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From/To: Joe Tomlinson (Chalk's reply filed first)

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February 2, 1971

Mr. Joe Tomlinson
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Dear Joe:

I have just heard through Randy Becton that you are now preaching for the Pennington Bend congregation in Nashville. I know that this must come as an answer to a lot of prayers on your part. I am sure that the move from Fiji caused a lot of personal frustration and confusion. The opportunity to minister to a congregation like Pennington Bend will offer you a great challenge.

I deeply regret the fact that I had nothing I could offer or nothing I knew about in the Abilene area when you called on Christmas day. Unfortunately, my family and I were in the process of entertaining a house full of people. Over the uproar of all of our guests, I could hardly hear during our telephone conversation that day. I later wished that we had been able to talk under more relaxed circumstances. I do hope that our conversation was not a discouragement to you and your work for the Lord.

Randy and I have prayed for God's special blessing on you and His special direction of you during this time of transition. I thank God for the way He must be blessing you now.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

JAC:lc
February 5, 1971

Mr. John Allen Chalk
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Dear John:

Thank you for your letter of February 2. The day I called you I did think that you were a little curt, but it did not discourage me. I rationalized that you were under some pressures that I did not understand. God gave me grace to think "Well, perhaps, John had something on his mind and I called at the wrong time." I praise God for your attitude and letter to clear up our misunderstanding. I do realize that you are in a very responsible role at Highland church. Not a week goes by that my wife and I thank God for how you have helped us, especially over the Herald of Truth.

Give Randy and Camilla and Stacy our love. I trust that Sue and the kids are in good health. Eva and I continue to solicit your petitions on our behalf to the Father.

John, would you send us an autographed copy of your latest book on THE CHURCH? I will put a check in the mail next week. Thank you.

May the love of God, the favor of Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit empower you and Sue to overcome obstacles and use your opportunities to the fullest extent.

In Agape,

Joe Tomlinson, Jr.