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August 31, 1960

Mrs. Bill Staggs  
4391 Redonda Lane  
Dayton 14, Ohio

Dear Edith:

Needless to say, Sue and I were stunned yesterday when we learned of Bill's untimely death. Our every thought has been of you and the grief that you must now be experiencing. We wish there was something we could do or say to really communicate to you our profound sorrow at his passing. But these are hours when only those who knew him best must suffer without any comfort from other humans.

However, I would like to remind you that there is a source of ~~real~~ true, and abiding comfort. There is a fountain of genuine hope to which all who love God have recourse. It was the Apostle of Suffering, Paul, who declared in his own darkest hour, "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God," (Rom. 8:28) Paul declares in Romans 8:38,39 that not even death can separate us from God's love.

As you question what caused this to come upon you and Bill, or Why God allowed it bear in mind the answer to these questions given in Isaiah 55:8,9.

Our deepest love and concern are with you. We pray that you will look to God for the only real help available.

Your brother in Christ,

John Allen Chalk