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Mr. Jimmy Barker
General Delivery
Taylorsville, North Carolina 28681

Dear Mr. Barker:

I can certainly appreciate the dilemma you describe in your letter of November 5. I know that you must sense a great deal of loss and grief at the fact that you and your wife are separated.

Possibly a third party could be of help. It should be someone that both you and your wife respect but who also has enough understanding and insight to see the situation more clearly than either one of you might see. If you know such a person, you might approach him or her and ask for their help in this matter.

We are sending, under separate cover, all thirteen sermons preached in our Herald of Truth series on Marriage and Family Life. I pray that these lessons can be of help in providing sight and direction as you attempt to reconcile your marriage.

Under no circumstances would I consider the whole matter over. Pray that God will bring the two of you back together and seek out a person or persons whom you think could help the two of you to be reconciled.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

JAC:Jc
Dear Mr. Chalk,

Sometime ago I heard one of your radio programs on marriage and broken homes. Well I have such a problem after 17 years. For the past two years we haven't lived together. We have three children, twins 14 years and one 11 year old.

We tried everything in trying to bring them back home, but everything seems to be present, we live near each other, and there is no one else in our life romantically. Do you think I should give up and sell out or hold on a while longer?

P.S. She just became dissatisfied and went back to her mother. Please send me any information you have on such a problem.
Also she filed for divorce on one year's separation but it was not granted. Do you think it's all over for us? I'm living alone in the home.

Sincerely yours

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