We have to cry out to be delivered from all carnality of the reprobate mind, so that the mind that was in Christ Jesus may be in

us. When we are privileged to have the mind of Jesus, it helps us in the life of humility. Jesus is the way to humility. He is the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Jesus Christ. And no man comes to Jesus without the drawing of the Father.

The powers of hell don't want us to become a humble people. They don't want us to be broken and turn from our wicked ways. We are not aware sometimes of the many things within us because we didn't die daily to deny ourselves. We must follow Jesus — and that is by God's grace and mercy in humility and prayer and seeking His face and turning from our wicked ways. God will answer our earnest, humble prayer for mercy. Then He will save us from our sins and heal our land.

I haven't gotten to all of the various hemispheres of humility. It is not easily grasped or lived, but we don't want to be discouraged. We want to thank the Lord for the truth.

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May you be encouraged, all of you, and not be troubled. This is a little humble truth and I know I am so needy. I am the neediest one maybe of all of you. I know that I can do nothing without Him. I can't pray, preach, witness or do anything without Him — every heartbeat and every step I take is by His grace. Everything I can think in balance, in trueness, in accuracy and in thoughtfulness of others comes from Him.

I feel that I am the least and neediest of all. We are so thankful for all of our loved ones in all places that hold us up to the throne because we are just here by the mercies of God. I am just breathing and living by His mercies and His truth. The devil is a liar and the father of it. He is going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. We have to resist the devil. "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony." Oh God, deliver me from the devil, the powers of hell and the demons that are raging.

Praise the Lord, for His mercy endureth forever. May you be encouraged. May you be lifted. We thank the Lord for each of you and your prayers and support. We appreciate all of you that have sacrificed. Many of you have sacrificed to help us, and we feel so unworthy of all of it. We want to express gratitude.

In Jesus' name,

Loran W. Helm

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SPECIAL

Dear Ones,

Thank you for all you are doing in prayer for and sending financial help to Revival For Our Day and Rev. Helm.

You may remember in a newsletter recently, I shared several events at 10-year intervals dating back 110 years.

Pastor David Miller and I have been talking with Rev. Helm about that and we would like to do something special for this 70th anniversary of Rev. Helm's conversion. We believe God is leading us to have a weekend of special services to celebrate this 70th anniversary.

We believe this should be August 15, 16 and 17 at Parker City Christ Fellowship. The services would be Friday at 7:00 p.m., Saturday at 10 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If the Lord leads to do so, we will schedule a Sunday evening service. Rev. Helm is trusting to be in all of the services and serve as worship leader.

Rev. James Wright will be the speaker for the Friday evening and Saturday morning services. Rev. Reimar Schultze and Rev. Robert Morey will be sharing in some of the following services. Others may be asked to speak or share as the Lord gives direction.

August 23, 2003, is also the 20th anniversary of the incorporation of Parker City Christ Fellowship. Pastor David Miller will coordinate the celebration of the Christ Fellowship and the honoring of Rev. Helm for his 70 years of ministry. We look forward to seeing you.

God bless you,

Rev. Emory Reece
President, Revival For Our Day, Inc.

MEETINGS

The Following is a list of hotels and motels available in the Muncie area. Please pass it along to anyone in your congregation interested in attending our celebration services in August.

Radisson Hotel Roberts (Downtown)
420 S High St.
Muncie IN 47305
765-741-7777

Best Western
3011 Bethel
Muncie IN 47304
765-282-0600

Days Inn
3509 N Everbrook Lane
Muncie IN 47304
765-288-2311

Holiday Inn Express
4201 Bethel
Muncie IN 47304
765-289-4678

Lees Inn & Suites
3302 N Everbrook Lane
Muncie IN 47304
765-282-7557

Signature Inn
3400 N Chadaim Lane
Muncie IN 47304
765-2844200

Super 8 Motel
3601 Fox Ridge Lane
Muncie IN 47304
765-286-4333

Revival For Our Day

September 2003

Dear Ones of Revival For Our Day, we want to be very thankful to our heavenly Father and bless His holy name, giving Him all the glory and praise for the way God in Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit helped and guided us in the recent services here at our church. It was a precious experience indeed and the Lord gave me strength. I needed help desperately and it was a marvelous thing how He undergirded and gave me the help that I needed. We are in debt to our heavenly Father for it.

Thank you for all of your prayers, help and support. We are thankful for all of those who have regularly sent in help each month. Emory Reece mentioned about dear ones possibly sending in additional help, as they feel led by the Holy Spirit to do so. We would be very appreciative of your help, thoughtfulness and sharing. We are trusting the Lord to meet all of our needs according to His riches in glory, by Christ Jesus.

We thank the Lord for the way He anointed and directed the services. We were so thankful. I received a call last Sunday night a week ago from a very dear daughter who said, "O, I want to tell you, God helped you to bring out things on the prodigal son that I had never before thought of." Her father was a minister and she has heard many messages. So I found myself in great debt again to our heavenly Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit for giving me that precious help that Sunday morning as I preached on the prodigal son.

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The message I want to share with you is found in Romans 15:1, which says, "*We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak and not to please ourselves.*" Most people please themselves. There are only a few people among us who walk in this scripture. Have you ever thought about that? For most all of us since the fall of Adam, we have the weakness of desiring to please ourselves. That is tremendous. We seek only to please ourselves and don't even know we are doing it, unless God reveals it. It only comes by revelation, as we pray and obey. So, we see that "They that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak."

Do you know very many people who bear the infirmities of other people? How can you bear the infirmity of another? How do you get under it? It says that we that are strong – which implies that we are faithful and obedient, that we follow Jesus, that we know God and do God's will – we OUGHT to bear the infirmities of the weak. I think of Martha and Nancy working with a dear sister here in Parker City when she lost her husband a few years ago. This dear one wanted her husband back so badly

that she hardly wanted to live. And they worked with her and bore the infirmity and load of her burden. I don't mean just for a day, but days and weeks and months and years. "Bear the infirmities of the weak."

Yesterday and today our daughters were on the phone with a different lady who has nearly nothing. Her car brakes are out and she does not have any money. Her son presses her for a dollar a day for coffee. She cries to my daughters and pleads. None of her children have anything to do with her. They don't even want to see her or have her come visit. Do you think she has an infirmity? She has five children and yet she is alone. She has no money to pay for her brakes, no money to get a gallon of milk, nothing in the house much to eat, she can't even get a hamburger. There is no money. "We that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak."

Others in the church have talked with her and helped her over the years. She is lonely, broken, desperate and full of infirmities. If you had five children and none of them wanted to see you, can you imagine what that would be like? They don't want her to come in their homes. She is alone, has no money and all five children are distant from her. We are to bear the infirmities of the weak. She said, "I have no one to pray for and help me except for you who are at this church. I don't have anyone else."

Most people won't give much time to a situation like this because it is too hard. If her son finds out she has money he gets it from her. She can't leave money in her purse at all any more. She has such an infirmity, more than most people. She has so many infirmities you can hardly enumerate them, yet she does not want to be a burden at all. It is not her choice to be a burden. She prays for all of us. In fact, she prays for us perhaps more than we pray for her. I am way behind – I need forgiveness. She has called me many times also. I was always tender and kind and gentle with her, even though it was not easy. If someone called you everyday and told you all their troubles, all their heartaches, all their pain, all their sorrow, EVERY DAY, for days..."the strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak."

How well do we bear the infirmities of the weak? Do we do a pretty good job of it? Or do we kind of faint to the wayside and say, "I wish this was over. I wish I didn't have to have all this stuff that is told me." How well do we bear the infirmities of the weak that are stranded? You see, this woman we are speaking of is stranded, is desperately alone and has no one to help her. No one. Last week they were going to cut off her electricity. Some time ago they were going to cut off her gas in the winter.

She can't talk to anyone very much because her son is very angry with her and becomes violent. What would you do if your son began to tell you terrible things and you were penniless? We can't even put ourselves in that place at all. Even if we tried, we couldn't. She doesn't want to be a burden, but she is lonely. The infirmed are lonely -- they are stranded -- they are in a hard place -- and no one seems to care much. Most people want to get away from the burden of it. It is just normal to feel that way. But we must not do that. It is not easy to bear the infirmities of those who are weak. How well have I done in this? I have come far short. How about you? Have you felt like you have done pretty well to bear the infirmities of the weak? Or do you feel like me, that you haven't done so well? Confession is good for the soul.

How much rejoicing is there in bearing the infirmities of the weak? Are you happy to bear the infirmities of the weak? It is not a nice feeling, I will tell you. We just might as well own up to it, that it is not easy. Even when we are in Holy Ghost victory it is difficult to bear the infirmities of the weak. We have to have a lot of courage and we've got to have a lot of love. We also have to have a lot of compassion. How much compassion does it require to bear the infirmities of the weak? It requires quite a bit of vision to maintain a spirit of submission to bear the burdens of the infirmed. It doesn't come naturally, because we would like to get out of it as quickly as possible, if we can.

"We that are strong **ought**.... What is in the word ought? How far does it go? How high is it? How deep is it? It makes me sigh, and yet I am glad by God's grace -- only by God's grace --because it must come by our choice. We that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the desperately needy. Most people don't get calls from people like that. The only people they could call much are those people who are willing to listen to them for day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year. It is not always delightful. How far is delight from the place of the person who bears the infirmity of the weak? How much care is required to bear the infirmity of the weak? A lot? How much care do we have in the library of our souls?

Do you think it is Christian to consider this? Do you think it is urgent? It is not too pleasant at times, but it is good for the one that you are consoling and comforting, since they don't know what to do and are alone, with no one. I have my children, my great grandchildren. I have Tyler and Rebecca, Sherrie and Jeffrey to pray and many of you to pray when it is hard. We have a lot of family to help us, but this lady has no one.

How do you bear an infirmity, by putting up with it and being patient with them? Yes, it is by patience we bear them. Without patience we cannot bear the

infirmities of the weak. Without the Holy Spirit in us we'll want to bypass it. The flesh wants to escape it -- it is hard on us and difficult. But consider the infirmed: no electricity, no groceries, the cupboards are bare. Have your cupboards ever been bare for very long? Our cupboards have never been bare. Even when I was living by faith for years, our cupboards were never bare.

"We that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak." Who are the strong? I am not talking about muscle. I am talking about yieldedness and surrender, empowerment and obedience to God. The strong all have to be obedient. The strong never complain. The strong never want to bypass this, they just assume it. The strong are those who are humble enough to do this. This is not a delightful way, as I said earlier, and most of us want to avoid it if possible. But we are to bear the infirmities of the weak, and to be glad, to be rejoicing, bearing up happily with grace abounding and strength. It takes a lot of strength to bear the infirmities of the weak, through the Holy Ghost.

Isn't this quite a subject? I have never gotten on this scripture in seventy years of preaching. It is a wonderful thing. The strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak -- to bear underneath, to stay underneath, to embrace underneath, to love underneath and from one end to the other end, both sides and on top. It's by His mercy alone we can do this. Mercy has a lot to do with the strong bearing the infirmities of the weak. Mercy is at the foundation and must be part of the main support for the strong, with love all encompassing. Well, we have been on a spiritual excursion and I have enjoyed it. Hallelujah.

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Thank you again for your support, prayers, love, care, petitions, and supplications and for holding us to God, because I need it more now than ever before. We are thankful for God to take care in all areas of our need. We are also grateful for Michelle's work on the letters and for the help of her husband, Stephen. We are also quite thankful for the help of Harmony Press in printing these letters at no charge to us, and for the help of Shepherd Services in mailing them. We give Jesus praise for all of His help and blessing.

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

In Jesus' Name,

Loran W. Helm

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Rev. Helm wanted the following letter included for our encouragement. Please give God all of the praise for what He has done.

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There is a wonderful story I wanted to tell you about our friends, the Maggards. Charles and Donna are pastors of Cornerstone Christ Fellowship in Meade County, Kentucky. They have seven children who they home school and their daughter, Sarah, attends Asbury College. She met a young man named Andy who asked her father's permission to court her. We have all loved Andy and have really enjoyed getting to know him. He lives out west, I think in Idaho.

This summer Sarah flew out there to meet his parents and while there she noticed on the bookshelf that there was "A Voice In the Wilderness"! She jumped up and asked them where they got the book and told them that she knew the man and had been with him in services. Andy's father told her that a farmer in Kansas gave him the book and that he loved it. He said that next to the Bible it was his favorite book! What a connection God made there. Now Andy will be coming back to Kentucky and staying with Charles and Donna on August 15th. They are trusting to bring him up to Parker with them. Please pray that God moves in every way and provides the finances for them to make the trip.

It would be a wonderful encouragement as we celebrate seventy years in the ministry to hear yet another story of how God used "A Voice In the Wilderness" to help bring people together.

Sahndra Starnes

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The following is a summary of highlights for the celebration services held on August 15th, 16th and 17th to commemorate seventy years in the ministry for Rev. Helm. Esther Morey compiled it. We are grateful for her willingness to do this and thank God for her labor of love in writing it.

How big is God?

Brother Helm's voice sounded weary on the phone as he contemplated the August meeting. "I can hardly walk across my house!" he said.

My reply was, "God is big Brother Helm.... I've seen Him strengthen you before."

A few weeks later we drove into a full parking lot in Parker City, IN. They were parking cars on the grass. In the foyer a beautiful reception table and the gentle smiles.... the air full of expectancy and longing for God so familiar from years ago. Jewel

Helm's piano playing finding it's way down the hall and calling us to worship.

Found people

These are 'found people.' Found by the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Not by mass crusades or gimmicks or drawing cards. Found by a price. A broken man of God laying down his plans and preferences over and over to follow one leading of the Holy Spirit after another. Dying inwardly – not just outward religious show. Patiently finding us one by one. And then us finding another....like links in a chain.

One torch can light a thousand...

What's to be done with this found people now? What is the purpose for all this meticulous preparation? Are we going to enjoy the warmth and light of the fire of this message for ourselves....or let it ignite within until we are able to light another fire? One torch can light an infinite number of other torches....

The Finder was not Brother Helm – it was God. And though His instrument is weary now – God is not. God could not possibly be done finding. He is finding people all over the world through many vessels and in many circles. He has only just begun. Oh that we may get the depths of this message in our hearts so that we can be part of the 'finding' and loving and healing to a hurting humanity.

Following is the best I can do to try to capture this meeting for those who were not able to attend. I desire to somehow bring it to you via this writing. However, only if the anointing is on writer and reader will this be in any way possible. God was so present that it will be hard to capture even a fraction of what was....but here is my best try....

Friday Evening...

Oh hurry....we're going to be late....oh...they are already singing. We step into the doorway of the beautiful sanctuary and hear that sound. Close to 600 voices singing "A Mighty Fortress is our God." People are standing in the hall and several go into an overflow room to watch the meeting on large screen TV. Brother Helm is there! He made it across his house!

Johnny Light steps up and begins to lead "His Banner Over Me is Love." And I am reminded of the childlikeness of this ministry as hundreds of adults join their children in the simple motions. You could feel religious crusts breaking off.

Then Tyler began to sing, "What this world needs is a willing man of God." Some of the words as I remember them are, "He just needs a few good men...men full of compassion, who laugh and love and cry and are not afraid to die."

Johnny Light led us in "Onward Christian Soldiers." And then Michael Douglas sang, "He saw not what I was but what I could be!" and "New Lives for Old." The old man on the corner still with us, with white light on his wrinkled face, watching to see if we'll take up where he left off.

Brother Helm called on the Litchfield family to sing. Don, Karin and their four children. Rev. Helm commented how wonderful it was to see girls in long hair and long dresses. Someone said "Amen" and Brother Helm shouted. How wonderful to hear Sandra Whittaker sing, "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" and "I Never Shall Forget the Day."

High Time for a Divine Visitation...

Pastor James Wright comes to the platform. "We need a divine visitation!" was his proclamation. Here are a few nutshells from this visionary message.

"We need a divine visitation. A divine visitation is birthed in the atmosphere of prayer. God will show up anywhere He is loved. Praise brings forth divine visitation."

"There is too much jealousy in the church. We need to get excited about someone who has a dream. God favored Joseph. People were upset, yet before it is over, he saves his family."

Luke 19:44b "Thou knewest not the time of thy visitation." and "Your traditions have made the word of God of no effect."

"People would rather join a bowling league than a prayer meeting. We need a Great Awakening. We need the fire to fall on the House of God."

Hearts were stirred and challenged with this prophetic message.

Saturday Morning....

The next morning the Litchfield children and Charles Morey formed a string ensemble and played a worshipful prelude. Robert Morey prayed earnestly.

A precious man named Ted sang, "The Blood will Never Lose it's Power" and the Kokomo Christian Fellowship men, "It is Well." Elizabeth Young beautifully gave us, "This journey is my own". Some of the words were, "I live and I breathe for an audience of One." "Why would I want to live for man and pay the highest price? What would it mean to gain the world, only to lose my life? Only the Lord can say, 'Well done.'"

Then Johnny sang, "I'm on my way back home again." Sandra - "Sweet Little Jesus Boy." Then followed a most amazing antiphonal version of

Jacob's Ladder sung by the congregation facing each other led by Jonny.

The Widow and the Pot of Oil...

Pastor James Wright took us to 2 Kings chapter 4, (the story of Elijah and the widow and the pot of oil.) He told the story in his dramatic way, with young men spreading pots over the platform. The widow, he shared, is the church. Her sons - our future generations that the creditors are coming for. The oil is the anointing. The creditor is the devil. Elijah the Prophet represents the Word of God. What a drama.

He shared that someday much may depend on your recognizing a true man of God in your midst. The widow had to recognize Elijah to get to her deliverance. If she didn't recognize him she and her sons would have never gone through the embarrassing task of trying to answer curious neighbors about why she was borrowing pots. And she would have lost her two sons, the future generation of the church, to the devil.

"Our greatest enemy is the religion inside us. Tradition that gets locked in is a threat to us. The last seven words of the church, 'We don't do it that way around here.'"

The widow did not recognize the value of the jar of oil, much as the church does not recognize the value of the anointing.

Most miracles come with instructions. "Go to the pool of Siloam and wash....march around the walls seven times....etc. Someday your miracle will depend on you're ability to believe a man of God's instructions. 2 Chronicles 20:20b

Rev. Wright took a tiny vial of anointing oil and one of the pots on the platform. He began to share how there is going to be a transfer of anointing from one vessel to another, and that we need to line up for this transfer of anointing. A large altar call followed. He had all the ministers raise their hand to be anointed.

We felt we were being called to become worthy vessels for the transfer of this anointing. We must be done with lesser things and know that we are not our own. We have a mission to allow our little vial of oil to multiply into other's lives. Yes, our capabilities are small, but little is much when God is in it!

Saturday Evening....

Joy Belle started us out with a wonderful prelude. Then Blanche Rouintree cried out to God from her wheelchair. "Thank you for the obstacles removed that Brother Helm could be here!" How she persevered to come following this stroke.

We were treated to four beautiful numbers from the Indianapolis Christ Fellowship Choir including, "Beethoven's Alleluia" which just about split the air with excellence and anointing.

Brother Helm and my father began to review his life story in Nazi Germany. My father, (Reimar Schultze,) came to the platform and began to pray. In his prayer he began to break and weep saying, "Help me to know why we are here together and have this servant."

He held up "A Voice in the Wilderness" and said, "This book is about walking with God! The church had to wait 2000 years to get it!!"

"A man had to die to get this message, so it could be passed on to us. There are no great moments in the history of civilization, there are only great men, and their great acts."

"Brother Helm, it cost you everything to get the message to write this book, and I tell you friends, it costs me everything to get this message to walk with God. It not only cost me everything at one time, to get the message, to get the walk with God. It costs me everything every day to keep the message."

"I want to tell you how my spiritual journey took me into Rev. Loran Helm's life and life experiences and teachings. I want to share briefly again what his message is, and how it fits into the framework of the history of the church."

"For a starter, I was not born to build a church. I was born to get what he has and then to publish it near and far, till death do us part."

Escaping the Holocaust...

"I was born in Nazi Germany in 1936 with Jewish blood flowing in my veins. The dark clouds of the coming holocaust and nightly bombings were looming on the horizon, but there is a God. I was predestined to be with Loran Helm and nothing could touch me or destroy me or stop me."

My father continued to share his escapes by hospital train and ship as well as his 22 months behind barbed wire. He said, "In all of this since birth I was headed for Loran W. Helm who became part of the answers to the questions of Origin, Purpose and Destiny. Hallelujah!"

At age 19, after coming to despair over the teaching that Christians were no better than non-Christians - only blood washed, he prayed for a painless disease and got it. He spent the next year and 4 months in a sanatorium with tuberculosis, God and his Bible. There God taught him several lessons. Following a few quotes.

Lesson number one...

"GOD IS HOLY. And without holiness no man shall see the Lord. Holiness is the first doctrine of the church. The first principle of Holiness is separation. God separated light from darkness. God made no allowance for the gray. We are either holy or unholy. Pure or impure, hot or cold, all of those who are in the in between stage of lukewarmness will be spat out of the mouth of Jesus."

"After a few surgeries, I got out of the sanatorium. I found out that I could live a holy life externally, but I did not find holiness in the inner man."

Lesson number two...

OBEDIENCE. During this time I met a young man, by the name of Dallas Willard who saw me struggling for my search for holiness. So one day he said to me, 'Reimar, why don't you just start obeying God?' When I heard that it was like someone turned the lights on for me. Obedience gave me an anchor.

Linking up to this Rev. Helm says in his book, "Obedience is the very heartbeat of Christianity. If we in the church are not vitally connected to God by the Holy Spirit, so that obedience is in process continuously, we are like a body in which the heart has stopped beating."

I gave myself whole-heartedly to obedience, externally I was doing fine, but internally I was miserable. Oh, yes, I knew externally I had it all together, but oh, not so on the inside. After graduating from college, I was groping around in a spiritual wilderness for another 10 years.

During our second pastorate, we attended the first Waiting on God with Rev. Helm. When I first saw him, the back of his head, instantly, Jesus told me who he was in the kingdom of God. I knew that I found my Moses who would lead me out of my wilderness. Indeed, that is his calling to the church universal.

Let me quote to you from his book about his baptism and calling, "Somehow God placed me into the life experience of Moses, and I was trying to get the church out of self assertion and into self denial and obedience; out of the continuous wandering amid forms and programs into a consecrated surrender to Jesus Christ."

Now wait a minute! Don't get carried away! Brother Helm does not look for admirers. Brother Helm is calling people to discipleship. For only disciples can enter and possess the kingdom of God, no one else is qualified. Discipleship requires forsaking all and denying self to follow Jesus.

He says in his book, "The missing link which connects us to a continuous life of an overcoming Christian is self denial."

You cannot really obey until you deny self, that is, until you crucify the self-life, which is the archenemy to the will of God. Jesus died on the cross to save us, but we must keep self-will continually on the cross to keep that salvation. There are 2 crosses in Christianity, one for him, and one for you. If we don't get and stay on our cross we are like the rest of the world. No matter how religiously engaged we may be, we miss the kingdom of God.

Always Christmas....

When I found the message of self-denial it was like Christmas had just begun, and it never ended since. If you deny self and persevere in it you will find yourself a disciple of Jesus.

On August 17th, 1977...Brother Helm called from Indiana and said he had a revelation from God. He said, "Rev Schultze go thou to Kokomo, Indiana, the Lord will be with you there."

Choices.

"Now, being in Indiana with a congregation of 2 men and 4 women and 4 children, I had 2 choices. One is to build a church, number two is to loose my ministry in his. My congregation and I decided to lose our ministry in his. Of course this led me eventually to an intimacy and acquaintance with this servant. I would travel with him, where I would actually be with him for extended periods of time day after day after day."

Truly he has come to be the messenger of the Lord Jesus Christ to help prepare the church for the Holy Ghost awakening."

"I've pondered many times why all the revivals fizzle out, and all the start-ups at the altar fizzle out. The answer is a lack of self-denial. We know how to get revival going, but we don't know how to sustain it so that it will never end."

Sunday Morning....

When Brother Helm asked me to play an Israeli number, it took me by surprise. However, the Lord helped me remember how to play Exodus. Conner Lloyd, 11, sang, shared scripture and prayed for Brother Helm. Jeanie sang an Israeli number. Our love and call to Israel was being stirred again.

And a Little Child Shall Lead Them....

Conner's little brother Carter gave us the Eph. 4 "Armor of God" passage powerfully. Then up came two young boys who began to do a choreographed sign-language interpretation to the song, "My Heart is Yours." People were weeping all over the sanctuary as God anointed these two

Smith brothers in representing the love from God to man, and the beauty when that is reciprocated. The boys were a bit taken off guard when a generous offering was lifted for them.

Evie Orwig came up with her flute and sweetly gave us, "My Country 'tis of Thee." Then the Lord witnessed to Rev. Helm on a certain number for the Kokomo Christian Fellowship men to sing. And guess what? It was an Israeli number! "Hine ma tov...How Good and How Pleasant it is for Brethren to Dwell Together in Unity." The air began to get thick like years ago just before the revelation for a trip to Israel.

Hine ma tov...

The realization of how good and how pleasant for all of us to dwell in unity - unified in the wellsprings of this life-giving message. Unified in the loss of self, the giving of ourselves away to His purposes. All disunity is self. When we lose self, we come right to oneness.

Did you know we had at least two foreign countries represented in this meeting? Inga from Latvia, and Nicky from Scotland both came in just for this meeting. They were thrilled to be there and we with them.

The Prodigal Son...

Brother Helm from a seated position opened his Bible and began to share from the story of the prodigal son. Here are two sons who both receive their inheritance, but one wants to escape and leave responsibility and the father's house. Here are some notes from this beautiful sharing.

"He did not have time for his inheritance. He had plans. How much are you going to enjoy your escape - your plans made visual, made real? He went away skipping, but came back slowly. He found something that didn't last."

"He was living high on the hog. But look at the father. He never ceased looking for his son to come home again."

"A far country has so many temptations, so many traps. It takes a little while for things to catch up with us. For the aftermath to come. When you make a choice, there is always a price. Our choices are always costly. Every choice has its consequences. How much do we consider our choices? He had the lowest job in the country. He had husk salad. In the hog pen he lost his sense of direction. He realized his father's house had plenty and he went home to find himself.

"The father saw him a long way off and ran. The son smelled like a hog pen and had ragged clothes, but the father fell on his son's neck and kissed him. He didn't scold him. He told the servants to bring

the best robes and put them on him. He had them bring and slay the fatted calf and they began to rejoice. Then the elder brother came. He was angry. How did the elder brother lose his vision and fellowship? He had been in fellowship the whole time - eating off the land and working. The father entreated the older brother."

Rev. Helm had us sing, "A charge to keep I have."

Is this our far country?

God gave Brother Helm strength and anointing in this sharing. Could it be that this message was for 'us?' Or was it for some vague entity of people out there that unfortunately weren't within earshot? Love will allow us to pause for a moment and be transparent. Due to the veil of human flesh, and hurts and disappointments, have we in RFOD wandered from the pristine message of perfect love, purity and obedience? Have we been lured to a more palatable watered down version? Is this our far country?

This message of self-denial (holiness) and obedience to the will of God mustn't die! It is so urgent that it continue. We must respond to the call. We cannot negate this call on our lives because of human failure or personalities. The message is too precious. And we who have been under this ministry, utterly unworthy and weak as we are, are guardians of something very precious. We can bury it in the ground, or we can lose all to find it deep within the interior life, and then invest it in those desperately, desperately, longing for it.

Those of us who know it to be truth, recognize that though 'new' to many of our generation, it is really a restoration of biblical truth - a return of the apostles doctrine to this age.

The Call...to come home...

These meetings could be a beginning. A great healing. What God is doing could lead to a more abundant life in Spirit and Truth, hearts being cleared and the Holy Ghost speaking a message crucial to a Great Awakening. This is a great call from the Father to His sons to return to the message lived and breathed and then shared with a weary and waiting world.

After the closing prayer, Robert and I sang, "Rejoice! Rejoice! My Son is Coming Home Again!" Let us joyfully come home in the unity of Spirit and purpose, being read as living epistles to the effectual receiving of this pure message that has been given to us at such a price. It works His purposes like nothing else! Oh, Glory to God!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Cassette tapes or videos of the services held August 15-17 are available upon request. You may order these by calling (765) 468-8166. Thank you.

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Dear precious followers of the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world, greetings in His precious, holy name! We give God praise and glory for His wonderful works to the children of men. Moses told the children of Israel to review morning, noon and night what God had done for them. And it is still that way today; we are to rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice! “Rejoice! Rejoice! O Christian, lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ your King.” It is through His shed blood on Calvary that we are saved, that “we have a hope within our souls brighter than the perfect day. God has given us His Spirit and we want the world to hear it. All our doubts are passed away.” So we praise Him for what He has done, what His is doing and what He will do, giving Him all the glory, all the honor and all the praise. Thank each of you for praying for us and lifting us to the throne. We are grateful for every gift, sacrifice, prayer, petition and request brought before God on our behalf. Praise the Lord.

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The message today is from I Corinthians 2:14, which reads, ***“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God.”*** This refers to the person who has never been converted and doesn’t know Jesus as their personal savior. He doesn’t have any relationship with God in Christ whatsoever. He does not receive the things of God. When you think of the natural man, you think of a person who has never met up with Jesus on the Damascus road. Whenever you think of the natural man you think of the person who has never known what it is to be saved, never knowing what it is to have fellowship with Jesus or with God.

Now, in I Corinthians 3:1 it says, ***“My brethren, I could not speak unto you as unto spiritual people, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.”*** So we see from these scriptures a description of the natural man, the carnal man and the spiritual man. All men and women fit within one of these three.

As I thought about carnal men and women, King Saul came to my mind. Do you remember when he took the javelin and tried to pin David to the wall? Carnal men are killers. They don’t have control of themselves. In contrast, Job was a very spiritual man. He was a person who loved God and loved people, even when he was under accusations and buffetings. He stayed right in the spiritual realm like a true person of God. However, the carnal man is unpredictable, for he doesn’t know what he is going to do from one moment to the next. He or she reacts quickly. A carnal person is hostile, resentful and angry. Unless we are cleansed we have these things in us, not because we choose to, but because we are born with it. We are born with a carnal disposition.

Since creation, God has wanted for man to be seeking and wanting God’s will. When Adam and Eve chose not to do God’s will, it put us in a carnal state. Unless we have Jesus to help us, we can’t get out of it. Jesus is the only way to God. There is no other way. We need Him desperately and we need Him all the time, because we can slip away very quickly from the spiritual to the carnal very quickly. That is why we have to persevere and press. ***“The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached and every man presseth into it.”*** (Luke 16:16) It is a pressing to pray, to obey, to read the Word, to witness, to share. It is a continual doing. It is very easy to backslide and lose the victory. That is why there is not revival going on. It is because too many live in the carnal mind and they don’t obey the Holy Spirit. They kind of do what the natural man wants or what the carnal mind dictates. So therefore, we have to persevere and press on. Be encouraged! That is the main thing. We need to be encouraged and not be depressed. Simply believe and have faith that the Lord will lead, as we trust Him and obey Him. Because in the life of obedience there is a lifting, a helpfulness, an understanding, insight and compassion. It is by the Holy Spirit, the blood of Jesus and the grace of God.

Don’t be discouraged when you have a hard time of it because we all have tests and trials, battles and struggles. There are all kinds of situations we face, but if we will just hold on and press onward, give Him all the praise, hold to the truth and hold to the Word and keep broken, God will help us. There is a brokenness in a person that is in the spiritual realm, not a hardness or a crustiness. The crustiness is in the carnal life. Brokenness is in the Spirit-filled life. Yieldedness and brokenness are close. “It comes not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.”

The president of Taylor University told years ago about how he came to brokenness, and I would like to share that story. When he was about eighteen years old, he told his father and mother, “I have news for you.” They said, “What is it?” He said, “I have been called to preach.” And they looked at him and said, “That is not news to us. We have known that a long time.” He thought it was news to them. He later went on to say, “You know, I went to this pastorate, and then I went to that pastorate. Finally, I went to a pastorate where I was broken. I didn’t know what brokenness was. But this pastorate brought me to brokenness.” There is such a spiritual work in the process of coming to brokenness. In brokenness there is humility, holiness, caution, carefulness, sweetness, tenderness. No questions at all. It is only through the Holy Spirit that this can occur. We can’t merit it. It is given to the obedient and the obedient don’t

claim to have brokenness, yet they possess it. The obedient don't make any claims; they just give God the praise. They just praise the Lord and give God all the glory. If we are obedient, all the praise is God's.

"To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." (Romans 8:6) So we see there is the natural man, the carnal man and spiritual man and there are so many different aspects of each area of life.

When you think of the spiritual man, of course you think of Jesus, and you may think of Saint Paul. I also think of Joseph, one of the twelve sons of Jacob. He just always kind of comes up when I think of spiritual men who are faithful and holy and yielded and obedient. You see, the spiritual man obeys the Holy Spirit, but the carnal man holds back. The carnal man has some understanding about spiritual things, the natural man has no idea at all, for the things of the Spirit are foolishness to him. He can't understand them. The carnal man has found Jesus, but he is a babe in Christ and is not spiritual. When we are saved we are saved from our sins, s-i-n-s. But we still have the sin principle in our heart. That is why we are carnal. That is why we talk about people, argue, fuss and find fault. There is the sin principle within and we react quickly. Carnality reacts quickly or abruptly. It doesn't mean to, it just does. Carnality is something within the human heart that is just there unless we are sanctified and cleansed of it. We need to be cleansed, sanctified and filled with the Holy Spirit. While the natural man doesn't understand the things of God, the carnal man understands, but he has not been inwardly cleansed of the old nature.

Now the spiritual man has followed the Lord in obedience. He has been faithful, true, and submissive and has been childlike in pursuing the will of God. The spiritual man is filled with humility and wants to do God's will and presses into it. The natural man doesn't know anything about the will of God. The carnal man knows a little but holds back some and lives in disobedience. It is easy to live in disobedience. That is the easy thing to do. If we are not careful that is where we will be, living in disobedience, in the state of the carnal mind and nature. You probably have thought about how when Jesus leads how much of a blessing it is. When we obey the Holy Spirit we get blessed. The carnal man can obey a little; he just hasn't gone all the way with God.

Another example of one who is spiritual is Job – one of the dearest of God's men, who sought to please God and live in His will. The spiritual man lives to live in the will of God. The natural man knows nothing of it and the carnal man has an inkling, but that darkness in him still needs to be

cleansed out. That is the work of the Holy Spirit to cleanse out of us the carnal traits with which we are all born. We have them naturally, even though we don't want them and don't care for them.

So Paul said in I Corinthians 3:1, ***"And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ."*** So when we are saved, we are yet carnal, unless we go right on to be cleansed of the carnal nature. When Jesus saves us, cleanses us and comes into our heart, if we will obey Him, He will lead us right into the spiritual walk and God will slay out of us all those nasty things that we are born with.

To summarize these three conditions of man, we see that the trait of the natural man is unbelief and distance from the will of God – he lives quite a distance from the center of His purpose. The carnal man knows Jesus, but is not yet spiritually mature and is a babe in Christ. The spiritual man is obedient to God and presses into His will in victory.

Now back to the 14th verse of chapter two and reading down through verse 16. ***"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."***

The spiritual man or woman does not complain or find fault, but rather has a gentle spirit. The sanctified person has a tenderness of spirit and there is a sweetness in the person that is obedient and sanctified. The spiritual man is judged of no man, yet he himself has that spirit to see what is going on, but he doesn't use it to an advantage. He is very careful and cautious. In the spiritual life there is a caution and carefulness so that you don't overstep. It is so easy in the physical to overstep and we don't know it. We don't realize it unless the Holy Spirit brings it to our attention. The spiritual man is also patient. He has the spirit of patience. The carnal man doesn't have much patience, but is rather short tempered and greatly lacking in this area. But with the spiritual man, there is a forbearance and patience that comes by the Holy Spirit. We just don't have it naturally, it is in pursuing God in obedience, not being discouraged, but being childlike and letting Him lead us. It is so wonderful to have Jesus guide us by the Holy Spirit and to cleanse us.

Don't be discouraged. If we have some of these traits, we just believe that God is going to cleanse us of them. We ask Him to apply His precious blood and take it out of us. He is able to take it and cleanse us.

Now in I Corinthians 3:2, "*I have fed you with milk, and not with meat.*" When we are first saved we are on a milk diet, for we don't have spiritual teeth. Meat is a heavy diet and we have to walk in obedience and become childlike. As we obey, we become childlike, conscientious, loving to everyone. We love those that are unlovable. You know, we can't do that on our own – this is the gift of the Holy Spirit to bring us to the place where we love everyone and there isn't anyone we don't love. It is a gift of the Holy Spirit to have a love in our heart for those that are having difficulties in life, who are in upheavals in life that need a spiritual heart to speak to them and encourage them.

He says, "I have fed you with milk and not with meat; for hitherto ye were not able to bear it. Neither yet now are ye able." Isn't that tremendous? They had been converted all right. They gave their heart to Jesus, but he had to feed them with milk and not with meat. "...*neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal and walk as men?*" When we are carnal we talk about people before we think about it. We have an argumentative and faultfinding spirit. That is the carnal spirit. We are born with this and not many avoid this.

This sure is a picture of humankind. It is a lot to consider and to examine. When you think of those in both the Old and New Testaments who were pliable and spiritual, who loved God with all their hearts and wanted to walk in the light as He is in the light, we see that they were spiritual. As the Holy Spirit enlightens us we see more clearly. In the beginning it is rather dim, but when the Holy Spirit comes and cleanses us of this carnal spirit, this darkness that we are born with, we see more clearly. If we will obey Him, He will take it out of us. But there must be a life of obedience to do exactly what the Holy Spirit leads us to do and then He can take out of us those traits that are carnal, human and normal. Then he will lead us in the light to follow Jesus, to know Him and the power of His resurrection, sufferings and fellowship. Praise the Lord.

When you follow the will of God, give Jesus all the glory, honor and praise for He is the One. There is nothing in any of us, but it is all in Jesus, all in His grace, love and power that we are able to abound in Him and to have the victory and to have this love within our hearts. Because when we are cleansed and we have the Holy Spirit, we love everyone. It is not a trickle, but an overflowing in the spiritual life when He has His way with us and we don't hold back and we are not sidetracked. He must be first.

In the spiritual life there is much praise. You praise Him frequently and you give Him the glory. In the carnal life there is not much praise. The carnal

mind doesn't care for a lot of praise and doesn't praise God very much. The natural man doesn't praise Him at all and the carnal mind holds back, doesn't want to let loose and give God the glory. The spiritual mind that obeys God is praising the Lord and giving God the thanksgiving. Hallelujah! The spiritual man praises Jesus and tries to exalt Him in every measure. This is all by the grace of God, not anything on our part at all except following in obedience. It is all by His mercy, grace and love. Hallelujah! We have to press very much to keep the victory because we can slip from spiritual victory right back into the carnal life.

You see, if we get saved, cleansed and sanctified, and yet don't obey the Lord, we slip right back into the carnal life. We must be cleansed and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Another trait of the spiritual man is compassion. Yet another attribute is unconditional forgiveness and love. Isn't that wonderful to think about? This is possible in the life obedient to the Holy Spirit. If we don't obey, we won't have it, it is just not there. You can't manufacture it or work it up, because if you do it is counterfeit and it doesn't work. It won't ring true. So there is compassion, long-suffering and unconditional forgiveness in the spiritual life. "O love that will not let me go. I rest my weary soul in thee. I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean's depth its flow may richer, fuller be." Praise the Lord.

So it is God's will for us to leave the natural man's area and to press into the will of God, because as soon as we are converted we are yet carnal, for we yet have resentment, we yet try to analyze and figure things out. In the life of the natural you figure and analyze, you want to know why and wherefore, "tell me why". But in the spiritual life you leave it up to the Holy Spirit to reveal it. In the spiritual life there is no set plan. While the carnal mind wants a set plan, a spiritual life is unpredictable and the spiritual mind doesn't have any plans. The plan is with the Leader, the Holy Spirit. He has the plan.

We are not to be discouraged. Some are tested more than others. All kinds of situations come and we wonder why in the world has this happened to us. Some of them are very serious and hard to understand. That is why we need encouragement. The sanctified and Spirit-filled are encouragers. If one end is down, they come over and lift it up. If they see someone heavy hearted, they go over and cheer them up a little. They may not know how to do it very well, but they try, that they might, by God's grace, arrive in His will, purpose and plan.

There is a vast place in the spiritual life for brokenness, sweetness, yieldedness, and an unconditional forgiving spirit, even to love all

people as He loves us. We can't do that unless we obey Him, unless we embrace and bear the cross so He can refine us. If we walk with Him, He will refine us and take away those ugly traits. We don't merit any of this, He just gives it to those who are yielded and obedient, who walk in the light, giving Him all the glory and all the praise.

Praise the Lord, for He is so merciful to us. I come so far short. He never comes short. He never fails. I do, but not Jesus. He is mighty to deliver the Godly out of temptation. We never get to the place where we are not tempted. We have to resist temptation. *iThere is no temptation taken you but such as is common to man. But God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that which ye are able, but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it.* (I Cor. 10:13) Therefore, we pursue His will and press into it, knowing within ourselves that we are the neediest one. It is by His grace and His precious blood that I can make it by His help and the Holy Spirit. We are not to look at someone and think that they are somebody. Each one of us is on the bottom. The only claim we will have is that we are trusting God and endeavoring to do His will. He is to have all the honor, praise and glory. Praise the Lord.

So we are grateful for God's word, a light, a lamp, a fortress, a hiding place, that He is able to sustain us, able to cleanse us, able to sanctify us, able to fill us with the Holy Ghost, so we will be like Him, going forth as He would have us to in His holy Word and His holy church. We are to go on into holiness and the purpose of God, for this is right, it is holy, it is good and it is something you can stand on.

So we see that there are these three, the natural man, the carnal man and the spiritual man. *iLet us go on unto perfection.* (Hebrews 6:1) Be encouraged to press on to perfection. Paul said in Philippians 3:13,14, *iBrethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

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Thank you for praying for us. We are grateful to God for each of you and for every gift, assistance and petition. You are each so special to the Lord. May you be encouraged, lifted, strengthened and healed as you go forth like lights in the universe. Sometimes the Lord will just heal us as we go. Don't worry, just lift it to Him, go on your way rejoicing and He will take care of you. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,

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Revival For Our Day

November 2003

Dear ones in the Lord Jesus, who are pressing with all their hearts to obey the Lord, greetings in Jesus' name. 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 on our behalf. We appreciate your prayers and also your financial sacrifice and help to us. We praise Jesus for every care and concern, prayer, provision and thoughtfulness. Please keep praying for us, for it seems that I need I now more than ever before. May you each be encouraged and strengthened as you seek to obey the Holy Spirit and make everything clear in your hearts before the Lord and one another. Praise the Lord.

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The message I want to share with you is found in the same scripture from my previous message, in the book of I Corinthians 2:14-3:3 which reads, 2:14) *“But the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.* 15) *But he that is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.* 16) *For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.* 3:1) *And I brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.* 2) *I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.* 3) *For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?”*

This passage clearly tells us that when we are converted we are yet carnal; we are but babes in Christ. Paul could not speak to them as spiritual people, but as carnal, as babes in Christ. We have to really obey and persevere in the Holy Spirit to leap into the spiritual realm and victory in the Holy Ghost. *“The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached and every man presseth into it.”* (Luke 16:16) We must press because unless we press we will stay right in that first state we are found in, the natural state. We are born in the natural state. Most all persons stay there and never get out of that area, even in their converted state. They stay because they choose to just do what self wants. When we make the choice to let self have its way, we are living in the natural agenda. That is a place away from God. The natural man doesn't understand the things of God and doesn't receive them. They are foolishness to him. It is only through the blood of Jesus that we go on from the natural state in conversion into sanctification to be cleansed of this wicked, carnal nature, which holds us in areas of darkness that are not good. God wants us to be

holy, obedient and childlike. *“Except ye be converted and become like a little child, ye shall not enter the kingdom of Heaven.”* (Matthew 18:3) So, we must persevere into the beautiful life of following Jesus and becoming a light in the world, true spiritual persons. We must give Him all the praise.

Why is it that we stay so long in the natural state? Many people stay in the natural realm for their entire lifetime. There is something in us that holds us back from God's will and purpose and we don't get to our Nineveh. We go where we want and plan instead. Therefore, we see we can easily fail God by doing it our own way. The natural tendency is to do it our way and our way may not be God's way. It usually isn't. We are very weak. We tend to remain so very long in the natural agenda – when God invites us into intimacy and closeness with Him, to obedience.

As I meditate about this scripture in I Corinthians, several people from the Bible that God used come to mind. One of them is the prophet Samuel, who heard the voice of God and was obedient to the Lord. However, I also think of Jonah. God gave him word to go to Nineveh to preach, but he didn't want to go. The carnal nature in us doesn't want to do what God bids us to do. At first, Jonah refused to go and preach so the people could repent of their wickedness and evil. He got on a ship and headed to Tarshish instead, and a great storm arose. I tell you, when the carnal nature is not willing to yield over to the Holy Spirit, storms come and the waves get high. We don't know just what the result will be. There is a tendency in us to have our own way, just like Jonah. Jonah wanted his way and it was the wrong way. He was really chastened. God laid it on him heavily by having a fish swallow him. Even after he preached and the city repented, and a great revival came, Jonah went out of the city and got under a tree and pouted a while. He didn't care for what had occurred. So we see from this account that the carnal nature in us pouts, complains and finds fault. We are not to be as Jonah was. We are to press through continually from the carnal realm to the spiritual realm.

Zacchaeus was another who obeyed the Lord. He climbed a tree to see Jesus. He climbed that tree in the natural state. When Jesus came down the road and looked up and saw him, and told him to come down, Zacchaeus quickly came down. But he came down that tree in the spiritual state, altogether different than when he went up. He went up it in the natural and came down it in the spiritual. How do we know that? Because he said, “I am going to give half of my goods to the poor, and anyone I have cheated I will restore fourfold.” I tell you, he made a great leap from the natural state to the

spiritual state, to the obedient place. The Lord did a great work in his heart by transforming him. Jesus loved him. Whenever Jesus can find a man who will put out that kind of effort, it is exciting.

Then when Zacchaeus did what Jesus wanted him to do, the people in the crowd all murmured at Jesus for receiving him. There is a lot of murmuring in the carnal nature, in the natural state of men and women. It is a marvel to me that is says all the multitude murmured when Zacchaeus came down to Jesus and met Him. There was not one who stood with them or who was in the spiritual realm. They were all either in the carnal or the natural realm, but not the spiritual. Isn't that something to consider? There wasn't one to whom Jesus had been preaching and teaching the truth that understood what was going on with Zacchaeus. Isn't that a wonder? If we are not careful, we can have an awful thing inside of us that causes us to resent it when God is working.

You see, the thing about this story that hits us so close to home, (yet we may not even realize it) is the fact that the ones who murmured about Zacchaeus and caused the storm were the ones who had been with Jesus for a good while. They were going along with Him, enjoying the journey and looking quite pleasant, and yet they could not recognize a changed man obeying God. They were put out with it. The multitude didn't accept it. The multitude doesn't always go along with the spiritual infilling. They go along with the carnal and natural state more easily. Therefore, we must press and persevere in order to go from the natural state into the spiritual state. When we are converted, we are yet carnal and are babes in Christ. In Zacchaeus' situation he obeyed God and Jesus received him with great joy. So in the spiritual state there is great joy, peace, love, care and concern. But in the natural state or carnal state, these attributes are not present. Rather, they are absent. God wants us to persevere so that we can live in victory. Most all mortals live in the flesh. We live in the carnal state. We do not pursue or press into the spiritual victory that awaits us. It is there for us if we will press and be obedient, that we can be there. It takes the Lord to help us to overcome our weaknesses and the sin that does so easily beset us.

I was thinking about the accounts in the Old Testament where Abraham and Jacob both said that their wife was their sister. They said this because of fear. I can see that in the natural man there is the spirit of fear, doubt and faithlessness. There was no faith in their situation at all. We have to have faith in the Lord and pursue it with all of our heart.

Another example of a person in the carnal or natural state who comes to mind is Nicodemus, who came to Jesus by night and said, "We know you are a teacher come from God: for no man can do these

miracles that thou doest, except God be with him." Jesus said, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, 'Ye must be born again.'" When He told him he needed to be born again he couldn't understand it, yet he was a master teacher in Israel. He was a man of knowledge and insight, and yet he didn't understand Jesus' saying. He asked Jesus, "How can a man be born when he is old." I want you to see that in the natural there are so many questions and bewilderments. In the carnal nature there are wanderings, murmurings, doubts, analyzations. If you think about it, did Nicodemus really find Jesus at this encounter, or later? It seems to me that he must have found Jesus a little later. In the third chapter of John, Nicodemus was still in the natural or carnal and didn't really know who Jesus was. This is something to consider how the Lord would have us to be moving from the natural and carnal state to the spiritual.

Often the disciples asked Jesus, "How can these things be." The natural man and carnal man are full of doubt. We have to labor against it all the time because we just naturally do that. But we have to persevere and resist the devil in order to get out of this place of the natural and carnal man. We must become child-like and be obedient to Him, doing what He would have us to do. We must yield ourselves to Him – and that is a continual work. It is not easy for us to overcome because the natural binds us terribly hard to hold us in the carnal place. We are bound there because of the fall of man. Disobedience holds us in the natural area, as well as criticism and finding fault. We must press hard to leave the city limits of the natural man.

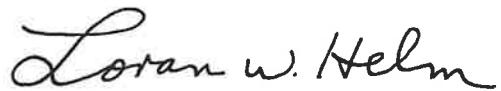
A person can be born again, be cleansed of their sins and find Jesus as their savior. But then, if they don't obey, they fail to follow Jesus and never get to the spiritual realm. We need to be cleansed of the carnal nature and filled with the Holy Spirit so we can shine and let people know that by the grace of God we are pressing and striving to be obedient and do as God would lead us to do.

It is the love call of God to persevere and dwell in the spiritual area of obedience, to absolutely abound in His kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. He desires for us to live where He answers prayer, where He guides and directs. In the natural and carnal state, there is not much leading of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit must have the preeminence. The flesh in us pulls us down and we are not free to do this. We must persevere to break the earthly tie that binds us to let Him have His way in our lives. When we let Him have His way in our lives, there is joy, peace, victory and compassion.

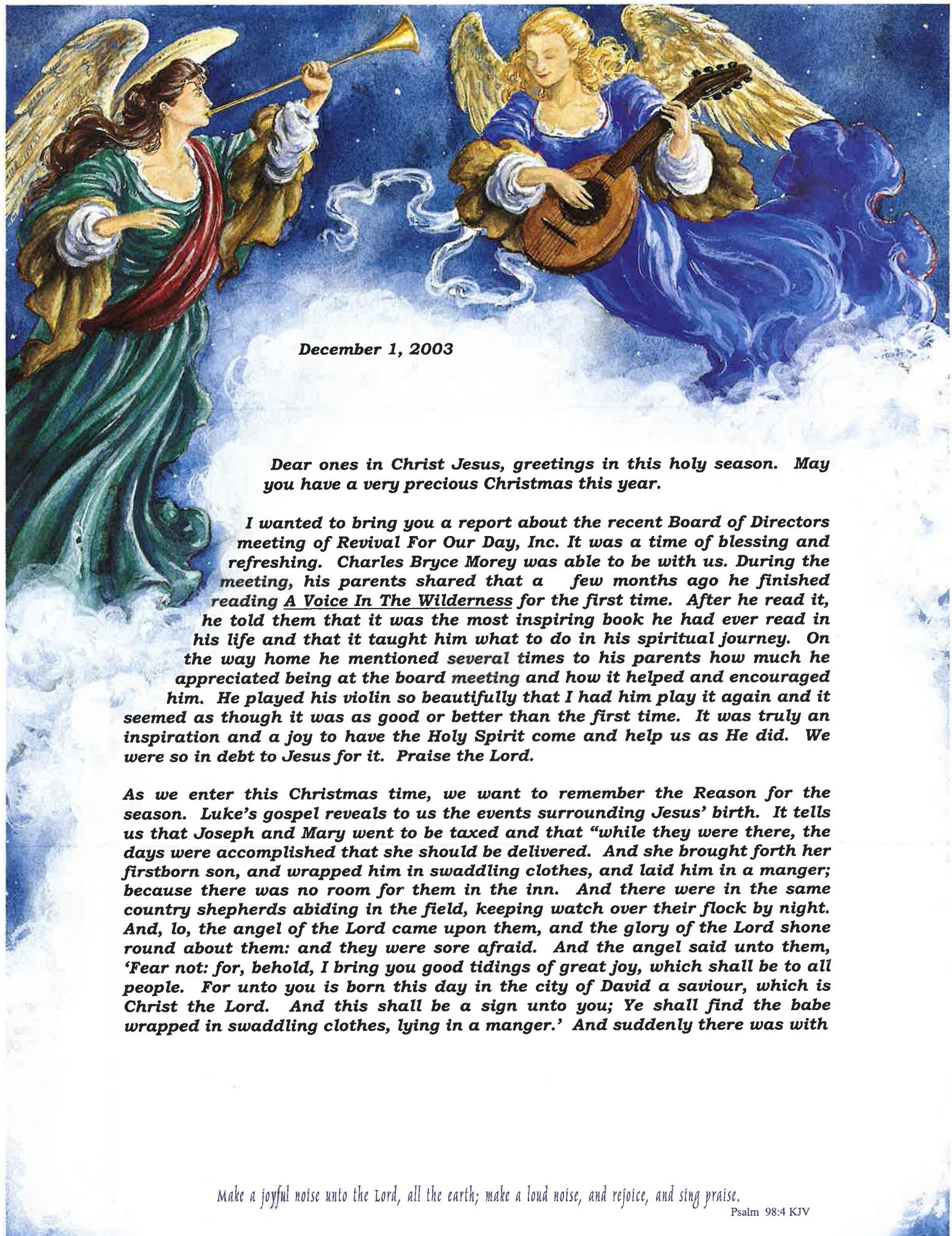
So therefore, it is through the blood of Jesus and by His presence and perseverance we are able to press through and leave the carnal and natural areas in order to arrive at where God would have us to be. I

know that I need that every moment, every step of the way and every breath. Praise the Lord. We want to view this and say, "Lead on O King eternal, the day of march has come." Hallelujah! Remember Zacchaeus. When you do what God wants you to do, Jesus is going to go home with you. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Loran W. Helm". The signature is fluid and personal, with a distinct "L" at the beginning and a "W" in the middle.

Loran W. Helm



December 1, 2003

Dear ones in Christ Jesus, greetings in this holy season. May you have a very precious Christmas this year.

I wanted to bring you a report about the recent Board of Directors meeting of Revival For Our Day, Inc. It was a time of blessing and refreshing. Charles Bryce Morey was able to be with us. During the meeting, his parents shared that a few months ago he finished reading A Voice In The Wilderness for the first time. After he read it, he told them that it was the most inspiring book he had ever read in his life and that it taught him what to do in his spiritual journey. On the way home he mentioned several times to his parents how much he appreciated being at the board meeting and how it helped and encouraged him. He played his violin so beautifully that I had him play it again and it seemed as though it was as good or better than the first time. It was truly an inspiration and a joy to have the Holy Spirit come and help us as He did. We were so in debt to Jesus for it. Praise the Lord.

As we enter this Christmas time, we want to remember the Reason for the season. Luke's gospel reveals to us the events surrounding Jesus' birth. It tells us that Joseph and Mary went to be taxed and that "while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. 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. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a saviour, which is Christ the Lord. 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

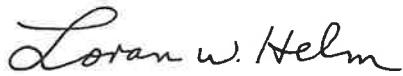
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth; make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

Psalm 98:4 KJV

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 has made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.”

The story of God's gift to us in Christ Jesus is a wonderful declaration of love and of the Kingdom of God. We thank you for all of your prayers, help and thoughtfulness. We are very in debt to our heavenly Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit for it all.

May you have a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.



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