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May 20, 1971

Mr. Howard Fike  
Cottonwood Road  
Caruthersville, Missouri 63830

Dear Howard:

I can always count on you to come through in the tight spots. Our decision to move to Austin came only after a lot of agonizing thought. We believe it is God's will for us and are acting on that conviction.

The church is in the throes of tremendous struggle for new life. I am sad for that reason about leaving the pulpit but I am just as open to returning to it as I was in leaving it. I will continue to allow my relationship with Him determine what direction we take.

Sue and I are looking forward to the next several months of finding more time to spend with our children. We are at the make or break stage with both of them and covet your prayers for us in this endeavor.

You may or may not have heard that I will also be attending the Law School at the University of Texas. I have made no decision to practice law and certainly the decision to enter the school should not be interpreted to mean that I am leaving the church or quitting preaching in any sense of the word. I just simply want another view of life and want to see if I can't come to some better view of where my most effective role is. Pray for us in this time of new vision and experience.

Sue and I still look forward to time with you and your great family. Give that lovely wife of yours my special greeting.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

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Also give the lady  
from me.  
(Holy kiss).

We still pray for you  
and your children  
and will rejoice in you  
and your family.

Love,

Aunt

Let us know when  
you get the new  
paraphrase.

A-



Dear Mother,  
Conspicuously

We are looking forward  
to being able to share  
you more with the  
brotherhood.

But I know your  
family is gratified that  
you will again belong  
to them instead of  
an eldership. →

