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May 19, 1971

Mr. Ron Stewart
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Dear Ron:

So much has happened so fast since I last wrote you that I really don't know where to start. Everything seems to be working out for our move. We arranged to buy a house near a beautiful playground for the children. I will begin actual classes at the University of Texas Law School on Monday, May 31. My last Sunday at Highland, of course, will be the 30th of May.

I will be working on a very limited and part-time basis at the Sweet Publishing Company. The title is much bigger than the job, Executive Editor. It came, however, at a beautiful time. Even though Sue and I had made our decision to go to Austin on the basis of the money we had arranged to borrow, we felt it was going to be very, very tight. But Sweet's part-time salary will provide about one-quarter of our income for the next twelve months. We will then re-evaluate our relationship and see if he wants to continue it or not.

The resignation here, although it had several rocky points, turned out real well. There seems to be a tremendous amount of understanding on the part of members of the congregation. The way in which I resigned and the way in which I explained to the congregation was accepted extremely well. We definitely feel this is an answer to prayer and a very certain confirmation that we are doing the right thing.

I am enclosing with this letter copies of the stuff that was exchanged between me and the elders and the congregation before the whole thing was finally understood. You may not be interested in it at all but I thought I would send it along anyway. I especially wanted you to note my thinking regarding the move, the reasons why I felt it was best.

Things seems to be moving here at Highland now. Not just since my resignation but during the last four months. A number of people like Ray Scott and others are finally open to the Word of God and finding the study of it thrilling and satisfying. The deacons have just completed four Sunday evenings of special study of God's Word regarding prayer and long sessions of prayer for each of the four evenings. This past Sunday night they all met here at the building to share their experiences out of the four different groups and some

of the things that were said, you wouldn't believe. There is a powerful new, serious dependence on God on the part of many of the deacons. Of course, there is still some like H. C. Zachry and others who are apparently untouched. Pray for H. C. specifically. He is such a great talent who could be of such great service if only he would let go.

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You, by now, have also gotten a copy of my letter asking the people in Tokyo to release me from my commitment to the Far-East Lectureship. I regretted so deeply having to do that. The Law School regimen, however, is simply too severe. There is no way I can be gone enough time for the Far-East Lectureship and do passing work at the Law School. I will be working full-time at the school and just could see no way out. I sent my request to the Far-East Lectureship people as soon as I knew that I would be going to Law School. I didn't want to make a mistake and ask for release from the commitment until I was sure. I hope and pray it won't inconvenience them and I hope that it will not embarrass you. Thanks again for what you did to get it arranged. I know that without your word and encouragement there last year, I would not have been invited.

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The children are all well. We talk of the Stewarts often and wish so much we could see you. I also had planned a trip to Honolulu sometime this spring or summer but now it will not take place. The congregation where Jere Hargrove preaches had asked me to come for a meeting but there is simply no way I can go now.

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I have no plans to practice law at this point. I am completely open about what direction I take after Law School. I will owe a massive amount of money which will be one factor I have to weigh in any direction I take. Otherwise, Sue and I are deliberately keeping ourselves open to what will at that time be plain to us regarding the Lord's will in the matter. Pray that we will remain this open. I will be in school for the next twenty-seven months. Your prayers and encouragement are deeply appreciated and requested.

Our new address to which you should write hereafter is 8700 Wildridge Drive, Austin, Texas, 78759.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

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April 23, 1971

Dear John and Family:

Haven't heard from you in a long time. Pray that all is well.

Our summer plans are materializing and we will be in Honolulu soon. The kids are anxious for Honolulu and will welcome six weeks for the change of climate. School is out here June 3 and we are on our way June 12. Jean will spend time in the Trust Territories for ear evaluations and programs in speech and hearing.

We continue to look forward to seeing all of you in November. That time will be upon us very soon.

The Family Counseling Service is a non-profit agency on Guam. It's amazing how much need there is for it on Guam. I do what I can, and all for the glory of God only.

Received a nice letter from Wayne the other day. Sorry to hear that Kay's baby didn't make it, but as Wayne said, it's for the best.

One teacher was killed here last night, and another injured in a motorcycle accident. They were all by themselves on a lonely road, going too fast.

All is well with Jean and me. I am looking forward to the possibility of a principalship for the coming school year.

Let us hear from you, and God bless.

Ron

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