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December 4, 1969

Miss Beverly Bellew  
629 Sonoma Avenue  
Sacramento, California

Dear Beverly:

I do remember visiting with you during the North Highlands Youth Forum. I was deeply touched by your sincerity and concern. I regret to hear that you continue to have problems as outlined in your letter.

At this point I think you must keep asking the question "Who am I?" and to answer that question in the terms of the great apostle Paul in Galatians 4:4-7. You are now a child of God (Gal. 3: 26-28) and therefore can know the great personal worth and dignity because of what Jesus has done for you. I think it would be well for you to read the Epistles of Ephesians and Colossians to see what being a Christian young woman requires. In helping you to relate to those close to you, you might want to try reading First Corinthians 13 once a day for two weeks at least. In order to assist your attitude, you might even want to read it every day as a reminder and a challenge that regardless of what others do or think of you, you will be a Christian.

I assure you of my deep concern and interest in your spiritual growth.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

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November 18, 1969

Dear Bro. Clark,

I think back to that talk we had at the Youth Forum at the North Highlands Church. I thank you for your guidance and council. It helped me greatly.—I thought. Now things are worse. For a while my mom and I were able to talk some, but not any more. I don't know why, but I just don't feel right in their presence. When I try to talk to them they just sort of turn-off, but when they come up to me they start talking and I can't get away. I've had my permit now for a couple of months and just the other night I asked if I could drive. My dad said no. I asked why and he stalled for a minute and said, "Cause I wanna drive." This is nothing. They've been lying to me. Ever since ~~they~~<sup>they</sup> first met my boyfriend (he's the same one I had before) they told me he was a real nice boy. Jay kept telling me they didn't like him, he was sensing it—and he was right. One of my girlfriends was talking to my mother about Jay. My mother said she refused to let me date Jay—even though I am 16 now. My girlfriend asked

her why, but she never answered why. I'm beginning to think she doesn't trust me or really care for my happiness. Only once have I been able to go somewhere without adult supervision especially since Jay went to. We were in a group of about 10 at a pizza parlor. I was surprised she let me go. I never knew life could be such a misery only because of a person's parents. I'm glad I've got God to help me through. If my parents would look differently on us it could mean his soul for God. I would appreciate greatly every possible bit of help and prayers especially. Any words of council I will gladly accept and I would also like a list of scriptures that I could go to when tensions become hard. I thank you so much for all you have done for me. And I thank God for letting me know that I can turn to you.

Christian love,  
Beverly Bellew