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Feb 10<sup>th</sup>

Dearest John Allen,

I want to tell you how much I love you, how concerned I am for your continued, increased fruitfulness and happiness. I don't know what right I have to be telling you this except you do sign your letters (thank you so much for writing.) your brothers and I do love and respect you.

Our Lord Himself is working everyday with my life. It is so hard to let Him get through to me, to give Him everything. I still am 'thinking as men think' ... tonight, by faith, we were able to be together.

Bonhoeffer's life, from the little I know, witnessed of his overcoming the earthly, overcoming the pain, the suffering ... exiting into Jesus' life by dying by faith, growing into a life together with Christ <sup>to service.</sup> of serving and witnessing, the overcoming, the being over today's problems ... taking His light load, His easy burden. HE helped me realize this tonight.

If I can at all do it, I will come to part of the Lectureship! I really am thinking He wants me to. Please do not think I am trying to 'work up' a 'friendly' relationship with you. (I know you are too smart to think that.) I just don't think I can allow myself to waste your time. As Mr. Bonhoeffer said, "our fellowship is with Jesus." that is amazing.  
and the Apostle John

may Christ be your strength,

sincerely yours, please understand I do not mean to waste your time ... I believe He wanted me to write.

Love in Jesus,  
Allen  
Jr.

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