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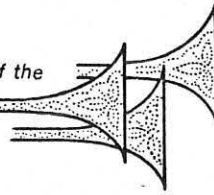
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Dear Mike:

I don't know when I have enjoyed a conversation more than the one we had on the way to the Nashville airport. Thank you so much for taking the time out of the brief stay you had at home to take me to the plane.

We touched on a number of things that I feel you ought to explore further in a reading program. First, we talked about the need for openness in our lives. I believe the things that I meant by surrender of our lives to Jesus Christ are the same things you meant by an attempt to be open to all men and to all things. Second, you talked of the need to get things right or straight in your life. I have the same struggle in my life. You will notice in reading Romans 7:18-25 that the Apostle Paul had the same problem. I would like for you to take the time to begin reading that passage and listen to the dilemma Paul found himself in; then notice in chapter 8 how he found the solution to this inability of his to work things out in his own life by his own power. Third, we talked about hypocrites in the church and about the need for sincere, honest, totally dedicated people to serve God. I agree with you totally, and Elton Trueblood's book, Company of the Committed, goes on to talk about this very subject. This is one of the books I am going to send you. The problem is that we don't have people who understand the nature of discipleship, and this is what Dietrich Bonhoffer's book, The Cost of Discipleship, is all about. Take some time and discipline yourself to read and work through these books. If they raise any questions we can talk about in letters, please let me hear from you about them.

You have a great challenge to meet in the life of Big Wes. He faces you and me, but in a special way he faces you as a grandson, with the challenge of living a courageous, revolutionary life for Jesus Christ. He believed in Christ with all his heart, and I know that your life is coming to that same commitment.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk
Radio Evangelist

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