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From/To: Humphrey Foutz (Chalk's reply filed first)

Humphrey Foutz

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May 26, 1971

Mr. Humphrey Foutz  
Church of Christ  
664 Pitcher Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21217

Dear Humphrey:

Your letter of May 1 was deeply appreciated. I thank you so much for your assessment of my contribution. I, however, seem to have lost sight of the forest, therefore, I am going to try to step back and get a little better view of what is happening, where we're going, and what my most effective role is to be in the church of the future.

I hope that my study of Law does not take me away from the Biblical commitments I have had through the years. I feel more strongly about my relationship with God and feel an even deeper commitment to His Word than ever before in my life. Pray that I will remain open to the Lord's leading and that I will do His will in every situation that comes up through these next crucial twenty-seven months.

I look forward to opportunities for association with you in the future.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

JAC:lc

P. S. Our new address in Austin for your records is 8700 Wildridge Drive, Austin, Texas, 78759. My address at the Sweet Company is P. O. Box 4055, Austin, Texas, 78751.

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May 1, 1971

Mr. John Allen Chalk  
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Dear John

I received your letter and was very glad to hear from you. Though I must confess I was somewhat saddened at its contents. One cannot help but think of the negative factors when you read the letter. I frankly think the idea of your leaving the pulpit, even for a sabbatical, is a minor tragedy. Your leaving permanently of course, would be a major tragedy. For me, I think, and for the entire church.

Please do not view this as an attempt to argue you into a change of directions. I shall not undertake to do that. I believe that your action is well thought out and imperative in your present circumstances. Still the feeling of a personal loss is there. Then, too, if the Lord is leading you who am I to interfere. Be assured that our prayers are for you and your family that the decisions made will be in keeping with His will.

Your Brother,

*Humphrey*  
Humphrey

HF/af