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Mr. Eddie Burke
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Dear Eddie:

I have read carefully your booklet "I Was in Prison and Ye Visited Me Not." Thank you so much for taking the time to write this book. I know it took a lot of study on your part and also see so clearly how it came right out of the depths of your own personal experience. I am sure it will help many brethren.

At this time, I see no way that we will be able to work you into any of our services at the Highland church. The rest of this year is so fully planned and so completely packed that we just do not have an opening. I know that in view of your present schedule that isn't going to make any difference because you already have more than enough places to speak. It is certainly going to be a loss but I am sure you understand, in the problems of trying to get everything worked in, we get requests for speakers from all over the country every week and simply can't fill all the requests.

I am deeply interested in your attempt to get back behind the walls to speak to the men there. I do hope that you are going to be successful in getting an opportunity to do that. You might want to write personally to Mr. A. L. Rhodes, Rt. 6, Box 132, Abilene, Texas, 79601. Mr. Rhodes is a personal friend of Governor Preston Smith's and is a very active member of the congregation here. You should write brother Rhodes, telling him that you are a dear friend of mine and explaining your connection with the Herald of Truth. Mr. Rhodes has been the Chairman of our radio and television committee during the past twelve months and is vitally interested in things the Herald of Truth is doing. He might be the very man who could get the Governor to give you permission to go behind the walls to preach.
It was a pleasure seeing you at the Preacher's Workshop. Keep up the good work. I know the Lord is blessing your ministry. Please remember that your worthwhileness does not depend upon how much the brethren receive you. Please remember that God loves you and has a plan for your life regardless of whether you speak to a handful of people or to great throngs. Remember that God will make the opportunities for you. You should not worry about making the opportunities. There are more opportunities now for you than you can ever fill in a lifetime of service. I hope that each day you will center your life in Jesus Christ all over again, and out of that experience rise to serve Him in strength. Read Colossians 3:6,7.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

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