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November 3, 1967

Mr. Reuel Lemmons
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Dear Reuel:

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Thank you so much for your very prompt reply to my letter. I did appreciate so much your reactions to the "power structure" idea. My own personal basis for action has been much along the same line as yours regarding these tendencies. I have tried in every way to be God's man responding to what I believed to be His revealed will. This, of course, is sometimes uncomfortable and as you know so much better than I.

I welcome the idea of our getting together whenever possible. Just watch for an opportunity and let me know by telephone or letter and I'll be happy to make whatever arrangements I need to make in order to have fellowship in a meeting like the one suggested in your letter.

I regret that I have not worked on the leadership materials we talked about when I was in Austin for the lectureship at Brentwood. Unfortunately, time just has not been available. I am enclosing an article for the Firm Foundation that you may want to consider using at some future time.

Your subsequent editorial regarding the meeting in Washington was equally as receptive as the first. I appreciate it deeply. You do have my encouragement and prayers.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk
Radio Speaker

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Dear John Allen,

Thank you so much for your letter of October 20 and I deeply appreciate, as I always do, your continued moral support of the things I try to say editorially.

I would like to have an opportunity sometime to become more closely associated with you in some way and have an opportunity to talk more at length with you. What you say in paragraph two of your letter interests me very much. I find that many men protest a "power structure" among us. I am either too dumb or too ignorant to realize it I guess, but I have never been conscious of any such power structure. Sure, there will always be those who oppose attending such a meeting and who think that I have compromised the faith by attending. However, when I hear that, I usually want to know the fellow's qualifications for speaking. I guess I have just never had sense enough to be susceptible to pressure because I have never in my life felt the resistance of a "power structure". I have always been a sort of a lone wolf and while I have been conscious of those who have attempted to pour me into their mold, I have not been conscious of a tendency to be poured. Maybe I simply ignore its existence but sometime I would like to explore with you and two or three other good men whose ability to think I deeply admire, this idea of a power structure within the Church.

Yours in the Faith,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Reuel Lemmons". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Reuel Lemmons

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