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June 9, 1970

Mr. Gary Hundley  
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Dear Gary:

I can appreciate some of the turmoil you must be going through. I have just come through a four or five month period of great anguish about whether to continue preaching or not. During that period of time I did a lot of self study, both of my personal faith and of my personal self. I would like to urge you to consider this present time in your life as a very important time. Some of the greatest lessons you may learn and some of the deepest insights you may gain could come out of this very period. Do not disparage this time out of the pulpit. Pray that God will teach you what He wants you to know, even in the midst of this period.

This can also be a time of deeper spiritual insight for you personally. I would like to recommend your reading two books; one by Catherine Marshall called Beyond Ourselves and the other a daily devotional that I would urge you to begin using by Oswald Chambers, My Utmost for His Highest (New York: DODD, MEAD & CO.) I think you will find the Chambers Daily Devotional one of the most spiritually deep guides to daily living in Christ that you have ever read. I urge you to get it. I think Catherine Marshall's book can help you with your interpretation of what is happening to you right now. I hope you will also get a copy of it. It's available in paperback now.

I will keep my eyes open and if I hear of anything I will let you know. I believe this time can be a great blessing and make of you an even greater servant of Jesus in the days ahead. Be assured of my prayers for you.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

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Mr. John Allen Chalk  
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Dear John,

Brother, it was so good to receive your letter of May 27. I have already written to the church in Cookeville and I hope and pray that things work out. I'm not preaching at the present time, obviously, but I have gotten a job selling cloths in a very exclusive men's shop in Detroit. This is not what I want out of life, but it is keeping us alive until something better comes up. It does give me a good opportunity to witness, but I am just not very happy. I had decided not to preach any more after the events which transpired with Waterford, but I know now that I can never be happy doing anything else but preaching. It's too much of my life! It's going to be hard to trust people again but perhaps good fortune will come our way. At least Hope and I stand together on this thing. Her love for me is the only thing that has kept me going.

If you know of anything opening up, I would appreciate you remembering us. Call me collect at area code 313, 673-0756. We are making enough money to keep us alive but that is not why I need a job! John, I've just got to conquer this thing. I would appreciate any help that you can render, but please pray for us above all else. Man, life is rough right now.

Preach the Word, Brother, and I shall anticipate your reply. May God bless you in all you do. I love you for what you are doing for Jesus sake.

Yours for Jesus,

*Gary*  
Gary Hundley