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April 6, 1971

Mr. Walt Leaver
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Dear Walt:

It sounds like you are doing some beautiful things with the people at the University congregation. Keep it up. In addition to the material I am sending you, you may want to use the six sermons in my book, Jesus' Church, on Genesis 1-3. These lessons are the last six chapters in the book and I think they speak directly to the very kind of thing you were trying to do with this group. You may want to urge the group to buy copies of the book and even use it as a study guide. I do think you will want to read these lessons if you can at all.

I was thrilled to hear about Agnes and Bob Pennington. It means a great deal to me to know that my personal commitment to Christ is an encouragement to someone else.

Be in prayer for Bob Mason. Bob right now has many wonderful opportunities for service and feels the drain of his energies with all of the demands being made on him. Remember Bob and Mamie in your prayers as they continue to let God both fill and guide their lives.

I treasure our friendship greatly, Walt. May the Lord bless you and richly use you.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

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March 30, 1971

Dear Brother Chalk,

Few days go by here in Nashville that don't bring compliments of you, your ability, and your work. You may not personally know Agnes and Bob Pennington of the Riverwood Church in East Nashville, but they sure know and love you. They are in charge of the bus tours at the Grand Ole Opry, and I work for them as a tour guide. Numerous times, both on and off the job, they have both mentioned to me how much they admire you and enjoy hearing you speak.

A good friend of mine, who has been quite unimpressed with almost every Church of Christ preacher that he has heard, told me and proved to me that he wouldn't miss an opportunity to hear you. He was with me at both Madison services.

These are but two of the examples that I have seen where you have made such an impact for good upon the lives of people here. We all love you and are praying for you.

I am writing this letter, though, not only to make your head swell but also to ask for your help. I am currently leading a group of high school young people at the University Co of C here in Nashville in an attempt to draw closer to God and Christ. It seems that, so far, these young people have only gone through the motions, and they don't really have an assurance of God or a

belief in His purposes.

I have decided to go back to Genesis with them and work our way through the Creation story and the fall of man. Through this study I feel that we will all see the power of God more fully, and understand that the world has evil in it because of man's shortcomings, and not because of an evil, disinterested God.

When I begin to study Genesis 1, 2, & 3, I immediately remember your powerful message at Madison. Today, though, I realized that my notes on your lesson are very incomplete. Would it be too much trouble for you to Xerox your outlines over this material and mail me a copy? This would be an invaluable help to me, and I know that it will benefit those in the class.

Please let me apologize for taking so much of your time for one simple question. I did want you to know, though, the reason for my asking.

Thank you again for your wonderful work. I certainly hope that all of your family is fine. You're on my prayer list, and I remember you daily.

Yours and His,

Walt Leavel