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December 22, 1970

Dr. Prentice Meador
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Dear Prentice:

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Thanks for the clippings. I deeply regret the trouble Pepperdine has had this past week but feel much more troubled about the context which keeps producing this kind of unrest. I find it so difficult to respect Bill and Norvel. because of this kind of situation, yet I know that I am not close to the scene and cannot begin to imagine the pressures and responsibilities under which they work. I only know of one thing to do and that is to pray for their courage and commitment in the Lord Jesus. Surely out of all of this unrest can come a clearer view for both of them of what is important and what is unimportant. It may also mean that there really is no way to serve in the present institutions of our society without great pain and even loss of personal prestige and standing. This is what I see more and more in todays church and the closer I get to the situations like Pepperdine, the more I realize the ease with which one could come to the conviction that the institution ought to be preserved at all cost, including human life.

It was great talking with you the other night. I love and respect your faith and commitment so very deeply. Your leadership in the San Fernando church is an encouragement to men and women all over the country, and especially on the West Coast. I keep hearing encouraging things about faith and ministry of the congregation there. I know God has blessed you in that relationship and I pray that He will continue to do so.

Sue and I, along with Mary Beth, will get to Tennessee for only three days during the holidays. John has a tonsilæctomy which will prevent us going until New Years but will also prevent John from going at all. We are so blessed, however, and thank God for the way He strengthens us daily for the tasks at hand.

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Please pray that my reaction to Harry Pickup's paper at the Preacher's Workshop will be incisive, understandable and Biblical. Your fellowship in this matter is needed and appreciated.

Sue and I send all of you our prayers that 1971 will be a new year in every respect and that you will find strength and the direction to let God have the fullest use of your lives. Let me know how I can help in any conceivable way.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

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DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH
LOS ANGELES 24, CALIFORNIA

Dec. 11, 1970

John —

Appreciate so much your call and note!
Means more to my faith at this time than
you suspect. I find surrounds most difficult.

Enclosed are articles I knew you'd "enjoy" reading.
Read them in sequence for impact! Banowsky
accepts honor for not having a demonstration!
The next day, students try to burn school!
News coverage sounded like Ross Barnett, George
Wallace explanation: "Outsiders" "We've
sewed the community" etc. "It's their fault."

Now quiet (Friday) as administration gives
in to student demands.

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