
John Allen Chalk: Personal Correspondence

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April 30, 1971

Mrs. Alton Davis
830 Redwood
Abilene, Texas

Dear Betty:

No one with whom I have talked has understood the biblical concept of the Body of Christ like your letter to me reveals it. I praise God for the beautiful insight your letter showed. Usually when I talk ~~with~~ with Highland members, or for that matter Christians in other congregations, I find them grasping only one facet or another of this total concept. Your letter, however, reveals such a breadth and depth of understanding. I am than-ful to God that someone in this congregation has seen what I have been trying to present as clearly and beautifully as you have seen it.

In the closing remarks of your letter, you suggest that there is a possibility that you might be "off base somewhere" or that you might have misunderstood something. In all truth and honesty, I see absolutely nothing you have misunderstood. I am convinced that God is going to use you in even more powerful ways in the days ahead. This means, however, that you must maintain your relationship with Him and that you must not allow your ministries to deflect your sight from Jesus, Himself, who is the source of all your ministries. If you have not already done so, I would like to see you and Alton begin using a daily devotional guide offered by Oswald Chambers. The book is entitled My Utmost for His Highest. You may get a copy of it either at the ACC Bookstore or at Abilene Educational Supply just across from the campus. I think Sanders out in Westgate might also have the book. You are at the point spiritually, where you can begin to understand what Chambers says. Only read the page dated for that particular day. Don't try to read ahead or try to catch up. Just start using the book whenever you get it and on whatever date you begin using it. I am going through My Utmost For His Highest the fourth time and am being blessed abundantly by it. Sue and I both use it every day. The reason I would like to see you begin using this daily devotional guide is cause I think it will make your sensitivity to others and God's use of you in ministry to others more effective.

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It was so beautiful to hear you express the understanding to which you have come in these last two years rather than lamenting my leaving. I thank God for the way He has used me to minister to you and others. It is not of me. It is of Him. I believe that because of you and others like you, Highland not only is a stronger congregation today but will continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

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