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Mr. Jim Ford
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Dear Jim:

Thanks so much for sending along the check and your kind note. I had a very enjoyable three days with you and appreciated so much your willingness to put up with my peculiarities and especially my deep personal concern about getting to Mississippi and back for my grandmother's funeral. Through it all you were a great brother and I appreciated that.

Jim, your mention of a deep personal problem causes me to reach out in even greater love and concern for you. I hope that our friendship can deepen and ripen. If at any time I can help you think through this matter or offer direction in any way, please feel free to call on me. I can appreciate the struggle and especially in the context in which you now find yourself. I noticed a startling number of parallels between my experiences in Cookeville, Tennessee and yours in Wolfe City. I am praying daily that the Lord will bless you with insight and understanding so that you can appropriate daily the power and life He gives in Jesus Christ.

Give your lovely wife my regards. She was kind and considerate and made the three days an even happier time.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

JAC:lc
Dear "Brother John Allen:"

Simply wanted to let you know again how much Sharon and I enjoyed you. I appreciate and cherish your friendship. John, I have a very deep personal problem which I had almost decided was incurable. Although we didn't discuss the situation, you let me see something that may very well lead to the greatest happening in my life. Because of you, perhaps someday soon I can let the Lord Jesus have my life. I hope that you'll pray daily for me.

We were all sad because you had to go so quickly Wednesday evening; however, all concerned understood.

Anytime you come within "shooting" range of Wolfe City, you know where there is a comfortable bed, a good looking woman, superior song leader, and hot biscuits. (every morning)

May all of your work be as successful as it was in our community.

In Earnest Esteem,

Jim Ford