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November 7, 1969

Mr. Harold Roney
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Dear Harold:

Your gracious letter of October 21 came as a welcomed inspiration. Thank you so much for the kind remarks you made about my participation on Herald of Truth radio. I know of no one who gave me more encouragement during my three and one half years on radio than you. I want you to know that it meant a great deal to me, and still does.

The decision to remain at Highland was a surprise to all of us, including me! I hope and pray that God will use us mightily in the work here. There is a great ministry at Highland if I can get out of God's way and allow Him to do it for us. I want your prayers about the special burdens I carry with the work here.

I'm glad you got to see and hear Prentice Meador. Both Prentice and Jennings Davis, who spoke the night before, were under great pressure. In fact, Jennings had been instructed by the elders not to preach on any of the social implication of the gospel of Christ. Jennings was under great conviction about what he had to say. Hillsboro elders were meeting up to five minutes before the the services were to start because of what they thought was Jennings' undue emphasis on God's grace. It turned out that they were more concerned about "Baptist" doctrine than about the social gospel. It just goes to show you that you never can tell what Californians will do!

Jon Rose is a member of the Highland congregation. I see him almost every week. He attends services here with another Lipscomb graduate, Jim Mayo. Both of them are great young men and I have had an opportunity to meet with both of them on an extended personal basis. Thank you for mentioning Jon to me.

I do hope to get to see you personally in the next several months. It is such a pleasure and encouragement to count you a friend and brother.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

P. S. Please give James Vandiver my best regards. We have had almost no contact over the last two years. I just supposed that some of my "friends" had gotten to James and made him afraid to admit that he knew me! Seriously, I have missed the close personal association that the three of us enjoyed.

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October 21, 1969

Mr. John Allen Chalk
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Dear John Allen:

I have been intending to write you for sometime and tell you how much we miss you on the "Herald of Truth" program. I must say that I was surprised at your decision to remain in Abilene, but I know that you are doing a good work there.

I heard Prentice Meador Friday night at Hillsboro speaking on the mission of the church in the twentieth century. He did a masterful job as usual, but I could not help but sense some frustration in attempting to speak to that audience and impress upon them the importance of their individual effort in reaching the lost. I know that you have read his Abilene commencement address. I thought it was a masterpiece.

I wanted to call to your attention Jon Rose who is enrolled in the graduate school of religion at Abilene. Jon is a brother of a girl I have been dating lately and is a very promising young man. He is a graduate of Lipscomb and is having some financial difficulty as he completes his education. He has a wonderful personality and a great deal of ability. I believe that he will be a fine asset to the church and I hope that he will be able to continue his studies there. I sincerely hope you will be able to encourage him during his stay in Abilene. A few words from a man like you would probably cause him to reach for the moon.

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I regret that our visits are so infrequent. I greatly miss the inspiration which you bring to our meetings together. May God continue to bless you. Please give my regards to your wife.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harold".

Harold N. Roney

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