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From/To: Fred Holladay (Chalk's reply filed first)

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January 27, 1970

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Mr. Fred Holladay  
Holladay Furniture Company  
Huntingdon, Tennessee

Dear Fred:

The differences between your situation in Huntingdon and that in California would be so abrupt and complete that I hardly know how to describe it. In fact, if you have not spent some time in California there would be no way for me to even indicate why I would say what I might say. I personally find California exciting and the opportunities thrilling. It is, however, a challenging culture in which one who is less than a strong individual can get "chewed up."

I do believe, however, your opportunities for service in California would be infinitely greater than in Huntingdon. I frankly see no way that any significant changes will ever take place in Huntingdon. I hope I am not limiting the power of God but I think I do understand the prejudices, the world views, the ignorance and other general attitudes that I think make it impossible for the two of you to mature spiritually to your potential.

I mentioned your name to the Pepperdine people because I felt you were competent. I also felt the Pepperdine situation was the most challenging thing I know of, both spiritually and professionally, within our brotherhood. I felt that you needed the opportunity to at least consider this possibility. I think you would be working with some of the finest people I know in the Pepperdine Situation. I think it would provide the greatest challenge you might possibly ever face in both the contributions you make to the school and in the opportunities to serve the church.

I pray that God will give you special wisdom as you further consider this opportunity.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

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HUNTINGDON, TENN. 38344

January 20, 1970

Mr. John Allen Chalk  
Highland church of Christ  
Fifth and Highland  
Abilene, Texas

Dear brother,

Last Friday evening Mr. Harry Walker of Pepperdine College called me and talked briefly about the position they needed filled in the Comptrollers Office there. It seems strange that you would have mentioned my name to them not knowing the situation that we were in concerning race relations and other ideas. I appreciate it.

I wonder if I could get some of your thoughts about the situation. I know that you know precious little about the situation in Huntingdon, but still you are familiar enough with our situations and problems to give some good advice.

Do you think that Pepperdine would offer us an area of more uninhibited Christian service than the Huntingdon area?

Knowing what you do of Gayle and I do you think that we would fit into a metropolitan area such as Los Angeles after four years in Huntingdon?

Do you think that the contribution that can be made for Christ in the L. A. area is greater than the financial contribution that can be made from successful operations of our retail store?

What really prompted you to mention my name? You know brother, it almost seems providential.

As you can imagine, such a drastic change will greatly affect the lives of ourselves and our children. I will appreciate any comments you can share with me and also your prayers.

May God's grace and peace be with you, Sue and the family.

Your brother,



Fred Holladay