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August 13, 1969

Mr. Andy Hairston
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Dear Andrew:

Thank you for your gracious letter of August 1. I don't know that I could put all the pieces of the puzzle together regarding my recent decision to remain in Abilene. I have known for some time some of the deep needs of the Highland congregation and felt a real responsibility to try to help the situation any way God could use me. I also had great concern about whether I could do both the Campus Ministry and full-time school work at the same time in Atlanta.

Sue and I were deeply saddened when we finally realized that we wouldn't be moving to Atlanta. They had looked forward so much to a deeper, more meaningful and personal relationship with you and your wife. We also looked forward to the school work with a great anticipation as well as pleasant associations with our many friends in Atlanta. For the time, however, it is necessary for us to remain here and open our lives to God through this ministry. Please pray that He will use us effectively.

I hope that the report on the Liberian work went well at Decatur. I regret that I could not be with you. Keep me informed about how things go around the country since I am going to be more or less out of circulation with the responsibilities here.

You can have T. A. Isaac back. It just dawned on me the other day that we'd be working in the same city. My wife, however, said that the city is probably big enough for both of you. Atlanta was big enough for T. A. and Andy. Andrew, pray for me and my relationship to him.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

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Dear John,

It has been my purpose to write you and let you know that I hope you will be both successful and happy in your reversed decision in the Master's work. Please give Sue my highest regards and assure her that I yet anticipate the day when all of us may be able to share in a closer fellowship which geographical distance now prohibits.


Archie informed me of your decision not to come about three days before you were to have arrived. I was not surprised at your backing out of coming to Atlanta since I was never impressed that Atlanta was what you really wanted. I was however stunned by your delayed decision. I had learned at the West Coast Mobilization Seminar that you had been offered the pulpit at Highland but understood you had said no.

Well man, under any circumstance I certainly trust you will be happy and that God will be able to do more with you there than He could have done with you here.

Say man! I read in the Christian Chronicle that T.A. Isaac has been excused from the pulpit here so he could come to Abilene and help you out. Ha, ha, ha, ha, smile.

God bless you brother.

IN BROTHERLY LOVE,


Andy Hairston, MINISTER

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