

## The Journal of Ron Boehme – 1973



### Auckland, New Zealand

*January 1, 1973*

*Genesis 1,2, Luke 1*

God was very pleased with His creation, so it must have been something else! One thing that stands out to me here is the position of man; we are made in God's image (Gen. 1:26,27). He loves us so much and honored us so much to make us like Him.

Probably because of my age and current desires, Genesis 2 excites me—that God has a “helper” suitable for me (v. 18) picked out to give my life to. I love these verses: “For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother and shall cleave to his wife and they shall become one flesh.” “And the man and the woman were both naked and not ashamed” (Gen. 2:24,25).

They were not ashamed. Godly marriage is beautiful. I can't help but think of C.

Here in Luke, Luke is vividly setting the scene for the birth of Christ. He tells the story of Zacharias and Elizabeth and their promised son, John, and then Gabriel the angel comes to Mary to tell of Jesus. “Nothing is impossible with God” (Luke 1:37).

*January 2, 1973*

*Genesis 3-5, Luke 2*

Sin's first fruit is embarrassment or “nakedness” (Genesis 3:7). Cain built the first city on earth, a product of rebellion (Genesis 4:17). Enoch must have been a heck of a guy. “Enoch walked with God” (Gen. 5:22-24).

**\*May I be like Enoch!** Walk daily with God and He will take me to be with Him.

Jesus was a perfect child as well as a Perfect Man. Though He was God Himself, he obeyed his parents and “continued in subjection to them” (Luke 2:51).

And Jesus was a learned: Verse for the day: “And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men” (Luke 2:52).

\*We as Christians should not make worldly enemies either but be examples of faith working through love” (Galatians 5:6).

*January 3, 1973*

*Genesis 6-8, Luke 3*

It grieves God to see sin and to have his creation turn from Him—It hurts Him. He is so personal a God (Genesis 6:5,6). These great men of God followed Him minute by minute. “If we live by the Spirit, let us walk by the Spirit” (Galatians 5:25).

The Story of the Flood – The Holy Remnant.

Luke 3 – John the Baptist came preaching a “baptism of repentance for sins” (Luke 3:3). Jesus Himself was baptized by John when He was about 30. Luke traces Jesus’ ancestry all the way back to Adam (through Shem, Judah, David etc. – Luke 3:23-38).

Walk with God -- Stop running or looking ahead – walk with Him.

*January 4, 1973*

*Genesis 9-11, Luke 4*

Genesis 9:13 – The rainbow is a sign between God and man that God will never again destroy the earth by water. Genesis 11:7-9 – Out of pride men built the tower of Babel, so God came and destroyed it and confused their tongues and scattered them.

Abram enters the scene with Sarai his wife—6000 years have passed [Adam 8000? Abraham – 2000 B.C.?)

After Jesus baptism and filling of the Holy Spirit, Satan comes to tempt Him. \*Jesus used the Word of God to keep Satan away—He quoted Scripture!! This is what we should do.

\*Memory verse: Luke 4:18,19 – The Message, MY Message. Jesus begins his ministry healing the sick and casting out demons in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*January 5, 1973*

*Genesis 12-14, Luke 5*

\*Genesis 12:1-3 – God’s blessing to Abraham is a call to discipleship and a glimpse of Jesus. For some reason, these verses kind of inspire me today.

Abraham is like everybody else – He messes up – and did it royally in Egypt. “No one is righteous, not one...”

It would have been neat to have been Peter when the Lord introduced Himself by going into the boat and then making a gigantic catch (Luke 5:1-9). “And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him” (Luke 5:11).

Jesus slipped away alone to pray (Luke 5:16).

Luke 5:35 – Here Jesus says that it is good for us to fast since He is away from us.

+ I always thought it was being “religious” to fast—but I see now that it is very worthwhile and meaningful.

*January 6, 1973*

*Genesis 15-17, Luke 6*

Genesis 15:6 – The he believed in the Lord and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

\*Justification by faith – I really like this chapter—seems so personal and hopeful.

Genesis 16:13 – And “angel of the Lord” speaks to Hagar, saying that He will multiply her descendants and she calls him God. This must have been Jesus.

Chapter 17 – The Covenant of Circumcision. The covenant says that Abraham shall be the father of a “multitude of nations (v. 5) and that this covenant is an everlasting one. This shows that the Jewish people are not an exclusive people today, as the promise said (and before in chapter 12) that the whole world will be blessed. That’s us!

Luke 6:12 – Before choosing his disciples, Jesus spent a whole night in prayer. When I have big decisions to make, I should do the same.

Luke 6:38 – “Give and it shall be given unto you.” Luke 6:46 – “Any why do you call me Lord and do not do what I say?”

+ I am guilty of this. Jesus, I want you to be my Lord.

*January 7, 1972*

*Gen. 18,19, Ps. 3, Luke 7*

For today: Genesis 18:14 – “Is anything too difficult for the Lord?”

God is very merciful and just. He would spare both the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah for ten righteous people.

\*Sexual sin and perversity are the obvious, shabbiest by-product of sin. The people of Sodom and Gomorrah were judged because of it, and Lot’s daughters lay with their dad after making him drunk.

Psalm 3 – Lord, be a shield to me against the lusts, especially sexual lusts of this world. Yesterday on the beach was agony—temptation is my enemy.

Luke 7 – Jesus begins to show that He is God. First, He heals the centurion’s slave because of his great faith, and then raises the boy from Nain from the dead. And then the beautiful story of the woman who cleans Jesus’ feet with her tears and anoints them with oil (perfume). Jesus said to her, “Your faith has saved you” (Luke 7:50). Verse 47?

*January 8, 1973*

*Genesis 20-22, Luke 8*

Genesis 20:17 – Abraham was a man of prayer.

The child of promise is born--Isaac. Genesis 22 is the great chapter on Abraham’s faith in God in being willing to offer up his “promised child” at God’s command.

\*Because of Abraham’s FAITH and OBEDIENCE, God promised that all the nations of the earth would be blessed.

Luke 8:1-5 – The parable of the sower—this seems to indicate that a person can lose their salvation (Luke 8:13) with verse 15 being the Christian—one who keeps the faith with diligence.

Jesus casts demons out and a woman is healed by touching his coat. Then he raises a second person from the dead—Jairus’ daughter. Jesus had so much power! And we can have the same.

*January 9, 1973*

*Genesis 23-24, Luke 9*

**\*When I get back to Auckland I’m going to start using memory cards.**

Sarah dies, and Abraham buys a burial site. Genesis 24 – the story of the choosing of Isaac’s wife, Rebekah.

Genesis 24:14 – **The servant gives the Lord some stipulations and he meets them. I can do the same.**

This is a beautiful allegory of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Luke 9:23 – “If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.” Discipleship – Jesus calls us to be men! To go out and proclaim the gospel not looking back and making excuses. Luke 9:56-62.

+ Luke 9 – Discipleship – my word for the day.

*January 10, 1973*

*Gen. 25-26, Ps. 6, Luke 10*

Abraham died having been satisfied with life. I believe God wants all of us to be satisfied in our work here.

The birth of Esau and Jacob—symbolic. A little of the wanderings of Isaac. God was blessing him—as he followed God.

Psalm 6 is kind of how I feel about C. “Every night I make my bed swim.” + Psalm 6:9 – “The Lord has heard my supplication--the Lord receives my prayer.

Luke 10:2 – Matt. 9:38 – Jesus sent his “seventy” disciples out in two’s—door-to-door evangelism. They had great power—But Jesus told them not to rejoice in their gifts, but in their salvation (Luke 10:20).

Jesus was happy! (Luke 10:21). We should be too.

*January 11, 1973*

*Gen. 27-28, Ps. 4, Luke 11*

Gen. 27 – Jacob steals Esau’s blessing. God’s sovereignty.

\*Gen. 28:20-22 – Jacob’s vow to God after meeting him in a dream at Bethel. I have made a similar vow to God on this trip. **When I go home, I’m going to sell all I have which cannot be used for God’s glory and give the money away for His work.**

Psalm 4:4 – “Meditate in your heart upon your bed and be still.”

Luke 11:1-13 – Lessons in prayer. Prayer is personal, persistent and powerful.

Jesus strongly condemned the religious leaders of His day. “Woe to you” was his theme. Jesus hated religious hypocrisy worse than anything. Reminds me of Hosea 6:6 – “I don’t want your sacrifices. I want your love. I don’t want your offerings. I want you to know Me.”

*January 12, 1973*

*Genesis 29-30, Luke 12*

Talk about love! Jacob was willing to work for Rachel for 7 years (Gen. 29:18-20). Jacob is tricked and marries Leah and then works seven more years for Rachel. Then he starts to have his sons by four wives (Leah, Rachel, Bilhah, and Zilpah).

Luke 12 – Jesus wants us to publicly confess Him (Luke 12:8).

Puzzling verse? Luke 12:10 – “And everyone who will speak a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him. But he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him.”

Here is the parallel of Matthew 6 on discipleship. Praise the Lord! **I was worrying about finances and a job yesterday. I have vowed to God to sell all my things at home which could not be used for His glory, and here are the verses!! (Luke 12:33) – MEMORIZE!** We must live every day as if Jesus were coming (Luke 12:40).

January 13, 1973

Genesis 31-33, Luke 13

After leaving Laban's household rather mischievously, Jacob wrestles with a "man" (Gen. 32:24) and then receives a blessing and name change after his hip is dislocated. Now he is Israel ("one who strives with God) – Gen. 32:28.

Jacob meets Esau, and all is well. He arrives in the Promised Land.

Luke 13:6-9. Parable of the fig tree. Reminds me of Hosea—God is so patient with us. In heaven we will see people and, I suppose, recognize them – Luke 13:28).

Jesus wants people who will repent. People who will "turn from" their pride and miserableness and have faith in Him.

\*The gospel is a word of repentance (Luke 13:3,5).

January 14, 1973

Genesis 34-36, Luke 14

There is a good principle here. Just as Jacob refused to give Dinah in marriage before the other men were circumcised, so a Christian shouldn't marry a non-Christian.

Jacob and his sons were anything but godly people—they did all kinds of horrible things.

+ Luke 14: 11 – "For anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and everyone who humbles himself will be exalted." The parable of the banquet always makes me think of church.

Jesus wants us to "calculate the cost" of following Him. He is not a fad or a passing fancy—but an eternal God who is demanding our all (Luke 14:33). Luke 14:34 – I think Jesus is saying here that acquiring goods and possessions tends to make us more apathetic or "tasteless" in our work for Him. And I can see why. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Luke 12:34).

January 15, 1973

Genesis 37-38, Psalm 7, Luke 15

Gen. 37 – The story of Joseph being sold into slavery in Egypt. Joseph is a "type" of Christ. There sure was a lot of immorality in the Old testament before the giving of the Law. I can really see the reason for sending it.

Luke 15 is a beautiful chapter – the three parables about the compassion and grace of God in seeing one of His creations repent and come back to Him. There is the story of the one lost sheep, the one lost coin, and the prodigal son.

Luke 15:7,10 – "I tell you that in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 righteous persons who need no repentance. "There is joy in the presence of God over one sinner who repents."

Repentance – it is the message. This is the missing concept to me—how a person is “born again.”

January 16, 1973

Genesis 39-41, Luke 16

“The Lord was with him.” Joseph was really blessed. God really watched out for him.

Joseph’s ability to interpret dreams was God’s Spirit in him (Genesis 41:38). Joseph was filled with the Spirit. Joseph’s sons: Manasseh and Ephraim. Joseph becomes second to Pharaoh in all Egypt.

Luke 16:13 – “No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other or else he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and Mammon.”

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus. A lot of neat things: 1) The great chasm between heaven and hell, 2) The awfulness of hell, 3) The Word of God is man’s warning and salvation, 4) If men don’t listen to it, no sign will convince them.

January 17, 1973

Genesis 42-43, Ps. 5, Luke 17

Joseph’s story continues. (Interesting, when they take Benjamin to Egypt, Judah protects him – symbolic?) Southern kingdom = Judah and Benjamin. Joseph was a very emotional person—wept over seeing his brother.

\*A type of the Lord’s Supper? Joseph and his brothers eat together.

Memorize: Psalm 5:2,3. This morning I “ordered my prayer” about going to Basic Youth, and now I am watching. Great psalm.

Luke 17 – It is faith that makes us well physically and spiritually. Jesus heals the ten lepers here. Jesus talks about his second coming. There are allusions to the Rapture (vs. 34, 35). Noah was a “type” of the second coming and so was the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Luke 17:26-32).

Interesting verse: Luke 17:32 – “Remember Lot’s wife.”

January 18, 1973

Gen. 44-46, Luke 18

Gen. 44:7-9 – Joseph attributes his childhood capture and now lofty position to God. God orders our lives. Life is not chance.

God speaks to Jacob—he is to go to Egypt. There is some prophecy here. God says, “I will surely bring you up again.” This suggests the exodus later to come and be fulfilled in Christ. \*Genesis 46:15) Jacob had 33 daughters! The flight to Egypt.

Luke 18:1-8 – Beautiful passage on prayer. God wants us to be persistent (Luke 11, Matthew 6, 7). Luke 18:17 – Verse they [Lutherans] use to justify infant baptism.

The story of the rich young ruler—bummed out because he wasn't willing to be a disciple. Luke 18:30 – There are rewards for discipleship.

Jesus begins to head to his death. His disciples don't understand. Do I understand today about his second coming?

January 19, 1973

Gen. 47-48, Psalm 10, Luke 19

I'm noticing "types" a lot more now. Here in Gen. 47, Joseph is a "type" of the Holy Spirit buying all the people's things for Pharaoh (Jesus). They are becoming slaves willingly (Genesis 47:25) as we should to Christ. Gen. 48:15,16 – an allusion to the Triune God.

Israel blesses Ephraim and Manasseh, Joseph's sons—and typically gives the greater blessing to the younger son, Ephraim.

\*Psalm 10:4

\*The story of Zacchaeus – Luke 19:1-10. Parable: This thought has been bothering me lately and this parable (Luke 19:11-27) is exactly it. If I don't use the faith and vision that God has given me, He will take it away. \* Luke 19:26. I must use what He has entrusted to me for His glory.

Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a colt. He is saddened by what He sees and throws the money changers out of the Temple.

January 20, 1973

Gen. 49-50, Ps. 8, Luke 20

The blessings of Jacob (Israel). Genesis 49:10 – Jesus is foreseen in the line of Judah.

Genesis 50:20 - "And as for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about the present result and to preserve many people alive." (Shades of Romans 8:28).

+ [Good verse for my dad – I thought of him]

The Beginning ends with the death of Joseph.

Psalm 8 – one of my favorites. "What is man that Thou dost take thought of him?" (vs.4). "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Thy name in all the earth" (v. 1 and v. 9).

Luke 20 – There will be no marriage in heaven (Luke 20:35,36). The religious leaders try to trap Jesus in this chapter and can't do it.



**\*Memorize 1 Corinthians 10:31**

January 21, 1973

Exodus 1-2, Ps. 88, Luke 21

The Hebrews become enslaved in Egypt and God remembers his promise to their forefathers. The scene is set for God's great deliverance through Moses.

Psalms 88 is very morbid—makes it very real. Verse 10 hints of a resurrection from the dead.

Luke 21 – God really made me think as I read this chapter which is a prophecy of the end times mainly and the coming of Christ. **I believe that I am going to be privileged to suffer for Christ—for His Name** (Luke 21:12, 16-17). But God wants me to stand firm and testify for Him and says, “by your perseverance you will win your souls” (Luke 21:19).

Jesus tells us not to prepare our testimonies before our enemies, but that He will give us infallible inspiration as we speak (Luke 21:14,15).

The end is coming. To sum up: “But keep on the alert at all times praying in order that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36). **I think this “end” is only a matter of years away. \*Anyway, I’m going to be ready.**

January 22, 1973

Exodus 3-5, Luke 22

Moses meets “the angel of the Lord,” Jesus, in the burning bush and He tells Moses of his upcoming deliverance. His Name? “I am who I am” (Exodus 3:14—see John 8:58).

Moses gives a typical human excuse when God tells him what he must do. (Exodus 4:10-12). Moses was human! But God made him strong.

Wow, we think **BELIEF** is a N.T. exclusive, but it has always been God's means of justification (Ex. 4:31).

+ “So. the people believed; and when they heard that the Lord was concerned about the sons of Israel and that He had seen their affliction, then they bowed low and worshipped.”

Moses goes to Pharaoh and he makes it tougher in the Israelites.

Luke 22 – The Last Supper and Jesus' Betrayal. The twelve disciples of Jesus (except Judas) will reign somehow in heaven (Luke 22:30).

\*Luke 22:32, and 32 are neat!! Jesus prayed for Peter, for his faith. And He is praying for me now!

And then another symbolic passage on prayer—Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:39-44). Like Master like servant. Jesus is then betrayed and denied. It is really ugly what they did to him.

**\*KNEEL IN PRAYER**

January 23, 1973

Exodus 6-8, Luke 23

God hardened Pharaoh's heart, so He could show his awesome power to the people of Egypt (Ex. 7:3). Evil powers are awesome too! Pharaoh's magicians could do work with magic in much the same way as Aaron did.

**\*I'm having a hard time getting into the Word today. Maybe it's because I missed my unusual quiet time this morning because of the camp here (Arapahue).**

**+ Lord, I need strength and inspiration!**

Luke 23 – Pilate had a horrible conscience ion sentencing our Lord to death. You can sense the spiritual battle.

What a beautiful thing! Luke 23:43: “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with me in paradise.” \*Back to paradise with Jesus. Back to the Garden—Heaven.

Jesus TRIUMPHS in agony on the cross, splitting the veil “in two” in the Temple, giving man direct access to God via his blood.

A lot of people watched the whole thing including a lot of women, disciples and followers. Joseph of Arimathea requests the body and puts it int eh tomb (Luke 23:50-53).

January 24, 1973

Exodus 9-11, Luke 24

It's early for a quiet time! 5:15 am. It's not a “quiet time” in Egypt—God is really putting on a display of power. We're leading up to the Passover.

Luke 24:6 – “He is not here but He has risen.” This is the gospel!

On the road to Emmaus. How privileged were Cleopas and his friend to hear Jesus explain His coming from Scripture (Luke 24:27). And, again with his disciples “He opened their minds to understand the scriptures.”

The Message. Luke 24:46,47 – “Thus it is written that the Christ should suffer and rise from the dead the third day and that repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”

Luke 24:48 – You are witnesses of these things.

I am a witness! I must tell the Good News—beginning at this camp and then Port Orchard.

\*[Because of this strenuous camp, I missed my time yesterday, and so I'll do two-in-one today—in this beautiful pine forest setting.]

January 25-26, 1973

Ex. 12-16, Ps. 21, Acts 1,2

Ex. 12:1-14 – God is very particular about the details of His Passover—so many “types if Christ.” (Lamb, unblemished, killed at twilight etc.)

Exodus 12:29? The Lord struck at midnight. Is that a sign?

+The children of Israel leave Egypt. The Exodus. God leads them in a cloud by day and fire by night (Ex. 13:21).

Ex. 14: The miracle of the parting of the Red Sea. Verse 15 seemed to stand out to me: “Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Why are you crying out to me? Tell the sons of Israel to go forward.’”

\*God wants us to step out in faith.

Chapter 15 is a beautiful song of praise to the Lord. After the Lord does mighty things, He deserves our praise.

+ People sure forget fast! After all God had done, they grumbled about food (Ex. 16:3). Manna from heaven—says a lot to me about the importance of feeding on God’s Word “morning by morning, every man, as much as he should eat” (Ex. 16:21).

Acts. A thought just struck me. The “40 days” mentioned in 1:3—Now I’m confused.

Acts 1:14 & Luke 24:53 – before the “baptism of the Spirit” the disciples were praising God and were “of one mind in prayer.” The gift of tongues brought forth at Pentecost were for preaching purposes to the many visitors from foreign lands that were in Jerusalem.

I was looking for a special word on the Holy Spirit, and really didn’t get it. I just can’t see here how the Pentecostal Church separates belief and salvation from the gift of the Spirit (Acts 2:38).

\*Lord, give me peace about my best friend...

# Arapahue, New Zealand

January 27, 1973

Ex. 17-20 (the Law), Acts 3

## Arapahue Bush Camp

I think the Lord likes to be tested sometimes to show his power and strengthening the faith of his people. Exodus 19:5,6 – God wants our allegiance. The promise He gives here to Israel is the same one given in 1 Peter 2. We are God’s people, “a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.”

+ Obedience again. God wants obedience. Funny how this is the theme at Valley Road this year (Ex. 20:6).

Exodus 20 – The 10 commands of God, summed up by Jesus in Matthew 22:37-40. Why the law? Galatians 3:19. To restrain sin.

Acts 3:6 – There’s power in the Name of Jesus. Peter heals a man, and then he tells the crowd that it was faith that worked the miracle. He preaches a beautiful to-the-point sermon.

Acts 3:19 – “Repent therefore and return that your sins may be wiped away in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord. Times of refreshing. How? Through REPENTANCE. It is so crucial.

January 28, 1973

Exodus 21-22, Ps. 12, Acts 4

Boy, the strictness, severity and justice of God’s law given here is staggering (Exodus 21). [life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth – Ex. 21:15] Is this the same God of love? This seems to perfect justice with no compassion.

But here—look at Exodus 22:27 - God says, “for I am gracious” about hearing a prayer from this man. God IS love, but He gave Israel a perfect law to show their sin. His Law is very practical.

\*Praise God that I live under the law of love and life in the Spirit.

Acts 4 – Jesus gives the gospel to the Jewish religious leaders (v. 11). Christ, “the rejected cornerstone.” Is the same scripture he uses in his letter, 1 Peter 2:7. Acts 4:12 – There is no other name other than Jesus by which anyone can be saved. These religious leaders couldn’t reply to Peter—being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Reminds me of Bruce Smith before the Church of Christ leaders before leaving—quiet confidence in the Spirit.

Acts 4:24-31 - \*The believers praised God “with one accord” and asked for confidence to speak the word, and God filled them with the Holy Spirit, and they received it. “And with great power the apostles were giving witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus” (Acts 4:33).

\*The Spirit gives POWER to our life. I noticed here too that all these apostles have already been “baptized” in the Spirit at Pentecost, but here it says they were all filled again.

Power from God’s Spirit is a constant renewal in a Christian’s life. Earnest prayer for a specific task here in Acts brought God’s equipment to them, the filling of His Spirit. They had not asked for great gifts and signs, but “confidence to speak the word (v. 29). And they were given great power.

+ I am convinced now that a church’s foundation must be PRAYER and the requests—ability to spread the gospel. Then the Holy Spirit begins to work.

*January 29, 1972*

*Ex. 23-24, Ps. 14, Acts 5*

God’s law here was the same one Jesus came proclaiming. Ex. 23:5 is a commandment having to do with loving those who hate you, God’s Law is unchanging.

\*Ex. 23:12 – Sunday should be a day of refreshment and rest from work. I think I’ve seen that more and more here, especially at Valley Road.

Three Jewish Feasts: Unleavened Bread, Harvest, and Ingathering (Ex. 23:15,16). At the end of the chapter God tells how beautifully He will provide for His people in coming into the land He promised them. (Why didn’t they believe Him?!)

Moses goes up to Sinai to receive God’s Law (Ch.24). What a picture of God’s glory and holiness!

Ps. 14 – We are all sinners. “The fool has said in his heart, there is no God” (Psalm 14:1).

Acts 5:29 – “We must obey God rather than men.” The disciples were beaten and rejoiced in suffering and continued to speak out boldly for Christ. They preached “Jesus as the Christ” (Acts 5:42).

*January 30, 1973*

*Ex. 25-27, Acts 6*

Ex. 25:2 – Good principles of giving, not because we must, but what we are “moved” to give.

The Tabernacle. “And let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them” (Ex. 25:8). Three whole chapters are devoted to the exact, explicit description of the tabernacle, and all that is in it.

\*Someday I may understand how the tabernacle, in detail, is God's plan of salvation, but right now I don't. Right now, though, it hit me very clearly how back then God was separated from His people by the veil, between the holy place and holy of holies, because of sin. But now through the blood of Jesus, the veil has been "torn in two" and we have direct access to God through Him. Praise His Name!!!!!!

Acts 6 – Speaking God's Word requires much prayer, like the disciples saw. \* (Acts 6:4).  
**I don't pray enough for the speaking I do.**

Disciples choose seven men to look after the "administrative" affairs of the growing fellowship. They prayed over them and laid on hands.

+ This verse has been popping into my mind: "For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion, **for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel.**" (1 Cor. 9:16).

*January 31, 1973*

*Ex. 28, 29, Acts 7*

Chapter 28, God calls Aaron and his sons to be the "priestly class" of the Jewish people. Their clothing is very symbolic. Praise the Lord that we are all members of the holy priesthood today (1 Peter 2:5).

Look at this comparison—To ordain Aaron he had to be washed with water (\*baptism), put on new clothes (clothe ourselves with Christ), be anointed with oil (the filling of the Holy Spirit) and have a blood sacrifice sprinkled on him (the blood of Jesus – 1 Peter 1:2). That's so neat!

Ex. 29:42-46 – Through the priest and the tabernacle ritual, God would meet with His people. **I'm glad I can just talk to Him today.**

Acts 7 – Stephen, "full of the Spirit," gives a beautiful recount of the history of the Jewish people, ending with how they killed the prophets and then Jesus as well. He said in verse 51 that they are always "resisting the Holy Spirit."

**\*I did this for quite a while.**

Then before he was stoned, Stephen saw right into heaven by the Spirit, and Jesus at the Right Hand of God, and as he died, he asked the Lord Jesus to receive his spirit.

+ When we did, our spirits must go directly to heaven (Acts 7:59).

Standing by the crowd was a man named Saul watching the whole thing. My how God used this event to transform history. I can just imagine what was going on in Saul's head.

February 1, 1973

Ex. 30-32, Acts 8

Ex. 31:2,3 – Old Testament people were filled with the Spirit of God too. Here is an example: Bezalel (v. 2-3).

Verse 6 – God “inspires our skills or talents for work for Him. Here He gives more skill to some men who are already talented to make things (tabernacle, ark etc.).

God gives Moses His written Law – \*(Ex. 31:18). Chapters on the Law – Ex. 20-31.

Exodus 32:14 – The Hebrews under Aaron make the golden calf and God is furious, ready to destroy them, but Moses talks Him out of it!!

The Book of Life: Ex. 33:32-33 – “But now if Thou wilt forgive their sin and if not please blot me out of Thy book which Thou has written. And the Lord said to Moses, ‘Whoever sinned against Me, I will blot out of My book.’”

Here in Acts 8 is a good example of a later baptism in the Holy Spirit after conversion. The people of Samaria had received the gospel and been baptized, but obviously knew nothing of the power of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch—Philip was really “in touch” with God.

+ **I must learn to listen to God’s voice.**

February 2, 1973

Ex. 33-34, Ps. 16, Acts 9

Exodus 33:11 – “Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face-to-face just as a man speaks to his friend.” That must have really been neat. Jesus is my friend now too.

+ “Now therefore I pray Thee, if I have found favor in Thy sight, let me know Thy ways, that I may know Thee, so that I may find favor in Thy sight” (Ex. 33:13).

Chapters 33 & 34 are beautiful chapters on Moses’ intimate relationship with God Himself. They talked, and Moses saw Him (not his face) and Moses’ face shone after being with God. God is Spirit, but He is very much a Person on the pages of this book.

God has really been comforting me today on His guiding me: “Thou wilt make known to me the path of life” (Ps. 16:11). I have been praying a lot about guidance and the future – He is answering.

Paul’s (Saul) miraculous conversion on the Damascus Road and the beginning of his ministry for Jesus. Peter also performs a couple of miracles here--showing the power of the Holy Spirit in the Early Church. I believe we are seeing it again today.

February 3, 1973

Ex. 35-36, Acts 10

God gave Moses and the people his laws and specifications for the tabernacle etc. and now the people begin to GIVE what they have to make the things.

\*God loves a cheerful giver!! The people were so generous they brought too much.

Bezalel, filled with the Holy Spirit, makes the tabernacle exactly as God had commanded.

Acts 10 is a very critical chapter for a person like me – a non-Jew. Up until this time, salvation had been preached only to the Hebrew people. Here, through Cornelius, a Roman, God begins the universal plan of salvation using Peter.

+ Acts 10:35 – “but in every nation, the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him.”

Acts 10:43-48 – Cornelius and his group hear the message of salvation (v. 43), the Holy Spirit comes upon them (vs. 44-46) and they speak in tongues and are baptized in water (vs. 47-48).

## Waikeria, New Zealand

We're at Waikeria Borstal today (prison). We really need your power and guidance today, Lord Jesus.

February 4, 1973

Ex. 47-38, Ps. 19, Acts 11

Ex. 37-38 – Describes how Bezalel made the tabernacle and all its furnishings.

Ps. 19 – Neat song. God's Word is a beautiful thing. It “restores the soul, makes wise the simple, rejoices the heart, and enlightens the eyes (vs. 7-8).

The good news of Christ should be my meat and drink.

Ps. 19:4 – “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.”

In Acts chapter 11, the Word of God begins to go worldwide as Peter explains his vision and the meeting with Cornelius with the leaders in Jerusalem. The gospel is for EVERYBODY now, and the disciples begin to advance.

\*Acts 11:26 – “and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.” A Christian is a disciple. A dedicated follower of the Lord Jesus.



February 5, 1973

Ex. 39-40, Ps. 15, Acts 12

The tabernacle is completed and set up and the “glory of the Lord” fills it. Aaron and his sons begin ministering as priests and God guides his people again by cloud and fire.

Acts chapter 12 is a neat chapter showing the power of prayer.

Acts 12:5 – “So Peter was kept in prison, but prayer was being made fervently for him by the church of God.” **Fervent prayer is very powerful!** The disciples had united to beg of God to deliver Peter out of prison, and He does. Quite a miracle.

\*I’m convinced that we don’t accomplish big things today because we don’t unite in prayer really asking and expecting God to do something.

February 6, 1973

Leviticus 1-3, Acts 13

Lev 1 – Law of burnt offering. A male without defect – blood. JESUS. Lev. 2- Law of grain offering - does this correspond to our money offering? Lev. 3- The law of the peace offering – This again is an unblemished male animal whose blood is sprinkled around the altar, namely Jesus.

+ The verse that comes into my mind here was Romans 5:1 – “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Acts 13:2-4 – The Holy Spirit “calls” Saul and Barnabas to go out for Jesus and the believers pray and send them out from Antioch. Verse 16-41 – Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, speaks for Jesus in this Galatian synagogue in Pisidian Antioch. Verses 38,39 are really similar to the theme of Paul’s later letter to the Galatian people. “And through Him everyone who believes is freed from all the things which you could not be freed from through the Law of Moses.”

**The theme of freedom. Gal 5. Hallelujah!**

Verse 52 struck me: “And the disciples were continually filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.”

\*A man of God will radiate JOY because of the Holy Spirit. Christ bears our burdens.

February 7, 1973

Lev. 4-6, Acts 14

Lev. 5-6 show that a man sins whether he is aware of it or not. You can sin unintentionally, and you must be forgiven.

We learn of 2 more offerings: sin & guilt. Jesus took care of these too.

Acts 14:3 – “Therefore, they spent a long time there, speaking boldly with reliance on the Lord...”

**\*Are we to do the same here at Waikeria (prison ministry) We must rely on the Lord as to how much long we are supposed to be here.**

In Lycaonia, Paul is stoned until they think he’s dead, but he gets up and continues saying, ‘through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God’” (Acts 14:22). Then Paul and Barnabas return to Antioch having completed their first missionary journey to the Gentile world.

*February 8, 1973*

*Lev. 7-9, Acts 15*

These are the offerings the Lord commanded Moses: burnt, grain, sin, guilt, ordination and peace.

Lev. 8:6-12 – Aaron and his sons are commissioned as priests. Are New Testament parallels: baptism, Christian armor, filling of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 15 – The old argument comes up and prompts a leaders’ gathering in Jerusalem. What is the basis of our salvation? Peter answers, “But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus “(Acts 15:11).

\*We are saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8,9). Not by works!

Paul begins his second missionary journey after having an argument with Barnabas about taking John Mark along. Because of it, Paul & Barnabas split company and Silas goes with Paul.

Even the great men of God made mistakes!

*February 9, 1973*

*Lev. 10-12, Acts 16*

Two of Aaron’s sons offer a wrong offering before the Lord and He strikes them down. The Lord demands obedience. Lev. 11 is the Jewish food list of what to eat and what not to eat. I wonder why the Lord makes these distinctions?

Acts 16:1-3 – Paul meets Timothy in Lystra and they immediately hit it off. Paul picks up Luke in Troas because, suddenly the narrative changes.

The gospel enters Europe: led by vision, the group heads to Philippi and the first convert is a woman—Lydia (Acts 16:14).

The story of the Philippian jailer and his dramatic conversion after Paul and Silas had been beaten and thrown into jail. Acts 16:25 – “But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God.”

+ Prayer and praise work miracles!!

February 10, 1973

Lev. 13-14, Acts 17

Man, I don't understand this leprosy bit. Why does God go through this long and detailed oration on this ONE disease, and the offering that has to be made for it? I don't get it.

Thessalonica – Acts 17:11 – Paul as a witness for Christ 1) Reasoned with the people from Scripture (v.2), and 2) Jesus the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead (v.3). The Bereans “received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.”

Paul gives his famous talk to the “men in Athens.”

\*The Lord has given me a leading today/ Acts 17:2 – Paul spoke for Christ on three Sundays or for three weeks in his witnessing. We should do the same. God wants us here in Waikeria either for three weeks or Sundays—I'm not clear. I would say three weeks—meaning our time is about up.

February 11, 1973

Lev. 15-17, Acts 18

This is a weird chapter (15). It is about the uncleanness of discharge. “et dreams.” Women's menstruation etc.

\*Chapter 16 – Important Chapter. Explains the act of ATONEMENT for the sins of Israel, done once a year by a blood sacrifice. \*Leviticus 17:11 – the reason for the blood sacrifice is that “the life of the flesh is in the blood.

Acts 18 – Paul was a tentmaker by trade and did this to support himself I Corinth. Meets Titus.

The Corinthian church begins with Crispus and his family (Acts 18:8). Paul comes to Ephesus and comes back to Antioch by way of the Galatian region.

We meet Apollos (Acts 18:24) who must have been a real man of God.

+ I just can't concentrate today. Too much confusion here.

February 12, 1973

Lev. 18-19, Ps. 13, Acts 19

Lev. 18:4 – “You are to perform y judgments and keep my statutes, to live in accordance with them. OBEDIENCE.

Lev. 18 is a whole list of ordinances for sexual purity. Undefined sexual purity is important to God. (v. 22) is about homosexuality and verse 23 is about sodomy.

“You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God, am Holy.” Christians are “set apart” because God IS and wants us to be.

\*This is neat. Here, way back in the Old Testament, is the all-encompassing law of love. Lev. 19:18 – “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27). God’s dealings with man don’t change. **God was always a God of love.**

There are all kinds of practical stuff in this chapter about hair, spiritism, tattoos, Sunday etc.

Ps. 13 is a neat little song about trust. Despite everything – circumstances, we must “sing to the Lord because He has dealt bountifully with me (Ps. 13:6).

Acts 19:1-6 – Paul arrives in Ephesus and meets 12 believers who know nothing about the Holy Spirit. They were ignorant, unaware of Him. Paul laid hands on them and they were filled with the Spirit – all of them. \* God doesn’t withhold his gifts from seekers.

Ephesus must have been quite a place! Paul was performing extraordinary miracles there – a real battle of spirits was taking place. Then this riot began over the pagan god Artemis that was no small affair. Reading this chapter really expands the historical background.

+ **Lord, thanks for re-inspiring me. This little holiday is going to do my good. Help me to be consistent today, a “workman who needs not to be ashamed.”**

*February 13, 1973*

*Lev. 20-22, Acts 20*

Lev. 20:7 – “You shall consecrate yourselves therefore and be holy” (Romans 12:1).

Lev. 20:10-21 - \*Another list of sexual sins punishable by death! God must really love the human body and its capacity for love if He gives all these warnings on its improper use.

Lev. 20:23 – A Christian is called to be “different.” **Lev. 12:13,14 - \*God wanted the priests to marry virgins. I’m glad I’m going to do that also.**

Wow, God is strict! Of course, He has a right to be—He is the Lord.

Acts 20 – The Christian message is this: “repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ” (Acts 20:21).

This is a really touching chapter. Paul, knowing he will never see these people again, summons his friends from the Ephesian church, and Luke records his beautiful farewell talk (Acts 20:18-38).

Here is a rough outline of his talk. First, he refreshes their memory about his serving among them, pointing to the message of the gospel as his motivation. He then tells them that he knows, by witness of the Spirit, that he must go to Jerusalem and he knows he is heading for

persecution and maybe death. But that doesn't worry him (v. 24). He has followed his Savior—finished his course.

And then he inspires them to go on with God, “shepherding the flock and being on guard against the attacks of Satan. Then Paul commends and commits them to God’s care in hope, and finally knelt and prayed with them all.

There are a lot of lessons to be learned here: 1) Sacrifice of self for the gospel, 2) Message of the gospel is repentance and faith, and 3) The prayer – We should pray when we leave each other.

*February 14, 1973*

*Lev. 23-24, Ps. 24, Acts 21*

Chapter 23 is a record of the appointed holy days and sacrificial days to the Lord (convocations). There are a lot of them.

God is showing His justice – a man is stoned to death for cursing God (Lev. 24:23).

Acts 21 – A great spiritual battle is going on in Paul at this point. The Spirit, through other people, is telling him not to go to Jerusalem, but he feels like he must. Hence, “the will of the Lord be done (Acts 21:14).

There seems to be some phoniness here. The elders in Jerusalem seem to think they’re still under the Law (Acts 21:20-25). They tell Paul to go through some ritual to show that he is still an orthodox Jew. And he does it! Is this the same man who talks about “freedom in Christ: in his letters?

**\*Boy, some of the early Christians made as many mistakes as I do. Even Paul.** I can't wait to hear his address tomorrow.

*February 15, 1973*

*Lev. 25, Ps. 25-26, Acts 22*

I didn't get much out of Leviticus 25.

Ps. 25:4,5 – “Make me know Thy ways, O Lord. Teach me Thy paths. Lead me in Thy truth and teach me, for Thou are the God of my salvation. For Thee I wait all day.

**\*This is my prayer today. I need guidance and direction here in Auckland now before returning home.**

Psalms 26: 8 – We should love to go to church. Love it!

Acts 22 – There's a good example here by Paul in Jerusalem. He gives his testimony. There is real communication and conviction behind a person telling realistically how Jesus changed his life. Paul tells everything –his persecuting Christians, watching the stoning of Stephen, and his conversion.

\*Our testimonies can be used greatly by God.

## Auckland, New Zealand

February 16, 1973

Lev. 26,27. Acts 23

The theme at Valley Road this year has kind of started out to be obedience, and I'm feeling the same as I read. Over and over God says, "If you obey..." (Lev. 26)

God wants Repentance. (Lev. 26:40a,41b,42). "If they confess their iniquity or if their uncircumcised heart becomes humbled so that then they make further amends for their iniquity, then I will remember my covenant with Jacob, and I will remember also my covenant with Isaac, and my covenant with Abraham as well, and I will remember the land."

+ Acts 23:11 – "Take courage, for as you have solemnly witnessed to my cause in Jerusalem, so you must witness at Rome also.

\*I feel God is speaking to me here. Either about Auckland, Port Orchard, or both. I'm ready to step out – I've gathered my strength. "Teach me to do Thy will, For Thou art my God. Let Thy good Spirit lead me on level ground (Psalm 143:10).

February 17, 1973

Num.1-2, Acts 4

On the opening pages of the book Moses, God has Moses take a census of the men of Israel and organizes them into 12 functional groups or armies. Their army was pretty good size—600,000 men. Only the Levites were not part of this. They were responsible for the tabernacle and worship (Numbers 1:50).

+ God is a God of organization. He organizes the Hebrews into a mobile unit.

Acts 24:14 – Paul, in making his defense before Felix, say that according to the gospel of Jesus, he believes all the Old Testament too.

\*The Bible is a whole. We must believe all of it.

Paul gets a chance to witness to Felix and his wife in his imprisonment (Acts 24:24). Felix must be under deep conviction! Paul did this for two years – He was imprisoned in Caesarea for two whole years until Felix is replaced by Festus.

\*Paul witnessed everywhere—God has laid this spirit on my heart. Today I begin.

February 18, 1973

Numbers 3-4, Act 3-4

God is still numbering...Now the Levites. “Every hair of your head is numbered” (Luke 12:7). God is a God of order.

Acts 25 – Paul appeals to Caesar. And the scene is set for his first and final visit to Rome.

\*Last night Steve (Wilson) and I really prayed—Yesterday Satan really gave us a spirit of apathy and boredom, and we didn’t want to go through that again—We’ve got to move out for God. NOW!

Lord, I pray today that you will fill us to the brim with your power and excitement of your Holy Spirit. We need courage -- we need faith – We need you in these rotting human shells of ours that are sidetracking us from the awesome delivery force of the Name of Jesus.

Equip us today. Take our months—our bodies. Hivve the world a glimpse of eternity. We love you...

February 19, 1973

Num. 5-6, Ps. 22, Acts 26

Num. 5:6,7 – Confession of sins is important. We need to confess.

The law of jealousy is a weird one –but again God shows how important the physical unity of a male and female is.

Num. 6:1 – A Nazirite (like Samson) is a person who “dedicates himself to the Lord—doesn’t drink alcoholic beverages or cut his hair.

+ The Lutheran benediction: Numbers 6:24-26.

Psalms 22 – What a prophetic song! David wrote this psalm one thousand years before Jesus and yet it is a perfect picture of Jesus’ death. What a promise in verse 27-28. God will draw all nations to Himself. Not just the Jews (Gen 12:3). Hallelujah!

Acts 26 is really a neat chapter—Paul preaches and gives his testimony to King Agrippa.

This is Jesus’ commission to Paul on the Damascus Road, “But rise and stand on your feet, for this purpose I have appeared to you, to appoint you a minister and a witness not only to the things which you have seen, but also to the things which I will appear to you, delivering you from the Jewish people and from the Gentiles to whom I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God in order that they might receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in me.”

+ I feel that this is an affirmation of my calling—today. Acts 26:16-18. I think that the purpose of this trip was to instill this desire in my heart and now God has given me the scripture to back it up. Praise His Name!

Now I, like Paul, must witness for Jesus with the hope that “all who hear me this day might become such as I am” (Acts 26:29). A Christian!

Thank you, Lord. Give me your courage and motivation today.

*February 20, 1973*

*Num. 7, Ps. 23, Acts 27*

Num 7 – God is very ritualistic here—I wonder why? (Hosea 6:6)

\*Psalm 23 – What a beautiful song...The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want. I never really thought before of the real promises of guidance here (vs. 2-3). “He leads me beside quiet waters...He guides me in the paths of righteousness.”

Acts 27 – The story of Paul’s ship-wrecked voyage on the way to Rome. (v. 35) – Paul gives a good example of giving thanks before eating.

\*Saw “Fiddler on the Roof” last night and enjoyed it. It had a real message about God and life. Today I’m going to start studying the Bible in depth again. I pray that the Lord will guide me and teach me.

\*Memorize Acts 26:16-18.

*February 21, 1973*

*Num.8-10, Acts 28*

Num. 8 – The Levites are commissioned for service as God’s priests—had a laying on of hands.

\*Today—I am a priest! Praise the Lord. The Hebrews were guided by God personally—cloud by day, fire by night. They’re moving toward the Promised Land, a unified efficient nation. Not like before—They are organized—the Law. How will they fare?

Acts 28:8 – Paul heals a man on the island of Malta after prayer.

Man, this is the state of our world today. Acts 28:26,27, take from Isaiah 6: For the heart of this people has become dull. And with their ears they scarcely hear. And they have closed their eyes, lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn again, and I should heal them.”

\*I need to pray more—use more of God’s power to open these “unseeing eyes.”



February 22, 1973

Numbers 11-12, Ps. 27, Mark 1

Num. 11:2 – Moses was a man of prayer.

Num 11:17 – Moses was really filled with God’s Spirit and had too many responsibilities, so God said He will send the Spirit upon seventy elders of the people.

+ God says that He will feed the Jews for a month, meat, and Moses doesn’t see how He will do it. God answers, “Is the Lord’s power limited? Now you shall see whether my Word will come true for you or not” (Num. 11:23).

(v. 25) – The seventy elders were filled with the Spirit of God and prophesied. Moses’ prayer: “Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and the Lord would put His Spirit upon them!”

God’s answer: (Joel 2:28-29). YES.

What made Moses great? Numbers 12:3 – He was the humblest man on earth.

\*Moses must have been the greatest man who ever lived. After Miriam and Aaron murmur against him about his marriage to a foreigner, God speaks to the three of them, telling them of Moses and His relationship (Numbers 12:6-8). They speak “mouth to mouth” and Moses beholds his form.”

+ Numbers 12:13 – Moses has an unanswered prayer! About Miriam’s leprosy.

Psalms 27 – For Friday night God has given me these words (at the Hare Krishna meeting): “The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? I shall be confident. Wait for the Lord. Be strong and let your heart take courage. Yes, wait for the Lord” (Ps. 27:1,3,14).

Mark 1:12 – The Spirit “impelled” Jesus to go out into the wilderness.

\*Mark 1:15 – “The time is fulfilled. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.”

Jesus preached and used miraculous power to heal and cast out demons. We must do the same. We said we would.

**Mark 1:35 – The Master was a man of prayer. Like Master, like servant.**

February 23, 1973

Num. 13-14, Ps. 90, Mk.2

Num. 13-14 – The Israelites came to the border of Palestine and 12 spies are sent to check it out—Then they come back and say how mighty the people are, and so strong the cities, they grumble against God. Have they forgotten Numbers 11:23 so quickly? Anyway, God sends an edict: All that disbelieving generation will die in the wilderness (40 years – 1 year for each

day the spires were in the land). Only Joshua and Caleb would be spared—they BELIEVED God! (Numbers 13:30, 14:8,9).

Psalm 90 – a psalm of Moses about the sin of the people that I’ve been reading about. Here is my verse: “So teach us to number our days that we may present to Thee a heart of wisdom” (Psalm 90:12).

Mark 2 – Jesus heals the paralytic and forgives his sins because of his faith (vs. 5). Jesus spent his time among undesirables because these were the people who needed Him. “The Sabbath was meant for man, not man for the Sabbath. Consequently, the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath (Mark 2:27,28).

\*Sunday – and LIFE were created to enjoy. They were created for us.

*February 24, 1973*

*Numbers 15-17, Mark 3*

The Lord is very stiff—A man gathers wood on the Sabbath, and he is stoned to death (Numbers 15:32-36).

Man, this is really dissension in the camp. Some people because of pride are swallowed up into the ground – 250 are consumed by the fire of the Lord—They grumble against God and 14,000 are struck down by a plague.

\*God will not tolerate disobedience. It hurts Him. Some strange dealings here.

Mark 3:14 – “And He appointed twelve that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach.”

There are things here in this chapter, but Satan is really frustrating me this morning. I must start praying...the blood of Jesus must cleanse away these temptations.

*February 25, 1973*

*Num. 18-19, Ps. 29, Mk. 4*

Numbers 18,19 – I don’t know why the Lord makes such a big deal about being “clean” or “unclean.” He just must be showing His purity.

Ps. 29: 10b,11 – Yes, the Lord sits as King forever. The Lord will give strength to His people. The Lord will bless His people with peace.”

Mark 4:3-20 – The parable of the sower and Jesus’ explanation of it. According to this parable, when a person hears the Word of God, one of four things take place:

- 1) “Beside the road” – people who hear but don’t believe because of Satan (vs. 4, 15),
- 2) “On rocky ground” – people who don’t make a will decision, or who don’t really repent—their faith is shallow, no roots—maybe just emotional and they “fall away” (verses 6, 16-17),

3) “seed fell among thorns” – people who hear the word but will not give up the pleasures and riches of this life for it, and they chuck it up (vs. 7, 18-19),

4) “good soil” – true believers—they hear the word and accept it and produce! (vs. 8,20)

+ A lot of lessons here.

Parables – the Kingdom of God. 1) Like a seed, 2) A mustard seed—though so small it grows up to take over everything.

Mark 4-36-41 – The story of the calming of the sea. I just love Jesus! He is so positive and great!! And all we need is FAITH and God will calm the oceans in our lives.

**\*This makes me think of Pearl. I must share these verses with her today. Thank you, Lord.**

*February 26, 1973*

*Num. 20-21, Ps. 28, Mk. 5*

Num. 20:12 – Throughout the whole Bible our standing before God is based on our belief. Here, because of Aaron and Moses’ unbelief, God says they will not enter the promised land.

Num. 20:28 – God takes Aaron to Himself. The Israelites grumble again, and God send snakes among them. The Moses “lifts up” a serpent on a pole in the wilderness—a “type” of Jesus, He said Himself (John 3:14, 15).

\*They are moving toward the promised land.

“The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart trust in Him and I am helped” (Psalm 28:7).

Mark 5 – Three miracles in this chapter. Jesus casts out the “legion” of evil spirits in that one man; a woman touches his clothes and is healed “by faith,”; and Jesus raises Jairus’ daughter from the death.

**\*What power Jesus had! I’ve got to read a bit about demons.**

*February 27, 1973*

*Num. 22-24, Mark 6*

Num. 22-24 – This is the remarkable story of Balaam, a foreign prophet of God. Israel had been conquering peoples and they were approaching Moab over which Balak was king. So, Balak summons Balaam to curse Israel and three times he blesses them! Why? Because “the Spirit of the Lord came upon him” so that what the Lord speaks I will speak.” He said he was God’s messenger—He LISTENED for the word of the Lord.

Mark 6:1-6 – In Nazareth, Jesus’ power was limited because of the people’s unbelief— They thought He was just Mary’s son, the carpenter. Jesus sent out the disciples in pairs. “And they went out and preached that men should repent” (Mark 6:12).

Mark 6:14-29 – The story of John the Baptist’s death. Jesus feeds the 5,000 and walks on water.

+ The pressures on Him must have been astounding. The people wouldn’t leave Him alone.

*February 28, 1973*

*Num. 25-26, Mark 7*

Mark 7 – Here is a beautiful example of much of the Christian Church today. Isaiah 29:13 – “Because the people draw near with their words, and honor Me with their lip service, but remove their hearts from Me, and their reverence for Me consists of traditions learned by rote.”

\*There will be judgment on this, “beginning with the household of God” (1 Peter 4:17).

Mark 7:15 – Man’s problem is an inward one—not the outward things that come into his body. Sin originates and must be dealt with from within.

+ Jesus declared all foods clean (free to eat) – Mark 7:19.

The story of Jesus casting the demons out of the Gentile woman’s daughter (Mark 7:25-30). Jesus came to the Jews “first,” but healed the girl because of faith.

\*Luke 4:18,19 comes to mind. The Spirit of God was upon Jesus to do these mighty miracles.

*March 1, 1973*

*Num. 27-29, Mark 8*

Moses, the greatest man of God who ever lived, was kept from entering the Promised Land because of one slip of disobedience – a wavering of faith (Num. 20:21).

Joshua is commissioned as the new leader by the laying on of hands—Joshua had the Spirit (Numbers 27:18).

\*The Lord lays down the offering laws (Numbers 28,29). It is strict—and costly. Praise God that Jesus is the end of the law for all who believe (Galatians 3:24).

Mark 8. Great chapter. Jesus rebukes Satan in Peter for trying to tempt Him. “Get behind Me, Satan” (v.33).

+ Discipleship –Mark 8:34-38

“If anyone wished to come after Me. Let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it, and whoever wished to lose his life for My

sake and gospel's, shall save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father and the holy angels.”

**\*Being a Christian, costs you everything.**

*March 2, 1973*

*Num. 30-31, Mark 9*

\*I felt led to read Romans 8 first--I must learn to “set my mind” on the things of the Spirit and be led by Him.

Num. 30:2 – The seriousness of a vow to the Lord. Num. 31—The Israelites are commanded to destroy the Midianites (even Balaam is killed). They must have been descendants of the giants.

Mark 9 – The Mount of Transfiguration. That: In Heaven we may recognize one another because here, Moses and Elijah still have their identity. That must have been a neat conversation!

The demon-possessed boy – Mark 9:17-29. Jesus said, “All things are possible to him who believes” (Mark 9:23).

\*My verse for today – Mark 9:24 – “I believe--help me in my unbelief.”

There is more in this chapter, but I feel like God has given me what He wants me to have. My prayer is one of help in my unbelief and doubt. **Satan has really been testing me lately, but last night I feel that his messenger was cast out of me because I feel so much better today—Hallelujah. Wow, this realm of the spirit world is really a new area of the Christian life for me.**

**Lord, I pray that by your Spirit you will give me wisdom and insight into this new horizon of living. Lord, all four of us [Dave Saavedra, Wally Boos, Steve Wilson and I] are craving for you. Draw us ever closer to Yourself. Thank you, Jesus. Amen.**

*March 3, 1973*

*Num. 32-33, Mark 10*

Num. 32:23 – “your sin will find you out.” This is so true.

The Israelites are about to cross the Jordan and come conquering into the land of Canaan. Num. 33:53 – Again He brings forth His promise.

+ 40 years they spent traveling around. Why? Disobedience.

Mark 10 – “Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it at all. \*Mark 10:15 – We must be like children. The story of the rich young ruler.

\*Mark 10:29,30 – **God will bless us a hundred times over for giving things up for Him.**

Mark 10: 45 – “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

\*Mark 10:43 – “but whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant.”

+ Lord, teach me to give more of myself.

*March 4, 1973*

*Num. 34-36, Mark 11*

[I stayed overnight in Howick—forgot my book, but here are the late additions of my thoughts.]

Num. 34-36 – Israel is on the verge of entering the Promised Land.

Mark 11 – Prayer: Memorize Mark 11:22-25

Mark 11:17 – “My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations” (Mk. 11:17). (Isaiah 56:7). Jesus showed his heavenly temper—it must not be a sin to get mad for God’s sake or be grieved.

*March 5, 1973*

*Deut. 1,2, Mark 12*

Deut. 1:6 – “For you have stayed long enough at this mountain.” I believe the Lord is saying something here about our trip.

Deut. 2:11-12 – Describes the biblical giants, a few of whom are still on earth. I like Deuteronomy. It’s the vivid story, told by Moses, of what has happened since they left Egypt. It’s inspiring!

Mark 12:25-27 – In heaven there will be no marriage or such, we will all be “like angels.” Mark 12:29-31 – The greatest commandments! If you practice these, “you are not fit for the kingdom of heaven.” \*But you’re not IN. That is through the blood of Jesus.

*March 6, 1973*

*Dt. 3-4, Ps. 36, Mark 13*

Deut. 3:1-13 – More about the giants. See verse 11. Deut. 3:22 – As we battle Satan in life, we need not fear: “Do not fear them for the Lord your God is the one fighting for you.”

+ Deut. 3:23-27 – Moses’ unanswered prayer, asking God to be able to go himself into the Promised Land.

Moses begins to re-give the laws of the Lord to the people (Deut.4) The people are privileged to have the law and are to raise up their children in it (Deut. 4:9).

\*Many neat verses here—I should write down that God chose Israel to show Himself and His might to the world—OBEDIENCE to God is the key to successful living (v. 40).

Mark 12:1-11 – the parable of history—Jesus rejection by the world (Jews especially).

+ Mark 13 – This chapter is all about the end times and the coming of our Lord. Three things stand out to me: 1) **We, the people of God, may be severely persecuted in the end times**, 2) The Holy Spirit will be speaking through us, giving us the right things to say (Mark 13:11), and 3) We must be ready! “Take heed, keep on the alert; for you do not know when the appointed time is” (Verse 33). “Therefore, be on the alert” (verse 35). “And what I say to you I say to all—Be on the alert” (verse 37).

**\*Keep me ready, Lord, I pray.**

*March 7, 1973*

*Dt. 5-6, Ps. 43, Mark 4*

Deut. 5 – Moses retells the giving of the 10 commandments. Again, the theme of obedience comes out.

\*Deut. 6:5 – The 1<sup>st</sup> great commandment: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might.

+ We must tell our children and not forget ourselves about the greatness of God.

**\*Ps. 43:3,4 – I keep thinking of Thursday. Even last night, I dreamt that after a struggle, I received the gift of tongues.**

+ Mk. 14 – The Last Supper –betrayal and trial. One verse stands out for me – Mk. 14:38 – “Keep watching and praying, that you may not come into temptation/ The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

**Satan is trying to drive a wedge between the four of us, but he has lost. The flesh is weak, but the Spirit WILL triumph!!**

*March 8, 1973*

*Deut. 7-9, Mark 15*

It’s not because of our good qualities that God has saved us—solely his grace (Deut. 9:4-6).

+ What God wants from us: to fear Him, walk in his ways, love Him, and serve Him with all we’ve got, keeping His commands and statutes. He CHOSE us. (Deut. 10:12-15) (Deut. 7:9)

Deut. 8:2,3 – God humbles us and tests us just like He did the Israelites that we must depend on Him and His Word (Jesus quoted verse 3).

**I need to learn a real lesson on humility and giving credit to God for my achievements.**

Mr. 15 – The crucifixion of Jesus. All I could think of as I read this was the ugliness of the people around Jesus jeering at Him, spitting on Him, and mocking Him. What will they say to Him when they again meet Him face to face when he sits on the great throne of judgement.

Problem: From the text, implies that Jesus died on Friday afternoon—I thought it was Thursday.

**\*\*Mar. 8, 1973 – I received the fullness of the Spirit and spoke in tongues at Mr. (Bill) Subritzky’s—Praise God! The burden is lifted!!**

*March 9, 1973*

*Deut. 10-12, Mark 16*

Deut. 10:9 – We are all priests today, “the Lord is our inheritance,” just like the Levites.

Deut. 10:16 – “Circumcise then your heart.” Makes me think of Ez. 36:26—the Holy Spirit “circumcises our hearts.” Praise God that all the strictness of the law, obedience, is not my responsibility, but the Holy Spirit’s. He will write these laws and commands on my heart and mind. He promises to (Jer. 31:33, Heb. 10).

Mark 16 – Jesus has risen! Hallelujah. These are His last words to his disciples: “And these signs will accompany those who have believed. In my name they will cast out demons, they will speak with **new tongues**, they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison it shall not hurt them. They will lay hands on the sick and they will recover” (Mark 16: 17,18). All through the power of the Holy Spirit. In Faith.

*March 10, 1973*

*Deut. 13-15, Gal. 1*

“You shall follow the Lord your God and fear Him. And you shall keep his commandments, listen to His voice, serve Him, and cling to Him (Deut. 13:4).

Gal. 1 – Paul is really upset about people who “distort” the gospel. He outright curses them. Ga. 1:12 – Paul received his wisdom and insight through a “revelation” of Jesus Himself.

Gal. 1:15,16 – We are “chosen” of God. We also come to a point in our lives when we are converted—this timing is purely God’s prerogative. God “calls” us when the time is right, at His pleasure.

**Right now, the four of us are at Winkie Pratney’s O.A.C. camp—looking forward to a real blessing. C. is on my mind a lot, but I’ve got to keep trusting. God’s Word never fails, but was it God’s Word?**

*March 11, 1973*

*Deut. 16-18, Ps. 38, Gal.2*

Deut. 16:11 – It is a command of the Lord to rejoice before Him! Prophecy of the coming monarchy of the Jewish nation (Deut. 17:14-17). Prophecy of Jesus: Deut. 18:15-19

Test of a prophet? Whether what he says comes perfectly true (18:22).

\*Presently, I have a few things concerning the future on my mind, but the Lord has given me a promise in Psalm 38: “For I hope in Thee, O Lord. You will answer, O Lord my God” (verse 15).



Gal. 2:16 – “Nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law. Since by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified.”

\**March 12, 1973* (My “water” birthday)

*Deut. 19-21, Gal. 3*

The cities of refuge (Deut. 19). The institution of a type of court of law (19:15-21). In battle: “For the Lord our God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to save you” (Deut. 20:4). Commands here to destroy in *battle* the cities that the Lord commands (Six cities – are these the Rephaim remnant?)

Deut. 21:22,23 – We receive the Holy Spirit by FAITH—the rest of our lives we are “perfected” by the Spirit. He will work miracles through us by the “hearing of faith.”

\*I am a true Jew! “Those who are of the faith are the sons of Abraham” (Believers – Gal 3:7,9). “There is neither Jew nor Greek...for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (v. 28). That means that all the promises given to Israel in the O.T. are our too.

The Old Testament is for us. This reading in Galatians is the one I needed today.

*March 13, 1973*

*Deut. 22-24, Gal. 4*

Deut., 22 – Death penalty for sexual sin. God really loves purity—especially sexual purity. Divorce and rape laws are here.

Deut. 23:14 – I must allow the Holy Spirit to keep “my camp” or my body clean so that He can use me.

Deut. 23:21 – “When you make a vow to the Lord your God you shall not delay to pay it.

**\*I vowed that I would sell all my possessions when I get home. I’m going to stick to it.**

Galatians 4 – I am a son of God and an heir of everything He has (vs. 1-7). But I must grow up from being a child and use some of my inheritance.

We are children of “the promise” (v. 28) which is the promise of the Holy Spirit. We are children of the free woman—like Isaac. We are free! “God has sent forth the Spirit in our hearts crying, ‘Abba, Father.’” No more law—We are free to love God and be led by the Holy Spirit.

*March 14, 1973*

*Deut. 25-27, Gal. 5*

Deut. – I didn’t get any real message here. The Lord must be waiting...

Galatians 5:5, 6 – “For we through the Spirit, by faith are waiting for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision mean anything, but faith working through love.”

Paul command us to “walk by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh” (Gal. 5:16).

\*I must yield my thoughts and impressions, my mind, to the Holy Spirit to guide. “If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit” (Gal. 5:25).

\*I haven’t been giving to God the details of my life—in between my quiet time and evening prayers. Lord, help me to start today.

Gal. 5:26 – “Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

*March 15, 1973*

*Deut. 28,29, Gal. 6*

Deut. 29:29 – “The secret things belong to the Lord our God but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.”

+ I am so happy that I’m under grace! Here is Deuteronomy the law is so tight. I’d have lived in perpetual fear.

Galatians 6:2 – “Bear one another’s burdens.”

Galatians 6:15,16 – “Nor neither is circumcision anything nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And those who walk by this rule, peace and mercy by upon them and upon the Israel of God.”

\*I’m really going through the desert right now—just kind of feel depressed and not wanting to go home. I just turned to Luke 4:3,4. Satan is saying to me, “If you’re full of the Spirit, do some miracles,” and I must say to him, we don’t walk by sight but by faith.” Wow, I thank you, Lord, for this. You went through the same temptations and conquered with the Word of God. I must do the same.

*March 16, 1973*

*Deut. 30,31, Ps. 40, 1 Cor. 1*

Deut. 30:6 – The promise of the Holy Spirit in circumcising our hearts. Man has a choice—life and death—the blessing and the curse.

Deut. 31:6 – “Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail or forsake you.”

\*God knew that His people were going to turn against Him—that must have hurt (Deut. 31:16-21).

Psalms 40:1-3 – “I waited patiently for the Lord and He inclined to me and heard my cry. He brought me out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay. And he set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm. And He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and trust in the Lord.

+ This was yesterday when I was depressed. I must learn to be more patient.

1 Corinthians 1:4-7 - ...that in everything you were enriched in Him...so that you are not lacking any gift.” The things of God are ours—everything. All the gifts. In faith, we just must put them to use for God’s glory.

March 17, 1973

Deut. 32-43, 1 Cor. 2

“Grow up in all aspects into Him which is the head, even Christ” (Eph. 4:15).

Deut. 32 – This is a neat song (v. 21) and a prophecy of the up-and-coming salvation of the Gentiles. (v. 39) – “See now that I am He. And there is no God besides Me. It is I who put out death and give life. I have wounded, and it is I who heal.”

\*God’s Word is so important: (Deut. 32:47) “For it is not an idle word for you. Indeed, it is your life. And by this word you shall prolong your days in the land where you are about to cross over the Jordan to possess it.”

+ Why would Moses not get to enter the Promised Land? He “broke faith” with God. That’s something to think about.

Moses dies, and God buries him—quite a man.

1 Cor. 2 – Holy Spirit. Memorize 1 Cor. 2:4, 5. Verse twelve also really stuck out to me: “Now we have received not the Spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God that we might know the things freely given to us by God.”

This is a confirmation of Philemon 6 for me. The Holy Spirit is the Person who opens God’s storehouse of wealth for us—al we need is the KNOWLEDGE of these things.

March 18, 1973

Joshua 1,2, Ps. 37, 1 Cor. 3

Joshua 1:5 – Again the Lord supports me. “Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you. I will not fail you or forsake you.”

Joshua 2 – Meeting with Rahab the prostitute in Jericho – her faith (Hebrews 11:31).

+ Street witnessing: Psalm 37:1-5 – I’m not to get anxious or envious—just do good.

\*Memorize Psalm 37:4,5 – “Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him.” This is a neat psalm -The steps of a man are established by the Lord and He delights in his way” (Ps. 37:23).

We are SO safe in God's arms! Absolutely nothing should worry us.

1 Cor. 3 – a “sign” of being fleshly or out of the Spirit – jealousy and strife.

+ One thought strikes me here: God causes all the growth in our lives and ministries (Phil.2:13).

*Mark 19, 1973*

*Joshua 3-6, 1 Cor., 4*

It's the story of the Israelites crossing the Jordan under the leadership of Joshua, and also the destruction of Jericho. They destroyed everything! There must have been a reason—Giants? Rahab and her household were spared because of her faith (Heb. 11).

1 Cor. 4 – This is so me today (v. 5), “Therefore do not go on passing judgment...each man's praise shall come to him from God.”

+ I'm going to stop being critical and jealous of others. That's God's business.

The sign of a man of God: (among boasters) Is he all words, or does he have the power? “For the kingdom of God does not consist in words but in power” (v. 20).

+ Lord, I'm sorry that I feel jealous and bummed today. Please clean me up—clean out the old leaven...Our trip is nearing the end, and we need to be TOGETHER. We need your creative power.

*March 20, 1973*

*Joshua 7-8, Ps. 69, 1 Cor. 5*

Joshua 7:10,11 – God will not empower us or lead us unless we are right with Him. Our sin must be confessed and dealt with (Valley of Achor). Joshua 8—The Israelites destroy Ai and every person in it.

+ I think the book of Joshua is really a call to the Christian to go on the OFFENSIVE--, to go, empowered by the Holy Spirit to win a world for Christ.

Psalms 69 – This is a song of David and Jesus (see verses 9, 21). It starts out gloomy but ends with praise! “I will praise the name of God with song. And shall magnify Him with thanksgiving” (Ps. 69:30).

\*Praise is how we re-charge our spiritual battery.

1 Cor. 5 \_ “a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough...Let's celebrate the feast...with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.”

+ God does not want garbage in His church—It is to be pure and undefiled. God wants us to be in the world leading sinners to Himself—but He wants the saved to get away from believers still living in sin (v. 10, and 11 are really misquoted and interpreted).

March 21, 1973

Joshua 9-11, 1 Cor. 6

Joshua—the Hebrews get into trouble. Why? They made the decision and “did not ask for the counsel of the Lord” (Joshua 9:14).

\*We must utterly depend upon God for guidance.

Talk about a conquering force! The Hebrews wiped out everybody in sight because God fought for them.

+ The reason for this conquest: Josh. 11:20-23. God had to destroy the remnant of the giants. It was an act of love on God’s part to destroy them.

\*1 Cor. 6 –God and I are “one spirit” (1 Cor. 6:17) \*As a Christian I don’t have any rights. My body is not even my own anymore, but the headquarters of the Holy Spirit. I am a happy slave! Bought with all God had.

+ “Therefore, glorify God in your body.” Verse on purity: 1 Cor. 6:13 – “Yet the body is not for immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body.”

March 22, 1973

Joshua 12-14, 1 Cor. 7

Toward the end of my life I hope that I can say like Caleb that, “I followed the Lord my God fully” (Joshua 14:8).

+ Going home in a month also.

\*1 Cor. 7 – Marriage is a gift from God. Being unmarried does allow a person with undistracted attention to serve the Lord better—I’ve got to keep this possibility in my mind even though I can’t see it for me. (v. 9) seems to be talking to me.

+ I’ve laid it in God’s hands. He either has His Perfect Self or a perfect girl for me.

March 23, 1973

Josh. 15-17, 1 Cor. 8

Joshua—only one thing strikes me from this book this morning—Josh. 15:19. Achsah asks her father Caleb for a blessing and it reminded me of being filled with the Holy Spirit. “Give me a blessing since you have given me the land of the Negev, give me also springs of water” (John 4:14).

1 Cor. 8: 6 – We EXIST for God and through Jesus Christ. Talk about a direction in life. 1 Cor. 8:9 - “But take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.” This is confirmation about cutting my hair (v. 13 too).

+ 1 Corinthians 8:16 – “yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him, and one Lord Jesus Christ through who are all things, and we exist through him.” [and one Helper among us and we move with Him, the Holy Spirit.]

\*This is the word for today. Thank you, Lord Jesus.

*March 24, 1973*

*Joshua 18-20, 1 Cor. 9*

Josh. 18:3 – How long will we put off being with Jesus—we’ve got to get out and tell a world.

+ The cities of refuge: Kedesh, Hebron, Bezer, and Ramoth. With God it is INTENTION that counts—the will.

\*1 Corinthians 9:1-14 – The Christian worker has a right to support himself from the people he ministers to.

+ I think the Lord wants me to make my living from preaching the gospel (v. 14).

1 Cor. 9:16 – “woe is me if I do not preach the gospel.” 1 Cor. 9:23 – “I do all things for the sake of the gospel.”

+ I think my message for the weekend is to do all that I can to preach the gospel to these kids. Like an athlete in training, I must go all out.

*March 25, 1973*

*Josh. 21-22, Ps. 37, 1 Cor. 10*

Says in Joshua 21 that the Hebrews did take possession of all the land God swore to them.

Joshua 21:45 – God never fails on his promises!! “ALL CAME TO PASS.”

Ps. 47 – Quite a little psalm of praise! I like verse 1 about clapping—I like to clap in church.

1 Cor. 10:2 – It just hit me—The baptism of the red Sea is a “type” of water baptism in the N.T. and the cloud is a “type” of Spirit baptism—the cloud led them.

1 Cor. 10:11 – The O.T. is a spiritual EXAMPLE for us. 1 Cor. 10:13 – I should memorize this. 1 Cor. 10:31 – God is really pounding into me that I must give up my pleasures and desires (like hair) to be His most effective witness. I don’t want to offend anybody. I won’t.

## *Waikeria, New Zealand*

*March 26, 1973*

*Josh. 23-24, Ps. 44, 1 Cor. 11*

Josh 23 – It's so neat that God fights for us! Here in Waikeria this weekend He really conquered--Hallelujah. Josh. 24 is neat too—Following God is a deliberate choice (vs. 15, 21, 24).

\*I've chosen to follow my Master. (v.24) – “we will serve the Lord our God and obey his voice” (Josh. 24:24).

+ This is my verse for going home—obedience.

Ps. 44:14 – “Jew” has become a laugh, a swear word.

+ This psalm is wrong: the whole problem of Israel—they're not willing to admit that they're wrong—not willing to REPENT.

1 Cor. 11:1-16 – the hair and hat issues.

\*There's some heavy stuff here. All I feel is that God wants me to know more about HEALING and disease and its causes after reading this (vs. 30). I'm going to have to do a study.

*March 27, 1973*

*Judges 1-3, 1 Cor. 12*

Judges 1:1 – It struck me here that we can ask questions of the Lord about guidance and expect an answer.

1st judge: Othniel, Caleb's son (Judges 3:9,10). 2<sup>nd</sup> judge: Ehud (left-handed!) (3:15). 3<sup>rd</sup> judge: Shamgar (3:31).

\*God was testing Israel (2:22-3:1), and He has done the same thing with the church. We need to be tested, to be refined.

1 Cor. 12 – I believe here that God is saying to me that these gifts of the Spirit aren't set or a permanent thing, (though they may be), but as we assemble to bring glory to Jesus, these gifts will come out in individuals as the Spirit of God “wills.”

\*(v.5) – a “variety of ministries.” What is the ministry given to me by the Lord Jesus? I think it's beginning to unfold.

*March 28, 1973*

*Jud. 4-5, Ps. 39,41, 1 Cor. 13*

4<sup>th</sup> judge – Deborah, a woman. The rout of Jabin and Sisera, and Deborah's song (Judges 4 & 5).

Ps. 39 – David is talking to God about the shortness of life. “Surely every man is a mere breath” (v. 11). “And now, Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in Thee” (v. 7).

+I’ve been waiting on the Lord for a few things.

Psalm 41:3 – Jesus is a healing God. For some reason I have real strong vibes that God heals today much more than I believe—healing seems so natural to me now.

1 Cor. 13 – As I read about love in this chapter, it struck me that I don’t meet one stipulation in my love for C. I don’t REALLY love her—or haven’t loved her. All my love is partial—only goes so far with all these qualities.

\*I NEED LOVE—especially, to go home with, or I will be nothing...

*March 29, 1973*

*Jud. 6-7, Ps. 52, 1 Cor. 14*

Judges 6 – Gideon – I think here’s a principle of God here—that He will confirm His Word to his people is they lack the faith to move. They just must be willing and not disobedient.

\*God confirms His Word.

Judges 7 – The Lord carries out His Word. The rout of Midian with 300 men.

Psalm 52:8,9 – “But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the lovingkindness of God for ever and ever. I will give Thee thanks forever because Thou hast done it. And I will wait on Thy Name, for it is good in the presence of Thy godly ones.”

1 Corinthians 14 – Paul wants us to be zealous for spiritual gifts, but with this motive: edification—the good of everybody.

+ Boy, I’m really beginning to see how neat a meeting with the Lord can be. Church was never meant to be a drag. HALLELUJAH!!

*March 30, 1973*

*Judges 8, Ps. 42, 1 Cor. 15*

People FORGET and get distracted so easy (Judges 8). They forgot about the mighty victory of God thru Gideon.

\*When the land is at peace and you think you’re not in trouble—that’s when you are! I think God’s people are meant to be on the offensive.

+ Water tastes the best when you’re thirsty, and so it is with the blessings of God. When we are hungering and thirsting for Him, will He taste the sweetest (Ps. 42:1,2).

1 Cor. 15:2 – Faith is a process, not a picnic. Faith is a continuous thing (vs. 42-44). Our “second” bodies are going to be so neat! Perfect!



“The sting of death is sin and the power of sin is the law” (1 Cor. 15:56). “But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (v. 57).

March 31, 1973

Judges 9-10, Ps. 49, 1 Cor. 16

Judges 9 – the story of the wicked Abimelech. Sin pays its servants.

Judges 10:10 – salvation demands a real deep repentance and a turning from other gods, or whatever is most important to you.

Ps. 49 – It’s so easy for us to become “money” oriented, and this song shows the shallowness of it. We cannot have any other God besides the Father—all other roads lead to “the nether world” (Sheol) (v. 14). Death is not my shepherd. The Lord is! (Psalm 23:1).

1 Cor. 16:14 – “Let all that you do be done in love.”

\*I was so convicted of this yesterday and last night. I’ve got to start loving people instead of looking down my nose at them. I need the compassion of Jesus (Matt. 9:36). I just don’t feel the hurts and burdens you felt—and I want to.

April 1, 1973

Jud. 11-12, Ps. 50, 2 Cor. 1

Judges 11 = Important lesson: when we make a promise to God, we must carry it out—no matter how it hurts.

Jephthah – he conquered because “the Spirit of the Lord came upon him.”

Ps. 5):2,3 – “He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me. And to him who orders his way aright, I shall show the salvation of God.”

2 Cor. 1:19,20 – Really hit me today! “For as many as may be the promises of God, in Him they are yes.”

This is neat! Because of all that Jesus was, has done, and is, all of God’s promises work! They are “yes in Him.” Jesus Himself gives us the power to claim the riches of God and use them for His glory. This backs up what Harry Greenwood has been saying.

+ I’ve got to begin acting on the promises.

April 2, 1973

Jud. 13-16, 2 Cor. 2

“The angel of the Lord+ -- is this Jesus? (See Judges 13:18, 22).

\*The birth of Samson. Samson’s first mistake: he based his first man/woman relationship on “looks”—physical. Am I doing this too?

\*God the Holy Spirit gave superhuman power to Samson when he needed it.

+ Samson's next mistake: sexual looseness (Jud. 16:1).

\*This verse struck me about C. (Judges 16:5). "how can you say, 'I love you,' when your heart is not with me. In Samson's story, God always wins.

2 Cor. 2:11 - It is important that we understand how Satan works so that we can deal with him.

+ 2 Cor. 2:14 – "But thanks be to God who always leads us in His triumph in Christ and manifest through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in ever place."

*April 3, 1973*

*Jud. 17-18, Ps. 89, 2 Cor. 3*

"Do not delay to go and enter, to possess the land" (Judges 18:9). Is this a confirmation of us going home?

+ Psalm 89:34 – "My covenant I will not violate, nor will I alter the utterance of My lips." God will not change His Word. He keeps His promises.

2 Cor. 3:3 – "you are a letter of Christ, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God."

+Memorize 2 Cor. 3:5,6.

What a neat chapter! I want to memorize the whole thing! "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." I feel so much more free now. And we are powerful and complete in Jesus. "Our adequacy is from God." The New Covenant - "the letter kills but the Spirit gives life."

\*I'm so happy that I've begun a new level of existence with the Holy Spirit.

*April 4, 1973*

*Jud. 19-21, 2 Cor. 4*

Judges 19 – the sin of Gibeah – sexual abuse of a girl after demanding homosexual acts. God hates sex sin! This is so ugly—We've got to tell people: "Consider it, take counsel and speak up" (v. 30).

Israel fights herself—Israel versus Benjamin. The side that "sought the Lord" prevailed. Judges ends with the people "doing their own thing" (Judges 21:25).

2 Cor. 4:5 - "For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake."

2 Cor. 4:13 – "But having the same spirit of faith. According to what is written, 'I believed therefore I spoke,' we also believe--therefore we speak."

\*I've got to get new "eyes"—to live by faith in the unseen—have eternal vision. Paul says that even he cannot begin to comprehend "the weight of glory" that we are to receive in heaven.

+ Ron Boehme - "Develop the eyes of faith that you may be a man of goodness and willingness to live for Me."

April 5, 1973

Ruth 1-2, Ps. 53,61, 2 Cor. 5

Ruth 1-2 – this is appropriate for today. I felt like this was my story...Naomi returns home, and that's where we're going—home.

Psalm 61:2 – "Lead me to the rock that is higher than I." This verse really hits me—Thank you, Lord Jesus, for humbling me last night. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

2 Cor. 5-7 – "for we walk by faith and not by sight." (Verses 14-15) – "For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one who died, died for all--therefore all died. And He died for all that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf."

+ No longer live for themselves...No longer live for themselves...No longer live for themselves.

\*We are ambassadors for Christ!!! We start flying today—let's fly as ambassadors all the way!!

## Honolulu, Hawaii

April 6, 1973

Ruth 3-4, Ps. 64-65, 2 Cor. 6

Psalm 65:4 – "How blessed is the one that Thou dost choose and bring near to Thee."

+ It's neat to be CHOSEN by God. Verse seven could be a prophecy of Jesus when he calmed the seas.

\*Ps. 65:9-13 – The weather is not just a mechanical thing. God cause these things to happen as He wills.

2 Cor. 6:14-18 – Here's a word from God about me coming home. God wants me to stick to the ideals and beliefs that He has given me and not to compromise them in any way. He wants me to GO and tell people about Him, but to keep clean from the infection of sin.

"What fellowship has light with darkness?" (verse 14). "Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate, says the Lord" (verse 17).

+ I've got to stand firmly against all my old ways when I go home again. Thank you, Jesus.

April 7, 1973

1 Sam. 1-2, Ps. 66, 2 Cor. 7

The story of the birth of Samuel. I keep thinking of giving: When Hannah made a vow to give Samuel to God, He gave her back 3 sons and 2 daughters.

\*Ps. 66 – The Lord is really speaking to me. I made him a vow in New Zealand, and I didn't keep it. I will when I get home. I owe Him \$50.

2 Cor. 7 – This is such a neat, personal chapter. Even Paul gets down...depressed, and in this case. Titus renewed his spirit and gave word about the goings on in the Corinthian Church.

+ Our only sorrow is REPENTANCE. This is so key. It is repentance that leads to salvation. This really hits home.

+ The Lord is preparing us for home. It's going to be very hard—challenging to stand. I, too, need refreshing and rest. Thank you, Lord for this beautiful spot and for Yourself.

April 8, 1973

1 Sam. 3-5, Ps. 77, 2 Cor. 8

1 Sam. – I like Samuel's calling (3:1-19). And I sure wish this could be said of me, "Thus Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fail" (1 Samuel 3:19).

\*But that is a selfish prayer, I just pray that God will be able to use me to bring Him children.

Prayer is a wonderful thing that I need to develop: "My voice rises to God and I will cry aloud. My voice rises to God and He will hear me."

2 Cor. 8:7 – "But just as you abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness and in the love inspired in you, see that you abound in this gracious work also" (GIVING).

This is all I get. I will spend time in prayer.

April 9, 1973

1 Sam. 6-7, Ps. 72, 2 Cor. 9

People's heart-changes are the demands of God. He wants our hearts (1 Sam. 7:3).

1 Cor. 9:6 – "Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. And he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

1 Cor. 9:10 – "Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for the food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness."

+ We never need to worry about finances and things in eh Christian life. The more we give (sow) the more God will give us (reap). It's a whole new dynamic—GIVING yields RECEIVING more abundance.

\*This is really an area of my life that God needs to work on. I want to be a “cheerful giver” to my Lord. It's coming, too.

*April 10, 1973*

*1 Sam. 8-10, 2 Cor. 10*

1 Sam. 8 – I bet God must have really felt bad when the people rejected Him and asked for a king. He warned them of the consequences—but they still refused Him.

\*1 Sam. 10:6, 7 – These are God's words for me for the day. The Holy Spirit will come upon me and make me a “new man.” A man who can love...and feel... (v7). And today, “I must do what the occasion requires.” God is with us.

+ 1 Sam. 10:9 – God changed his heart. He can change mine to too.

2 Cor. 10: 1 – “**GENTLENESS AND MEEKNESS**”

\*These are what the Lord wants me to be. Within a spirit of love, He wants me to pray through these qualities of the Spirit into my life—I must find out what they are, and by the power of the Holy Spirit begin to radiate them in my life.

Lord, I am utterly dependent on you. Thank you...

*April 11, 1973*

*1 Sam. 11-12, 1 Chr. 1-2, 2 Cor. 11*

1 Sam. 11:6 – The Spirit of God coming upon a person can produce a “holy anger.” And this confidence brought a battle victory to Israel through Saul.

+ God wants our hearts (1 Sam. 12:20,24). God's people never should have had a king. God is our King.

2 Cor. 11:2 – There is a “godly jealousy” which is also not a sin.

+ We are to strive for the “simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ” (2 Cor. 11:3).

This is really a personal letter. Paul must really have been an intense and sensitive person (2 Cor. 11:29). He really felt what other people felt—and was with them.

\*Two verses to memorize:

2 Cor. 11:3 – “But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his own craftiness your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.”

2 Cor. 11:14 – And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.”

April 12, 1973

1 Sam. 13, 1 Chr. 1-2, 2 Cor. 12

Saul would have been the promised king, but he did not wait for Samuel. He was impatient. We must WAIT for the Lord (Ps. 27:14).

We're going through the phone book again in Chronicles. This must be for a reason. The Holy Spirit does things for a reason.

2 Cor. 12:6 – “For if I do wish to boast I shall not be foolish...but I refrain from this so that no one may credit me with more than he sees in me or hears from me.”

2 Cor. 12:9 – “I must learn to boast of my weaknesses, not my strengths!

2 Cor. 12:12 – “The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles”

Power accompanies the man of God. When I begin to see this and long to bring glory to Jesus, this power will be available.

April 13, 1973

1 Sam. 14, 1 Chr. 4, 2 Cor. 13

1 Sam. 14:37 – This strikes me—Saul questions God before he moves. Do I do that all the time?

\*The episode of Jonathan. He trusted God to do what he did, and because he did, (led by the Spirit), even Saul's curse of him was worthless. Jonathan was enjoying freedom (at the honey). I think this is a parallel to the Spirit-filled life.

2 Cor. 13:5 – This is a real word for me today. “Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith, examine yourselves!” 2 Cor. 13:11 – “Finally, brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you.”:

+ No. 1 – REJOICE – Be happy in God. Everything else follows our joy in the Lord.

2 Cor. 13:14 – “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

\*Do I have all three of these? I believe I am lacking more on the love of God than anything else (1 Cor. 13:1).

April 14, 1973

1 Sam. 15-16, 1 Chr. 5, Matt. 1

1 Sam. 15:22 – “Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice.” God was displeased with Saul because he didn't obey him.

1 Sam. 16:7 – “For God does not see as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance but God looks at the heart.”

\*God is concerned with our hearts. Selecting David—The Holy Spirit comes upon him.

Baffling: 1 Sam. 16:14 – “An evil spirit from God.” What is this?

1 Chr. 5 – God uses nations to achieve his purposes (v. 26). It was He who motivated the Assyrian king to take Israel into exile.

Matt. 1 – God is very careful to trace Jesus’ birth from Abraham—Jesus is of the kingly line.

\*Jesus was born of the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:18-20). Later He was FILLED with the Spirit before He began His ministry. It works the same way with us. At conversion we are BORN of the Spirit (John 1:13), but we need to be FILLED.

+ “He called his Name Jesus.” I love this name more and more all the time.

*April 15, 1973*

*1 Sam. 17, Ps. 9, Matt. 2*

David’s authority in being able to meet Goliath was “the name of the Lord of hosts.” In the Name...There is power in the NAME. (Acts 3 – Peter and John).

Reading Matthew is a good lesson in how to use the O.T. prophets as relating to Jesus in N.T. events. Matthew is really proving his Messiah Jesus by quoting the O.T.

Ephesians 1:18,19 – “I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you may know, what is the hope of His calling. What are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints—and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.”

This is my meat for the day. Today is the Lord’s Day. “This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it” (Ps. 118:24).

*April 16, 1973*

*1 Sam. 18, 1 Chr. 6, Ps. 11, Matt. 3*

The conflict begins with David and Saul because “the Lord was with him and had departed from Saul” (18:12).

“For the Lord is righteous, He loves righteousness. The upright shall behold His face” (Psalm 11:7).

+ It’s going to be neat to see God face-to face.

Matt. 3:1-6 – John the Baptist was leading the way for the new “birth.” He was showing people their need for repentance, and then Jesus would come and fill the void.

Matt. 3, 7-10 – Real repentance will produce “fruit” in people’s lives. The Pharisees and Sadducees who came to John were phonies—they didn’t repent.

Jesus is baptized in water and baptized with the Spirit. He is our example. This is the way He began His ministry.

\*My verse for today: (Matt. 3:8) p “Therefore bring forth fruit in keeping with your repentance.”

*April 17, 1973*

*1 Sam. 19, 1 Chr. 7, Ps. 59, Mat. 4*

1 Sam. 19 – This is very freaky! I still don’t understand about the evil spirit from God, and now this encounter the Holy Spirit where everyone prophesies.

Ps. 59 – Here I/m feeling kind of bummed out this morning and yet David is running for his life and praising the Lord, “But as for me, I shall sing of Thy strength. Yes, I shall joyfully sing of Thy lovingkindness in the morning...O my strength, I will sing praises to Thee” (Ps. 59:16,17).

Matt. 4:3 – Satan is called the “tempter.” God disciplines us. Satan tempts us.

Jesus refutes Satan—IT IS WRITTEN—the sword of the Spirit.

Matt. 4:17 – “Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand.”

\*Jesus ministry was just as much healing as it was preaching the gospel. I believe this is what He wants us to do, too, by His power and authority.

*April 18, 1973*

*1 Sam. 20-21, Ps. 34, Mat. 5*

1 Sam. 20 – What a friendship! David and Jonathan. They really loved each other. It’s neat to love a guy like that.

1 Sam 21—Weird.

Psalms 34:2 – “My soul shall make its boast in the Lord. The humble shall hear and be glad. Sometimes it bugs me to hear people praise the Lord—and here’s the answer. If I was humble, it wouldn’t.

\*Psalm 34: 10 – “The young lions do lack and suffer hunger. But they who seek the Lord shall not be in want of any good thing.”

Matt. 5:5 – The man of God is gentle, because God is his power. Matt. 5:17-19 – Jesus came to FULFILL the law—to fill us full of it through the Holy Spirit.



Matt. 5- Jesus is TOUGH. He expands the law to its finest details. What keeps coming of it: 1) Our motives must be right from the heart, and 2) the loving spirit we should have.

\*I kind of don't understand. Help me, Lord Jesus, to fit this together.

*April 19-20, 1973*

*1 Sam. 22-23, Ps. 17,35,31,54, Matt. 6-7*

\*Today is the day that we go home. Our trip is over, our lives are beginning...

+ Neat thing here: These people in Samuel always “inquire of the Lord” before they do something and that is a good principle for me to do. David did it and God answered him (1 Sam. 24:3): “I pray, tell thy servant” (23:11). Another example. I can really claim this example when asking the Lord for guidance.

Saul is really “after” David. All this because they rejected God (1 Sam. 8:7).

David knew that he had eternal life (Ps. 17:15).

+ A thought about prayer: (Ps. 35). We do not just bind the enemy in our praying, but we also call the Lord out into action for us. I must think on this.

\*My verse for today: Psalm 31:3 – TO TAKE HOME: “For Thou art my rock and my fortress. For Thy Name’s sake Thou wilt lead me and guide me.”

+ All the songs of dependence on God and prayers for deliverance really make me sense the conflict I’m about to enter, and the attitude and trust in God that I will need. Thank you, Jesus.

The Lord’s Message: Ps. 31:3, Matt. 6:33, Matt. 7:16

“Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. And all these things will be added unto you.” “For Thou O Lord are my rock and my fortress. For Thy Name’s sake Thou wilt lead me and guide me.” “You will know them by their fruits.”

## **Port Orchard, Washington**

*April 21-23, 1973*

*1 Sam. 24-27, Ps. 57,58,63,41, 1 Chr. 8-9, Matt. 8-10*

David practiced what Jesus preached—he “loved his enemies” (he could have killed Saul here in 1 Sam. 24).

\*1 Sam. 25:28 – Am I fighting the battles of the Lord?

Saul may have been bad, but he knew one secret: He could admit he was wrong (1 Sam. 26:21).

Ps. 57:2 – “I will cry to God Most High, to God who accomplishes all things for me.”

+ This is me here at home: Ps 63: 1- “O God Thou art my God. I shall seek Thee earnestly. My soul thirsts for Thee, my flesh yearns for Thee, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.”

Matt. 8 – God is WILLING to heal our diseases. Jesus told the leper, “I am willing, be cleansed” (8:3) and the centurion concerning his sick servant, “I will come and heal him” (8:7).

+ Our faith puts Him into action.

\*Matt. 8:13 – “And Jesus said to the centurion, ‘Go your way. Let it be done to you as you have believed.’”

+ This really speaks to me – about the summer and next year – and C. As I go my way in faith, these things I believe will come to pass.

JESUS WAS POWERFUL!! Wow--read Matthew 8, 9 and you see miracle after miracle. Jesus came for the whole man.

Matt. 10 – There is so much here—I think the thing that strikes me most is the love and allegiance that Jesus demands (esp. Matt. 10:37-39). Being a Christian costs you everything! This is quite a chapter. Thank you, Jesus.

*April 24, 25, 1973*

*1 Sam. 28-31, Ps. 109, 1 Chr. 10, Matt. 11-12*

1 Sam. 28 – the medium and talking to the dead. Weird...

\*1 Sam. 30:6 – “But David strengthened Himself int eh Lord His God.” David knew the secret to success. He communed with the Holy Spirit and was rejuvenated.

+ 1 Sam. 30: 18 – This is guidance for me, but I’m not sure what. Maybe later....

The death of Saul—very tragic. He disobeyed God and never returned. I wonder where he is today... 1 Chr. 10:13, 14 say that Saul died of disobedience for consulting a medium. Says God killed him. Does God purposefully remove some people?

“O, God of my praise, do not be silent” (Psalm 109:1).

Being a Christian is rest...complete rest (inside) (Matt. 11:28-30). Matt. 11:20 – the importance of repentance.

\*Matt. 12:29 - In praying for things and people we must bind Satan first.

“For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart” (Mt. 12:34)/

+ I don't feel anything really gripping today. I know the Lord is about to reveal His plans for me and I am just going to praise Him and wait. He has promised me that He will not be silent. Thank you, Lord Jesus.

*April 26, 1973*

*2 Sam. 1, Ps. 140, Matt. 13*

I was going to say that David does seem to feel too badly about the death of Saul and Jonathan, but then he said how much he loved Jonathan. What a godly love they had. Neat relationship.

Ps. 140 – David continually offers a prayer for protection and judgment on the wicked. This is another one.

Matt. 13 – Jesus knew all along that He would be rejected by His people (Mat. 13:13-15).

THE SOWER – heavy parable (13:3-8, 18-23). Every person's reaction to the Gospel is summed up here. Tares of the field – (13:24-30, 37-43). \*To Jesus, the coming judgment day was a very REAL thing. It should be to us too.

+ Matt. 13 – The Kingdom of Heaven chapter.

Jesus couldn't do "many" miracles in Nazareth because the townsfolk didn't believe in Him—He was limited by their unbelief.

**\*Lord, I still need some answers. I will wait for you. Give me peace of mind today.**

*April 27, 1973*

*2 Sam. 2, 1 Chr. 11, Ps. 142, Matt. 14*

\*2 Sam. 2:1 – The Lord is giving me a direction here. I must go to C. today.

1 Chr. 11 – David is anointed king and makes Jerusalem his capital, hence, Zion, the city of David. Talks about David's mighty band of warriors. He had quite an army.

Ps. 142 – The is talking: "I pour out my complaint before Him. I declare my troubles before Him" (Ps. 142:2).

\*(v. 7) – "He brought my soul out of prison that I might praise His name!"

+ The Lord is very near. I really feel good about tonight.

Matt. 14 – I'm really seeing Jesus' heart in this chapter. After hearing about John's death, he went away to be alone. After feeding the 5000, He went away to be by Himself and pray. His heart was so big. He cared so much.

+ I need the heart of Jesus.

April 28, 1973

2 Sam. 3, 1 Chr. 12, Matt. 15

I don't understand this chapter in Samuel too well. It would be neat to really study sometime a lot of the Hebrew customs and rites in depth.

1 Chr. 12 – It's neat to see the Spirit of God coming upon people (v. 18).

\*Man--was an army gathering on David's side (v. 22). It must have really been something.

+ (v. 23) – When God speaks it comes to pass. (v. 32) – Am I am man who “understands the times with knowledge?” This is a neat chapter... There was joy indeed in Israel.

Matt. 15:8, 9 – Am I doing this? I had breakfast with Gary Bannister this morning and is he doing this? [man-made teachings]

I don't understand Matt. 15:24. Jesus sounds like He didn't come to save us too. This verse, by itself, from face value, has always bothered me. Lord, I need a little light here.

Lord, I need wisdom today. I'm doing a lot of thinking about things and I'm being tested a bit.

April 29, 1973

2 Sam. 4-5, Ps. 139, Matt. 16

David was a good, just man. He didn't kill for the sake of killing. I like his attitude.

2 Sam. 5:17-25 – David ran by prayer. He always consulted the Lord before he did anything, and the Lord answered him. He was dependent on the Person he knew to be His Source. Good lesson here.

Ps. 139 – This psalm is beautiful. God knows us and cares for us so intimately. What really strikes me, though, are verses 19-22. We are to really hate evil! Holy anger. Love people but despise the devil in them. How do I put this into practice?

Matt. 16 – Lord, I want to be a disciple and to share that joy with others. I want to be a yielded vessel, not working my way to You, but allowing You to use me. Yielded...Willing...Free...and in love with Jesus. It's the secret to victory and power. I know it! Lord, help me share it, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

April 30, 1973

2 Sam. 6, 1 Chr. 13, Ps. 68, Matt. 17

“David and all the house of Israel were celebrating... (2 Sam. 6:5) CELEBRATION.

That's knowing God. “David was dancing...” He really knew how to worship.

+ His wife Michal typifies the conservative church's attitude today toward "being free in the Spirit" and excited in worship. I say with David, "I will celebrate before the Lord" (2 Sam. 6:21).

"Blessed be the Lord who daily bears my burdens" (Ps. 68:19).

Matt. 17:8 – The Transfiguration. "And liftin gup their eyes they saw no one but Jesus alone." OUR FOCAL POINT—OUR TARGET SIGHT—Jesus alone.

A neat teaching here on faith. Jesus even seems perturbed at the smallness of their faith. The disciples could have cast out the demons, they just didn't BELIEVE. "Because of the littleness of your faith" (Matt. 17:20).

+ Jesus paid his taxes too, and God provided the money in a miraculous way (Matt. 17:27). He will do the same for us too.

*May 1, 1973*

*1 Chr. 14-15, Ps. 132, Matt. 18*

1 Chr. 14:10 – I feel the Lord is peaking to me here, but I'm not clear as to what.

1 Chr. 15:29 – David enjoyed God!! He was a fanatic-hopping up and down and singing. We can really learn from him.

Ps. 132:2 – I have a couple vows to keep: 1) Getting rid of all my idols and stuff that I can't use for God's glory, and 2) And \$50 to Harry Greenwood. \*I want to take care of these.

Psalms 132 talks about Jerusalem being the chosen city of God.

Matt. 18:4 – HUMILITY is the quality God is looking for. 18:10 – \*We each have an angel! I wonder exactly what they do?

The parable on forgiveness. We are to continually and perpetually forgive our brothers and sisters.

\*Lord, I still need some answers. I need to know about the Elim job and about finding a job. I shouldn't sweat it, because I know that you'll find me the right one.

*May 2, 1973*

*1 Chr. 14-15, Ps. 132, Matt. 18*

Neat chapter (1 Chr. 16). It's funny, but in my prayer before reading, I felt led to just praise God for His goodness and not ask for anything, and then this chapter of great praise comes up! BEAUTIFUL. David knew how to worship.

+ Neat line (1 Chr. 16:36b) – "Then all the people said AMEN and praise the Lord."

Ps. 106 – This is a lovely discourse on the history of Israel and how they rebelled against God. Progression of failure: 1) lack of understanding, 2) lack of memory, 3) rebellion (Ps. 106:7).

Matt. 19 – Jesus used the laying on of hands (v. 15). I must study this sometime.

Matt. 19:21 – **Completeness and/or maturity or perfection is always correlated with Yieldedness. Willingness to give up ALL for Jesus. This is what Jesus told the rich young ruler.**

**\*Is God telling me something here?**

*May 3, 1973*

*2 Sam. 7, 1 Chr. 17, Ps. 2, Matt. 20*

I really like the way David prays. He prays what he thinks.

+ It's kind of neat that we have two documented accounts of this history of Israel in Samuel and Chronicles. Must be important. 1 Cor. 10:6,11 – They are examples for us—recorded for our benefit.

Ps. 2 – This is a song about Jesus. “His Anointed.” Sounds like a brutal character here.

Matt. 20: 26, 27 – “It is not so among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you will be your slave.”

Matt. 20:32 – **“What do you wish me to do for you?” This is Jesus’ question to me. Lord, my question is, do you want me to take the job at Elim, go back to school in the fall or start looking for a job? These I’ve committed to You and I trust that You will answer. Thank you.**

*May 4, 1973*

*2 Sam. 8-9, 1 Chr. 18, Matt. 21*

2 Sam. 8:6 – “And the Lord helped David wherever he went.” Man it is nice to have a Heavenly Helper.

David dedicated all his treasures and spoils to the Lord (2 Sam. 8:11).

**\*TODAY – I want to dedicate everything that I have to the Lord. I no longer own anything. It is the Lord’s.**

The Lord is really blessing David and Israel at this point.

Matt. 21:21-22 – The prayer of faith is powerful!

Jesus really told some pointed parables about the religious leaders and their worth and hypocrisy. “Religion is the opiate of the people.” Amen, Mr. Marx. I agree, and so does Jesus. He just wants our love. It’s the least we can give.

## Seattle, Washington

Thank you for Basic Youth, Lord. Keep driving these things into my heart that you may be honored and served by my actions and words.

May 5, 1973

1 Sam 10, 1 Chr. 19-20, Ps. 20, Matt. 22

“Be strong and let us show ourselves courageous for the sake of the people and the cities of our God, and may the Lord do what is good in His sight (Joab)” (1 Chr. 19:13).

+ This strikes me for some reason.

1 Chr. 20:4-8 - The end of the “giants” (Rephaim or Nephilim). I’ve got to study them. Bruce Smith sure aroused my curiosity about it.

Neat psalm – Ps. 20:4 – “May He grant you your heart’s desire and fulfill all your counsel.” \*This is encouragement for me today.

Matt. 22:37-40 – The law of love. Love God with all your HEART, SOUL, and MIND. Loving God demands our lives (decisions), our emotions and our reason.

+ Thank you, Lord, for this week. From Basic Youth Conflicts I know that I have some things to do, some things to get right, some disciplines to set, some goals to reach out for. Help me make them.

May 6, 1973

2 Sam. 11-12, Ps. 51, Matt. 23

2 Sam. 11 – David makes his mistake with Bathsheba. Even back then, Satan was using sex as a weapon of destruction.

David believed in the after-life (2 Sam. 12:23). He said he would go to be with his dead child someday.

+ Solomon is born to David and Bathsheba – “the Lord loved him.”

+ Psalm 51:17 – “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.” God doesn’t want sheep blood or altar burning. He wants people to be BROKEN—to admit they’re wrong - “broken spirit”—that’s our sacrifice.

+ Memorize Ps. 51:16,17

Matt. 23:8-10 – Expression of the Trinity. The Teacher (v. 8) – the Holy Spirit. The Father (v. 9) – God the Father. The Leader (v. 10) – Jesus the Christ.

This is the WOES CHAPTER. Jesus really lashes into the religious leaders. Over and over He calls them HYPOCRITES.

May 7, 1973

2 Sam. 13-14, Matt. 24

2 Sam. 13 – The sex sin of Amnon and Tamar. Things don't change! They've always been the same. All this crap is a fulfillment of the prophecy concerning David's sin.

Matt. 24 – Jesus' Return. Two things:

1. (v. 44) – “for the Son of Man is coming at an our when you do not think He will.” This is a Bible promise just like all the other ones. Why then are people putting dates on Jesus' return? He promises us that He will surprise us. We must be ready.
2. (vs. 45-47) – Am I a faithful and sensible slave who is doing what he should be doing? There's a stern warning here for slaves that slack off and desert the work. He's a person whose love has grown cold and he turns from his servanthood. Jesus says bluntly that he will be cut off.

May 8,9, 1973

2 Sam. 15-17, Ps. 32,71, Matt. 25-26

+ 2 Sam. 15:8 – **The Lord is reminding me of my vow. I want to give to His work, all that I cannot use to His glory. Lord, help me to do it.**

2 Sam. 15:21 – Neat verse. David's prayer is my prayer. (He doesn't know what the Lord is going to do). “Let Him do to me what seems good to Him” (v. 26).

God works out plans through people. Here Absalom has taken the kingdom from David, but the Lord is using different men's advice to give it back.

\*Ps. 32:1-3 – This is a confirmation to me. The Lord does want me to clear my conscience. I'll begin today.

+ God is promising me again: Ps. 32:8 – I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go. I will counsel you with my eye upon you.” -memorize.

I must begin praising God more and more. David did: “But as for me, I will hope continually, and I will praise Thee yet more and more” (Ps. 71:14).

Matt. 25:1-30 – Two parables of the ten virgins and lamps of oil (Holy Spirit) and the three slaves and talents. \*God wants us to sue our gifts and faith.

+ Will God say to me, “well done good and faithful servant????”

Matt. 26:30 – Jesus and his disciples sang a hymn at the Last Supper.

Matt. 26:41 – my prayer life – “the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

**I learned a lot of little neat things here in these chapters today, a lot of details and little insights that I've never thought about before. The Bible is such an amazing book.**



May 10, 1973

2 Sam. 18, Ps. 56, Matt. 27

King David really had a heart of compassion. He wins the kingdom back from his son, Absalom, but Absalom is killed, and David is really grieved.

Ps. 56: 4 – “In God whose word I praise, in God I have put my trust.”

\*Ps. 56:9b – This is I know--that God is for me.”

Matt. 27:3-5 – Judas feels bad about betraying Jesus and returns the money and hangs himself. If he would have repented, would he have been saved? I think he would have.

+ Revelation: (Matt. 27:62). Jesus was crucified on a Thursday and Matthew records it here. I had been wondering about this for a while. So, now that He rose early in the morning on Sunday (28:1), that makes almost three days, like he said it would be.

\*I've got decisions on the brain. Financial aid, a job, Hawaii, YWAM. Lord—please help me set the details in order. I'll set aside TODAY for you, to fast and pray and listen.

May 11, 1973

2 Sam. 19,20, Ps. 55, Matt. 28

David returns to Jerusalem—the rest of the detailed events I really don't understand. Strange customs and ways.

Ps. 55 2b-3a – “I am restless in my complaint and surely distracted. Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the pressure of the wicked.”

+ The enemy tends to influence and distract our guidance from the Lord. (vs. 16-17) – “As for me, I shall call upon God, and the Lord will save me. Evening, morning and at noon, I will complain and murmur... Good ole David!

\*Matt. 28:18-20 – What a divine coincidence that I'm reading this today. The Lord has really been giving me impressions about YWAM, and that being the next move, and here He says to “Go.” This is really a confirmation, I believe. Lord, I'm going to step out in faith and apply. Now, could you narrow it down for me? I'm ready for the next miracle.

May 12, 1973

2 Sam. 21-13, 1 Thess. 1

David finishes off the rest of the “giants” (2 Sam. 21:16-22). I think this is the best word about them.

2 Sam. 22:21,22a – “The Lord has reward me according to my righteousness. According to the cleanness of my hands, He has recompensed me. For I have kept the ways of the Lord.

1 Thess.1 – Paul makes some neat references to the Holy Spirit here. The gospel they preached was “in power and the Holy Spirit” and the Thessalonians had the “joy of the Holy Spirit.”

Paul comments on three qualities of the believers in Thessalonica: 1) their work of faith, 2) their labor of love, and 3) their steadfastness of hope. \*[1 Cor. 13:13 – faith, hope, and love.]

These believers must have been very sound in Thessalonica. Paul said they had really become examples of the faith to others.

+ That’s all. I am anxious to look at a couple of other things and do a little meditation.

May 13, 1973

2 Sam. 24, 1 Chr. 21, Psa. 30, 1 Thess. 2

These Old Testament chapters are weird. I really don’t know what’s going on. The accounts are basically the same, but DO have some differences...

+ I just read the story in *Hurlbut’s Story of the Bible*, and now it makes more sense.

\*Psalm. 30.

1 Thess. 2:8 – “But now we proved to be gentle among you as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her children. Having thus a fond affection for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel but also our lives because you had become dear to us.” Memorize.

These are special verses. Being a witness for Jesus is not only an exercise in words, but a total giving of our lives. It demands time, energy, and sacrifice. AMEN.

May 14, 1973

1 Chr. 22-24, 1 Thess. 3

David prepares the way for the Temple and commissions Solomon—the name “Solomon” means “peaceful.”

1 Chr. 23:30 – “And they are to stand every morning to thank and praise the Lord, and like-wise at evening.” Sounds like a good idea. Start the day and end the day with thanks and praise.

1 Thess. 3 – This is really a little personal letter—must have been a good body. One major thing stands out to me here: Paul’s prayers. He prays twice that the Lord will guide them to Thessalonica to be with them again (v. 11). “Now may our God and Father Himself and Jesus our Lord direct our way to you.”

\*My prayer this morning was that the Lord would direct me to a job here in the area: a job that would fit with His plans for me for the summer—the job He wanted for me. We’ll just have to watch and see.

May 15-16, 1973

1 Chr. 25-28, 1 Kings 1, Ps. 91, 1 Th. 4-5

A big choir was being put together here (1 Chr. 25). I think the Lord really digs the medium of music.

+ (1 Chr. 28) – David’s commission to Solomon is really neat: “As for you, my son, Solomon, know the God of your father and serve him with a whole heart and a willing mind.” Amen.

\*Lord, I think I’m reading this too fast, but I know that you understand.

Ps. 91:14-16 – God seems so personal and caring in these verses.

1 Thess. 4: 3- God will our holiness.

I’m just not into this tonight and I shouldn’t do it this way. I won’t do it again. I need time and peace and quiet to be satisfied in your presence, Lord.

May 17-18, 1973

1 Kings 23, 1 Chr. 29, 2 Chr. 1, Ps. 95, 78, 2 Th. 1-2

David dies. I really love David—and I can’t wait to meet him in the Kingdom.

+ 1 Kings 3:3 – “Now Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father, David. What a neat testimony!

Wow. (1 Kings 3). Solomon asks for wisdom. This is so neat. What a testimony. Talk about the dream of a lifetime. Solomon was the wisest man who ever lived (1 Kings 3:12). Neat story here too sharing the wisdom the Lord gave Solomon.

\*Ps. 95:7 – Good verse for bringing a person to Christ on a given day at a given time.

\*Ps. 78 – Beautiful. Kind of a history of the Hebrew people: love and rebellion. God’s compassion and his judgment.

2 Thessalonians has a lot of good stuff about the judgment, unbelief, and Anti-Christ. Verse for today – 2 Thess. 2:13 – “But we should always give thanks to God for you brethren beloved by the Lord because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.”

May 19, 1973

1 Kings 4-5, 2 Ch. 2, Ps. 101, 2 Th.3

1 Kings 4 – Solomon was a very wise man. God really blessed him.

\*They begin to build the Temple. About the Temple: (2 Chr. 2:4-6). “God didn’t dwell in a temple made with hands” but this temple Solomon was building was to HONOR God, as he put it, “to burn incense before Him.” Solomon was aware of God’s awesomeness and infinity. He just wanted to pay tribute to the living God.

Ps. 101 – integrity, blamelessness. (v. 4) – “I will know no evil.”

2 Thess. 3:5 – “And may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ.”

**\*This is my verse for today. For some reason I just feel down and kind of tired and depressed. The Lord will raise me out of this. He’s done it before and He’ll do it again.**

May 20, 1973

*1 Kings 6, 2 Chr. 3, Ps. 97, Rom 1*

Solomon builds the Temple—took seven years. Magical number?

Ps. 97:10 – “Hate evil you who love the Lord.” This backs up some of the thoughts I’ve been having about there being “holy anger.” Thank you, Lord...

+ Rom. 1 – What really stands out to me is the deadly spiral of sin (1:18-32). Really ...if you really think about it...no person in his right mind has any excuse as far as sin goes, and as far as the thought and reality of acknowledging a Creator God go. We’re all without excuse (v. 20).

Some neat verses for C. (Rom. 1:9-12). Lord, I thank you so much for the miracle that you are working between us. It is absolutely a miracle.

May 21, 1973

*1 Kings 7, 2 Chr. 4, Ps. 98, Rom. 2*

The Temple and Solomon’s house and all their furnishings must have been really something. Beautiful! Like Heaven.

Ps. 98 - “Sing unto the Lord a new song...For He has done wonderful things...”

+ **Amen. I really have a new song to sing since coming back from New Zealand. And it surely is a song of joy.**

Rom. 2 – a Couple things stand out to me: 1) (vs. 6-8) – Paul is talking about a working faith here. 2) (v.11-16) – More teaching on “those who haven’t heard,” and others. The moral law of God in our consciences. 3) The REAL JEW (vs. 28-29) – We use this word wrong in our world today. A Jew is a Jew inwardly by faith, not by natural birth.

**\*My scripture “slurping” is coming along.** Almost got Matt. 5 and I have got 1 Cor. 13.

May 22, 1973

*1 Kings 8, 2 Chr. 5, Ps. 99, Rom.3*

Solomon raises his hands to heaven. I like to raise my hands.

1 Kings 8:23 – Thy servants who walk before Thee and all their heart.”

\*1 Kings 8:46-----Rom. 3:23. We all sin.

+ What a prayer by Solomon to learn from (he was kneeling, with his hands up-raised, and so personal).

Rom. 3 – Really getting into the “meat” of the book here. This is so thick that it will take a lifetime to fathom.

+ I’ve got to look at this word RIGHTEOUSNESS sometime. I don’t know exactly what it means or what it refers to.

Rom. 3:31 – “Do we then nullify the Law through faith? May it never be! On the contrary we establish the Law.”

I’m thinking of Matt. 5:17-20. Jesus didn’t come to abolish the law but to “fulfill it.” FULL FILL. Fill us full of the Holy Spirit!!!

*May 23, 1973*

*2 Chr. 6-7, Ps. 135, Rom. 4*

2 Chr. 6:17 – Solomon asks for a confirmation of God’s Word. It must be good to ask God to confirm His Word to us.

+ 2 Chr. 7:14 – This verse means so more now knowing it is God’s response to Solomon’s prayer. God answered his prayer completely. In the answer, too, we get a hint of the future when the Temple would be destroyed, and the people scattered.

Psalm 135 is a psalm of praise! Hallelujah!! “Sing praises to His Name for it is lovely.”

Romans 4 - Abraham is the father of faith. Genesis 15:6 is a mighty big verse of the O.T. It’s funny that I never saw it before or fathomed it until about 6 months ago.

\*Lord, I’m feeling kind of left out here at home. Kind of a stranger. But I resist you, Satan, in the Name of the Lord Jesus. Father—Help me sort out things.

*May 24, 1973*

*1 Kings 9, 2 Chr. 8, Ps. 136, Rom. 5*

Qualities of David that God said to Solomon were what He expected of him: 1) integrity of heart, 2) uprightness (1 Kings 9:4).

Psalm 136 – “For His lovingkindness is everlasting.”

Rom. 5:3-5 – The Christian chain of growth problems: yield perseverance, proven character, hope, and love from the Holy Spirit.

There are a lot of things coming to my mind here in this chapter, but I just can’t put them down on paper.

May 25-26, 1973

1 Kings 10-11, 2 Chr. 9, Prov.1-3, Rom. 6-7

1 Kings 10:23 – “So Solomon became greater than all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom.: \*Solomon’s downfall: the lust for women!! Turned him away from the Lord (1 Kings 11-16).

May 27, 1973

Proverbs 4-6, Rom. 8

Proverbs 4:9 - Wisdom will “place on your head a garland of grace. Our knowing God will lead us back to His selfless love and provision for us.

Prov. 4:20-22 – God’s Word is medicine to our bodies. Has to do with our health.

Prov. 5:15-19 – This is beautiful about the intimacy and uniqueness that a man and woman are to share. Man (v, 19) “Be exhilarated always with her love.” I think of C,

\*Praise God. Proverbs 16:3 – I was just thinking about this. I’ve got to set some things right. Uncle Dave and Aunt Shirl?

Proverbs 6:20 – “My son, observe the commandment of your father and do not forsake the teaching of your mother.” Prov. 6:27 – “Can man take fire in his bosom and his clothes not be burned?”

Rom. 8 – My favorite chapter in the whole Bible. \*We have received a “spirit of adoption” by the Holy Spirit, not a spirit of slavery leading to fear again.”

May 28, 1973

Proverbs 7-9, Rom. 9

Proverbs 7 – Solomon unveils a detailed picture of prostitution and seduction—seems so real and current! He is really down on sex sin...says that it “will cost him (a man) his life.

Prov. 8 – Wisdom speaks here. This is weird but a neat account of pre-creation. Prov. 8:10-11 – “Take my instruction and not silver, and knowledge rather than the choicest gold. For wisdom is better than jewels, and all desirable things cannot compare with her.”

+ WISDOM-----WISDOM! I need it!

Rom. 9 – Hard to understand chapter. Rom. 9:30-33 are good verses about Israel and where they went wrong. They left the path of “faith” and pursued a path of works.

May 29-30, 1973

Prov. 10-15, Rom. 10-11

Prov. 10:3 – Starving Christians? I don’t know... Prov. 10:16 – “The wages of the righteous is life.” Prov. 11:25 – “The generous man will be prosperous. And he who waters will himself be watered.” Proverbs 14:12 – There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”

\*Prov. 15:13 – “A joyful heart makes a cheerful face, but when the heart is sad the spirit is broken.”

+ Romans 10-11 – the plight of the Jews. (v. 22) – Really stood out to me about the cushy talk about eternal security. This is the book of Romans. Talks about the continuance of faith. I have a lot to learn about the Jews, and it’s becoming clearer and clearer to me all the time.

*May 31, 1973*

*Proverbs 16-18, Rom. 12*

Prov. 16:20 – “He who gives attention to the word shall find good. And blessed is he who trusts in the Lord.” Prov. 18:22 – “He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord.”

Rom. 12 – This is a heck of a chapter for the group of us here. (v. 9) – “Let love be without hypocrisy,” (v.10) – “be devoted to one another in brotherly love,” (v. 12) – “devoted to prayer.”

\*Lord – Tonight was great and promising. Thank you for putting it together. I’m going to need you so much this summer.

Lord, I’m a little uptight about C. too. Douse me with your peace of heart and mind before tomorrow night. Amen.

*June 1-2, 1973*

*Prov. 19-24, Rom. 13,14*

Prov. 20:27 – “The spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord, searching all the innermost parts of his being.”

Solomon says a lot about discipline. It is a neat and very worthwhile thing. I’ve always thought so, especially in athletics.

\*Prov. 23:15,16 – “my son if your heart is wise, my own heart will be glad, and my inmost being will rejoice when your lips speak what is right.”

\*My verse: Prov. 23:26 – “Give me your heart, my son, and let your eyes delight in my ways.”

Rom. 13:8-10 – Love is the fulfillment of the law. Rom. 14:23 – “Whatever is not from faith is sin.”

Lord, thank you that Wally and Steve are coming over today. May we glorify you and make the day Yours—especially tonight.

*June 3, 1973*

*Prov. 25-27, Rom. 15*

Prov. 25:21,22 – about loving your enemies—is the same as Jesus says in Matt. 5:42-48.

\*Prov. 26:18,19 – I must be so careful about joking around—here is a real stern warning.

Prov. 27: 5 – “Better is open rebuke than love that is concealed.

+ Romans 15:4 – This is encouragement for me for my Bible study: “For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”

Paul talks a lot about the power of the Holy Spirit in this chapter. I praise and thank God for His Spirit in my life.

June 6, 1973

*Eccl. 1-3, Ps. 4, 5, Eph. 2*

\*Will men find happiness in pure selfish pleasures (Eccl. 2:1)? I don't think so.

This is really an experience in this book. It is so pointedly a natural man's pessimistic and apathetic view of things. There is no mention of heaven, eternity, or even the soul of man. This is really thought provoking...

Psalm 45.

Eph. 2: 2 – A penetrating, non-personal evil “spirit” or influence lays over the world.

\*As far as guidance goes, the only thing that really hit me today was Proverbs 28:1 – “But the righteous are as bold as a lion.” I think this is a confirmation about holding our street meeting. Thank you, Lord Jesus.

June 7, 1973

*Eccl. 4-6, Ps. 18, Eph. 3*

Ecclesiastes seems so much like a 20<sup>th</sup> century life textbook. I can't believe how relevant and modern it seems. Life never changes—at the core.

Eccl 5:4 – When you make a vow to God, don't be late in paying for it for He takes no delight in fools. Pay what you vow!”

+ What in my life is “futility (vanity) and striving after wind?” What parts of my life are being done in vain?

“Blameless” – Ps. 14:23 – complete or perfect – Matt. 5:48.

Lord, I have some things on my mind. I think I may have taken on too much this summer. I need your inspiration and help with the kids. I want them to know and love You. And Lord, I am so confused with C. I just don't know how to act anymore and that is having such an effect on everything I do. Please give me a new heart for her and my calling for You and how they both fit together. Otherwise, I'd rather come to be with you.



June 8, 1973

Eccl. 7-9, Eph. 4

Eccl. 7: 20 – “Indeed there is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and never sins.”

Eccl. 9: 9 – “Enjoy life with the woman who you love all the days of your fleeting life which He has given to you under the sun. For this is your reward in life, and in your toil in which you have labored under the sun.”

\*Eccl.9:10 – This is for me—about the open-air and the kids: “Whatever you hand finds to do, verily do it with all your might.”

Eph. 4 - The thing that strikes me here is verse 23 – “and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind.” The holy Spirit is guiding me by the controls of my mind by impressions and ideas. He’s writing God’s aw upon my heart and mind” (Heb. 10:16).

+That’s where my drive and inspiration are coming from.

June 9, 1973

Eccl. 10-12, Ps. 94, Eph.5

This is a good description of our days. People are “following the impulses of their hearts and the desires of their eyes.”

Ecclesiastes is a strange book. Some of it seems right and some of it is wrong.

Lord, this is a verse that needs to be real to me: Ps. 94:19 – When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, your consolations delight my soul.”:

Eph. 5:16 – “making the most of your.” I’ve got to use my time wisely.

Lord, C. and I really need you to work a miracle between us. How and when I don’t know. This is my verse—Ps. 16:5.

June 10, 1973

Song of Sol 1-4, Eph. 6

This bride of Solomon’s was black. This was a racial mixture.

Love is such a beautiful thing. This descriptive song is just moving and wonderful. It is really neat to love somebody and tonight I really feel in love. I can really relate to the excitement and expectation that these two are feeling. Marriage is going to be such a beautiful thing.

Eph. 6:10 – “Finally be strong in the Lord and the strength of His might” (v. 20). “I am an ambassador in chains that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly as I ought to speak.”

+ **The Lord is giving me all the verses about boldness and confidence in speaking for Him.** I think this is a real confirmation of Him okaying the work I'm doing and giving the okay for the meeting and what follows.

\*Thank you, Lord, for answering already my prayers yesterday about C.

*June 11, 1973*

*Song of Sol. 5-8, Phil. 1*

Songs of Songs 6:9 – “But my dove, my perfect one, is unique.”

God has chosen for us who we are to marry, a mate that is beautiful and unique in our eyes. That special person—that only one that will do.

Song of Songs 8: 7 - “Many waters cannot quench love. Nor will rivers overflow it.” (1 Cor. 13:8).

*June 12, 1973*

*1 Kings 12, 2 Chr. 10-11, Phil.2*

1 Kings 12:1 5 – “a turn of events from the Lord that He might establish His Word... God never fails His Word.

Phil. 2.

*June 13, 1973*

*1 Kings 13, 14, 2 Chr. 12, Phil. 3*

1 Kings 13 – The encounter with the “man of God” and “the prophet.” One thing stuck out to me: God’s Word is never contradictory. We make it seem at odds by lying or other means.

“Male cult prostitutes” (1 Kings 14:24). Do times change?

I think the Lord really loves us to humble ourselves. Here the people of Judah repented and “humbled themselves” and the Lord took back his curses.

2 Chr. 12:8 – “But they will become his slaves, so they may learn the difference between my service and the service of the kingdoms of the nations.

Phil 3. “That I may know Him” (Phil 3:10). I must memorize Phil. 3: 8-10.

*June 18, 1973*

*1 Kings 22, 2 Chr. 18-19, Col. 4*

1 Kings 22 – I learn something from Jehoshaphat. Before you do anything, especially anything big, ask the Lord first and go by the answer, whether it is good or bad (22:5). I think of C. and her feelings about the U.W. from this. I don’t know if she has done right.

\*Col. 4:2,3 – Beautiful confirmation of **what we are doing for open-air**, really praying and going through that “open door.”

+ On my job: Col. 3: 24 – “It is the Lord Jesus whom you serve.”

Ron – Be Humble, Be Loving. I need these Lord desperately.

June 19, 1973

2 Kings 1-3, Ps. 82, 1 Tim. 1

2 Kings 2:9 – “Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.” That was Elisha’s Request of Elijah. I want to make the same request to God.

Elisha doesn’t seem like a very loving person. Here he curses 42 boys for calling him names and they are killed. These events are very mysterious to me—Lord, I need understanding.

Ps. 82.

1 Tim. 1:4 – God doesn’t want us to speculate or imagine. He wants us to lean on facts and act on them in faith.

1 Tim. 1:1 5- “It is a trustworthy statement deserving full acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Lord – Give me more time for this needed and beautiful part of my day. I just haven’t been able to sit in quietude and listen to you. Please slow me down and speak to your servant.

June 20, 1973 –

2 Kings 4, 5, Ps. 83, 1 Tim. 2

2 Kings 4 – Amazing chapter! The hand of the Lord was really on Elisha. He even raised a boy from the dead. And over and over they keep calling him the “man of God.” What a name to have – God’s Man.

Elisha had the gift of the word of knowledge. This power of the Lord still seems to be so unloving.

Ps. 83:1 – “O God, do not remain quiet. Do not be silent, and, O God, do not be still.”

+ I thought of the coming year when I read this. It’s my prayer.

1 Tim. 2:8 – “Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands without wrath and dissension.”

Hey, we’re TOLD to raise our hands. I have been looking for this verse for a while. I think I’ll share this tonight.

June 21-22, 1973

1 Kings 6-9, 2 Chr. 20-21, 1 Tim. 3-4

Elisha was really a man of prayer and the Lord granted his requests.

\*1Kings 7 (the plundering of the Syrian camp). God doesn't always drop manna from heaven, but he works through what seems like natural circumstances to take care of His people. Some really ugly things are happening here—bloodshed, war, cannibalism—the downward spiral of sin.

Question: 2 Chr. N20:33 – “The high places, however, were not removed. The people had not yet directed their hearts to the God of their fathers. What does this mean?

1 Tim. 4:7 – “Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness,” (godliness) “holds promise for the present life and the life to come.

\*This is a confirmation of what Finney said to me yesterday.

+ The Lord wants me to be an example to those around and not neglect my spiritual gift (1 Tim.4:13,14). This is His Word for me today.

*June 23, 1973*

*2 Kings 10, 2 Chr. 22-23, 1 Tim. 5*

Man, there is a lot of bloodshed and killing here. Today was about King Jehu who wiped out the Baals. Jehu “was not careful to walk in the law of the Lord, the God of Israel, with all his heart” (2 King 10:31).

God does not and cannot tolerate sin. All these stories are ones of judgment concerning the kings of Israel and the people.

1 Tim. 5: 8 – “But if anyone does not provide for his own and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an infidel.”

\*Today is a turning point for me. Today I give my love and allegiance and will to you, Lord Jesus, solely for your use and affections. Strengthen me by your Holy Spirit and keep my eyes trained steadily on your beauty and call.

*June 24-25, 1973*

*2 Kings 11-12, 2 Chr. 24, Joel 1-3, 1 Tim. 6, 2 Tim. 1*

I'm reading and absorbing quickly. With Open-Air this weekend and the different Bible studies, I'm really pressed for time. Lord – still teach me.

*June 26, 1973*

*Jonah 1-4, 2 Tim. 2*

The Lord and His divine appointments! He appoints even a fish, a plant, and a worm.

This is really a neat story. All kinds of types and comparisons.

\*When I share with others all that God has shown me, I must be “able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition.”

This is really for me. I must be really careful how I talk to people.

*June 27, 1973*

*2 Kings 13,14, 2 Chr. 25, 2 Tim. 3*

2 Kings 13:23 – “But the Lord was gracious to them and had compassion on them because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them from His presence until now.” Oh, the love and grace of God! It is truly unbelievable.

Here, Israel seems to be getting the best of Judah. I thought that it was the other way around?

\*For some reason: (2 Chr. 25:9) – “The Lord has much more to give you than this.”

+ 2 Tim. 3:12 – This is my verse for the day: “And indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.”

Abuse must be good. We’re supposed to have it. Will strengthen us...

*June 28, 1973*

*Amos 1-3, Ps. 80, 2 Tim. 4*

Amos – Here is an interesting verse: Amos 3: 7 – “Surely the Lord does nothing unless he reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets.”

Amos, too, is predicting by the Holy Ghost the impending exiles of both Israel and Judah. Why? (Amos 2:4-8).

Ps. 80:18b – “Revive us and we will call upon your Name.:

2 Tim. 4:1 – The judgment is for everybody.

++ 2 Tim. 4:5 – But you be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”

This verse really hit my heart. Thank you, Lord, for continuing to encourage me into your work. I thought about my future when I read this—and my future means you...

*June 29-30, 1973*

*I read through these.*

With the Open-Air meetings this week, I’ve just really neglected my time with the Lord.

*\*July 1, 1973*

*Isaiah 1-3, Titus 3*

Today is the Day that the Lord has made. It’s the day of our meeting and we need you, Lord Jesus—your strength, confidence and power.

Is. 2:17 – “The Lord alone will be exalted in that day.”

Is. 3:7 – HEALER – “binder of wounds.” Talks about healing, disease. Is healing just “binding” the devil?

Lord, I’m just not concentrating. I have my mind on so many other things.

Lord, I don’t feel worthy or worth anything, or even able to lead. May I claim in faith today the power and work of your Spirit in our midst. Jesus is the only way we’ll make it.

July 2, 1973

Is. 4-5, Ps. 115-116, Jude

Is. 4 – Talks about Jesus here and the eternal record book in heaven. This is a neat little chapter. I’m going to enjoy this book.

Is. 5:13 – The prophecy of the Babylonian exile. “My people go into exile for their lack of knowledge. Lack of knowledge – failure, frustration. Good example of the Christian life.

+ Man’s cause of failure: Is. 5:24 – Unbelief in and rejection of God’s Word and law. Same as in the beginning.

**\*Ps. 115:1 – This is great after yesterday’s neat meeting – “Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Thy Name give glory, because of Thy lovingkindness, because of Thy truth.”**

(v. 17) – Hell is Silence. Interesting.

Jude – This is an interesting little book. A lot of things about judgment, the fallen angels and other side-lights. Good book to research the examples.

July 3, 1973

Is. 6, 7, 2 Chr. 26-27, Philemon

Is. 7:9 – “If you do not believe, you surely will not last.” (v. 14) – This is that neat prophecy about Jesus – the virgin birth. There’s a lot here, but it’s hard to understand.

2 Chr. 26:5 – King Uzziah – “And he continued to seek God in the days of Zechariah who had understanding through the vision of God, and as long as he sought the Lord, God prospered him.”

\*Uzziah then became proud and died a leper—Pride – What a terrible thing.

**(I’m going to put up that sign on my door. I need humility desperately—everyday.)**

Philemon – (v. 14) “that your goodness should not be, as it were by compulsion, but of your own free will.” Good principle of giving here. Giving in the Christian life is a voluntary love response—exercising faith through using our free will.

+ Onesimus = Useful.

July 4-5, 1973

2 Kings 15-16, Hosea 1-5, Heb. 1-2

2 Kings 15 – I’ve got to find out the significance of the “high places.” This really interests me. They sacrificed and burned incense there.

2 Kings 16 – “My people are rejected for a lack of knowledge.”

\*HOSEA – I can really feel this book. God is so tender and loving here. When you really love someone, and they hurt you, or are unfaithful to you, it hurts bad. It takes SO much to forgive, forget, and continue to love them. God is sure giving us a picture here of real love expressed in His concern for his people, Israel.

Hebrews 1:14 – angels – Are they our invisible helpers in everyday life?

+ I think God wants me to return to studying and meditating on the basics of salvation. I’ve got to keep dwelling on the Cross—JESUS. “But we see Jesus...”

July 6, 1973

Hosea 6-9, Heb. 3

Hosea 6- God wants our love—a growing relationship with Him (6:9. Oh to be IN LOVE with God!!

Hosea 7 – Man, I can just feel the pain of God’s rejection here. “They turn away from Me although I trained them and strengthened their arms” (v. 14-15). “I would redeem them, but they speak lies against Me.”

Hosea 9-10 – “And they became as detestable as that which they loved.”

\*We will BECOME as that which we love. We must love God with all our hearts.

Heb. 3 - The Lord is really driving home the point to me about eternal security. We are as secure as we are of faith.” For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end.” (v. 6 also.)

+ God wants our love from the will. A love that last—is faithful—yeah!

July 7-8, 1973

Hosea 10-14, Ps. 73, 10, 102, Heb. 4-5

\*Hosea 10:12 – “Sow with a view to righteousness. Reap in accordance with kindness. Break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord.”

These verses really hit me – Hosea 12: 6 – “Wait for God continually.”

Ps. 73 – I can really relate that Asaph had the same kind of doubts that I have sometimes – “like a dream when one awakes.” – The Judgment.

+ Our source of anxiety in life is a wrong perspective.

Heb. 4-5 – There must be reason why Heb.4:12, about the “word of the Lord is alive and active,” follows directly after the verses about entering the rest of God. The Sabbath rest of the believer. Does the source of the believers’ “rest” in the Spirit come directly from the Word? Jesus said, “If you abide in My Word then you are truly disciples and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free. That’s it!”

*July 9, 1973*

*Micah 1-4, Heb. 6*

Micah 1: 5 – Sin = REBELLION.

Micah 2:1 – “Woe to those who scheme iniquity, who work out evil on their beds! When morning comes, they will do it, for it is in the power of their hands.”

\*This is for me. All these thoughts of naked girls and sex that I fight in my thoughts in bed. Here is the warning. These thoughts and dreams are tricks of Satan.

Micah 3:8 – “On the other hand, I am filled with power—with the Spirit of the Lord.”  
Micah 4:5 – Though all the peoples walk, each in the name of his god, as for us, we will walk in the Name of the Lord our God forever and ever.”

Heb. 6:11,12 – “And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”

**STICK TO IT, RON. IT’S WORTH IT!!**

*July 10-11, 1973*

*Micah 5-7, Is. 8-10, Heb. 7-8*

“My people, what have I done to you, how have I worried you? Answer Me” (Micah 6:3).

**\*Lord, is this what you want me to speak on Friday?** How we have grieved you?

Micah is a beautiful book.

Is. 8:19 - “Should not a people consult their God?” Talks about not turning to occult practices. Isaiah – so many pictures of Jesus! Every chapter...So much future prophecy involved here.

This in Heb. 7-8 is good too. I’m tired and my mind is wandering. Forgive me, Lord. I must go to bed.



July 12, 1973

Is. 11-14, Heb. 9

Is. 11:6-9 – What a beautiful picture of the world of peace to come! All tension today, even in the animal world, is a result of sin. End of chapter: Prophecy of the Israel-Egypt conflict now?

Is. 12:3, 4 – “Therefore you will joyously draw water from the springs of salvation. And in that day, you will say, give thanks to the Lord, all on His Name.”

Heb. 9 – This is heavy and enlightening. This is a vivid account of what the death of Christ meant, the blood offering, as pictured in the sacrificial offering in the tabernacle under the old covenant. Gives an allusion to the “real” or “true” tabernacle or Holy of Holies which Christ has entered once for all to pay for sins.

This chapter really came alive to me tonight as a whole.

July 13-14, 1973

Is. 15-21, Heb. 10-11

Jesus is not only our Savior, but our judge. (Great White Throne.)

+ Basis of sin is PRIDE (Is. 16:6,7).

\*God wants us to love Him and look to Him—not our sanctuaries and articles of worship (Is. 17:7,8). (Hosea 6:6).

Lord, I don't understand much of this. A lot of history and prophecy here. I can really see, though, how you are the God of history and behind all the surges of the nations.

I spent this quiet time sharing with C. and showing her how I am learning from the Lord. Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity. I pray that it will bless her in her walk with You...

July 15, 1973

Is. 22-24, Heb. 12

These oracles in Isaiah are very mysterious and vivid—Lord—give me SOMETHING out of them.

Thank you. Look at Is. 24—what a vivid description of the world scene: “the world is also polluted and its inhabitants” (v. 5). What a picture of the judgment of the world. [the earth] “it will fall, never to rise again...” (v. 20).

Heb. 12:10,11 – the beauty of discipline – “But He disciplines us for our good that we may share His holiness. All discipline seems for the moment not to be joyful, yet to those who have been trained by it, it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.”

These are my verses today. DISCIPLINE – OBEDIENCE – Lord, train me.

Our destination: Heb. 12 :22-24 – These are neat verses. I know where I'm going!!!

July 16-17, 1973

Is. 25-31, James 1, Heb. 13

July 17<sup>th</sup>—Tues night—Praise God. Last night after the Bible study C. received the baptism in the Spirit and spoke in a beautiful tongue. What a release!! We were really united in love and spirit. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for answering that prayer.

Now, I'm behind. I'll read the last two days and slow down.

July 18, 1973

Is. 32-35, James 2

Here's neat verse about the Holy Spirit. Is. 32:15 – “Until the Spirit is poured out upon us from on high and the wilderness becomes a fertile field.” \*Last night was an out-pouring!!

Here's an appropriate verse for the times we live in and economic crises, political scandals and unrest: “And He shall be the stability of your times” (Is. 33:6).

Song---“Therefore the redeemed...” (Is. 35:10).

Lord, you're speaking to me a lot about FAITH today aren't you. I talked to my dad about faith. You gave me those verses in Isaiah (26:4 and 30:15) about it, and now here in James 2 you say it again.

Lord, help me to believe you about the future. I'm wretchedly human and scared of failure.

“Trust in the Lord forever.”

July 19, 1973

2 Kings 17, 2 Chr. 28, Ps. 46, James 3

The Assyrian conquest of Israel. A Lot of detail is given here in 2 Kings 17 about WHY Israel fell. I think Verse 14 sums it up for all time – “They did not believe in the Lord their God.

\*This is for me today. Ps. 46:10 - “Let go, relax and know that I am God.” Thank you, Lord. I've got to slow down and quit worrying.

James 3:1 - Lord, do I have a teaching ministry? I think that I do.

My tongue and speech have got to shape up. I'm not consistent. My words are not peace...

July 20-21, 1973

Is. 36,37, Ps. 76, 1 Peter 1

I have been thinking about prayer and the importance of pure motives, and here in Isaiah is a good example of a prayer by King Hezekiah and his motive for asking. Is. 37:20 – “that all the kingdoms of the world may know that Thou alone art God.”

+ Prayer Motivation: God's praise and glory.

1 Peter 1:13 – Therefore gird your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**\*I've got to keep going! Gird myself for action! Dynamic, not stupid...but aflame.**

A disciple is a revolutionary. His sights are set, his sword is in hand, and his faith stepping forward—with all his movements controlled by God's Spirit.

*July 23, 1973*

*2 Kings 20, Is. 38-39, Ps. 75, 1 Peter 2*

God heals Hezekiah of his sickness in answer to his prayers (God the Holy Spirit).

**\*Someday the enigma of disease for me will be done away by my FAITH.**

Isaiah prophesied of the Babylonian conquest and exile.

Here is another verse on healing – 1 Peter 2:24 – “And He Himself bore our sins on the cross that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. For by His wounds you were healed.”

I know that you are talking to me about healing, Lord, but I lack “light.” What I probably lack is faith, but it just hurts to admit it.

**\*Lord, teach me the secret of power in your Spirit. That is the desire of my heart.**

*July 24, 1973*

*Is. 40-42, 1 Peter 3*

\*Right when I started reading Is. 40. Beginning with the words, “Comfort, O comfort My people,” the Lord said to me that tonight I must encourage and exhort and comfort the group in what we're doing. No more criticism—POSITIVE—words of inspiration. Thank you, Lord.

I've got a real strong sense of personal security here in Is. 41. I felt like God was talking right to me. “Do not fear. I will help you” (v. 13).

1 Peter 3 – Man, I think of C, as I read this. The Lord is really working miracles in our relationship. We're developing sacrificial love and care and a real joy in the Lord. Amen!

Sorry, Lord. I'm hurrying. You know. Doing your work.

*July 25, 1973*

*Is. 43-45, 1 Peter 4*

I'm so tired and hurrying through this tonight, **but I thank the Lord that I am tired because I've been doing His work. That makes it worthwhile.**

Despite my haste, the Lord gave me a real lesson on agape love tonight, and tomorrow I'm writing C. a letter—especially with the following verses: Is. 43:4, 1 Peter 4:8.

July 26, 1973

Is. 46-49, 1 Peter 5

Again, Lord, you're telling me to trust you. "Truly I have spoken. Truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely I will do it."

\*Lord, you have promised C. to me, haven't You? It seems so clear here. Why do I doubt? Why do I play-act and hide sometimes?

+ Lord –Have You promised that we will be together next year?

+ Wow – what a verse here: Is. 48:16 – "Come near to me, listen to this. From the first I have not spoken in secret. From the time it took place I was there. And now the Lord God has sent Me and His Spirit." – Father. Son-Jesus. Holy Spirit. What a revelation here!!!

1 Peter 5:1-4 – I have got to be an EXAMPLE to the kids that I lead who look up to me. EAGERNESS. (v. 5-6) – I must "clothe" myself with humility. My verse for today: 1 Peter 5:5.

July 27, 1973

Is. 50-52, Ps. 92, 2 Peter 1

Inspirational!

I just kind of mellowed out and relaxed and listened to the Lord. He said some neat things. 2 Peter 1:3 – Happiness through faith by knowledge.

July 28-29, 1973

Is. 53-59, Ps. 103, 2 Peter 2-3

Is 53 – Jesus, our Redeemer! What an inspired chapter. 53:5 – "by His scourging we were healed."

+ Is. 54:5,6 – The Lord just revealed this to me. There probably are more women that are Christians than men because girls are more easily accustomed to responding to love, being made that way for their husbands. Yeah...

Is. 58:11 – "And the Lord will continually guide you, and satisfy your desire in scorched places, and give strength to your bones. And you will be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters do not fail."

Ps. 103:3 – "Who pardons all your iniquities and heals all your diseases."

+ The Lord is really speaking to me about healing. I keep wondering if He's going to call me into a ministry of this.

"Grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

July 30, 1973

Isa. 60-62, John 1

Is. 60: 1,2 – “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you...And His glory will appear upon you.” As I read these words I thought of the blessings and joys Jesus has given me by filling me with His Holy Spirit, and how I must begin tapping His resource of power and glory. Arise, shine by FAITH.

I'm getting thoughts from this chapter of Isaiah on God's promises to support me financially as I walk in faith before Him.

John 1 – What an awesome chapter! What an awesome thought that the God of this entire universe would visit the tiny planet Earth in the way that He did. I can just see Jesus, His love, His goodness.

I really felt like I was a part of John's book as I read this tonight—that I was a Philip to whom the Lord had said, “Follow Me,” and he did. Lord, I'm going to FOLLOW YOU.

July 31, Aug. 1, 1973

Is. 63-66, Ps. 107,62, John 2-3

Some neat references: to the Holy Spirit – Is. 63:10,11, 14. “The Spirit of the Lord gave them rest.” (Heb.)

Some prophecy here that is maybe being fulfilled in the move of God today in the East and other parts of the world – Is. 66:19.

+ A lot of beautiful allusions in Isaiah to the paradises of Heaven, and the destruction of the wicked.

\*Lord – make eternity more real in my thinking every day.

+ Psalm 107:20 – “He sent His Word and healed them. This is for Kent—Thank you, Lord.”

Ps. 62:1 – “My soul waits in silence before God only. From Him is my salvation.”

I talked to Kent [Fosness] tonight about his healing, and Lord, I really don't understand. Lord, I feel envisioned to do what I don't have the power, faith and light to accomplish. Is that your way?

August 2, 1973

2 Kings 21, 2 Chr. 33, John 4

Judah is on the brink of judgment here in Kings and their impending captivity. Some of the things they had turned to were things we see today: witchcraft, spiritism, mediums and divination.

Here in Chronicles is a neat sequel to the story of Manasseh and how “he humbled himself before God” and “prayed to Him,” and how his life was changed because God heard his prayer and because of His great love, restored him in the land.

+ O, the love of our wonderful Lord!

John 4 – This is the chapter we were studying on following Jesus’ example in witnessing. This verse stands out: Jn. 4:34 – “Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of Him Who sent Me and to accomplish His work.’” Tonight, this is my sleep...

*August 3, 1973*

*Nahum 1-3, John 5*

Nahum is really a revealing book into the great hatred and wrath that God feels about sin. You know, I’ve been thinking about the ugliness of sin and reading some stuff by Finney, and then also the Lord gave me that revelation I’m going to use tonight I believe at YL [Young Life] – “Have You Ever Considered?” Lord you really want me to expose darkness tonight, don’t You? Please give me the words.

John 5:14 – “Behold you have become well, so do not sin anymore so that nothing worse may befall you.” \*The relationship between sin and disease.

Boy, there’s a lot of depth in this chapter about our Lord, but I just can’t concentrate...

Lord, give me peace about C.

*Aug. 5, 1973*

*2 Kings 23, 2 Chr. 35, John 7*

What does it mean to be a man of God? To turn to the Lord with all your “heart and soul and might” (2 Kings 23:25 – King Josiah).

I’m very tired, but I still thank you, Lord, for the beautiful weekend and the beauty of your Word. I love it. I want to live in it.

*Aug. 6, 1973*

*Hab. 1-3, John 8*

Hab. 1:12 – Nations like Hitler’s Germany and others were ordained by God (Rom. 13:1) to judge mankind.

Hab. 3:17, 18 – “Though the fig tree shall not blossom and there be no fruit on the vines. Though the yield of the olive should fail, and the field produce no food. Though the flock be cut off from the fold, and there be no cattle in the stalls. Yet will I rejoice in the Lord. I will rejoice in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength.”

This is mine. Yet, I will rejoice in the Lord.

Aug 7, 1973

Zeph. 1-3, Jn. 9

I meditated on these at work yesterday during the day when I had a break. I also learned a great lesson last night at the BS [Bible Study] group. I am not leading things, and by myself, do not have to feel pressured to psych everybody up or something. God said, "I do," so I want to marry Him. Thank you, Lord.

August 8, 1973

Jer. 1-2, John 10

What a neat "call" of Jeremiah – (1:7) – "Because everywhere I send you, you shall go, and all that I command you, you shall speak."

There's a couple of neat verse in Jeremiah 2 about the foolishness of evolution (v. 27).

It's neat to be a sheep...A sheep of the Lord. One of His "other" ones (Jn.10:16).

Lord, I want to follow You as a meek little lamb of God.

Aug. 9, 1973

Jer. 3-4, John 11

It's very interesting to me how the sin and faithlessness of man to God is so commonly portrayed by the imagery of a prostitute and her lovers (Jer. 3).

Jer. 4:3,4 – "Break up your fallow ground and do not sow among thorns. Circumcise yourselves to the Lord and remove the foreskins of your heart."

+ A lot here – Lord, you're speaking...Man, there is a lot of emotion involved here.

John 11 – the raising of Lazarus from the dead. **Lord, you have really been speaking to me about healing and faith and I am approaching a point of real trust in You for every one of my needs. Thank you for the light that you are spreading before my eyes. Sometimes I feel that they are going to pop out.**

\*"Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" I KNOW.

Aug. 10, 1973

Jer. 5-6, John 12

Jer. 6:14-25 – Here is really an apt description of the humanitarian brotherhood thinking of the institutional church. "Peace," "peace," "love is the answer." Well it is, but it's the love of Christ on Calvary that we're talking about.

**Lord, I'm looking for an answer to an important question tonight, and you haven't given it to me here. Where now?**

**Lord, you're giving me verse after verse about waiting...and trusting...and as I write this, I know this is what I must do (Ps. 25:4,5).**

August 11, 1973

Jer. 7-9, John 13

\*Jer. 7:1-3 – I think the Lord wants me to speak at Elim [Lutheran] again. I really felt this as I opened the reading. I'll now wait for a confirmation.

+ Jer. 7:23 – Re-echoing the promise that obedience to God's laws is for prosperity and well-being, not justification.

\*Jer. 9:23,24 – I must memorize these—My verses for the day: “But let him who boasts boast that he understands and knows Me.”

John 13 – Jesus – our example (v. 15). This verse stuck out to me – Jn. 13:17 – If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

+ Thank you, Lord.

Aug. 12-13, 1973

Jer. 10-15, Jn. 14-15

Jer. 10 – A child of God is “different” from the world (v. 2). “Do not learn the ways of the nations...and (v. 3) “For the customs of the people are delusions.”

Jer. 12:3 – “But You know me, O Lord. You see me. And You do examine my heart's attitude toward You.”

+ Jer. 15: 16 – “Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart.”

Jer. 15:17 – Reminds me of work, sometimes eating alone reading my Bible and not playing cards with the guys. \*The Lord here is backing me. Thank you, Lord!

Aug. 14, 1973

Jer. 16,17, Ps. 96, John 16

Jer. 17:5 – “Cursed is the man who trust in mankind and makes flesh his strength, and whose heart turns away from the Lord.” \*BUT (v. 7) – “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and whose trust IS the Lord.”

Ps 96 – What a song of praise!! It's thrilling to just read it...

John 16 – More messages about the “Helper,” the “Comforter,” the Spirit of Christ. I'm so thank He is in my life. I've never been happier, despite everything. He really has given me the peace that Jesus is talking about when He says (v. 33) “These things I have spoken to you that in Me you may have peace.”

Jesus said, “I have overcome the world.” We will, too, for “we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.



Aug. 15, 1973

Jer. 18-20, Ps. 93, John 17

Jer. 19: 5 – The high places – places on mountaintops where the Hebrews sacrificed their sons as burnt offerings to Baal—a heathen god. I’ve been wondering about this. Thank you, Lord.

\*Jer. 20:12 – “Yet, O Lord of hosts, You, who do test the righteous.”

\*John 17:17 – “Sanctify them in the truth. Your Word is truth. With great feeling here, Jesus again stresses the importance of God’s Word in our lives...

This prayer of Jesus in John 17 is like Jesus is already in heaven, resurrected from the earth and that He’s speaking in the past tense. His greatest wish is for us, His people, is that we “may be one even as We are one.”

+ That’s my wish too—especially here in our work. Holy Spirit, please give us a oneness that will draw people to the side of the Savior.

\*I long to see “unity of the Spirit” in Port Orchard.

Aug. 16, 1973

2 Kings 24, Jer. 22, Ps. 112, Jn. 13

The Babylonian Exile. What an ugly and humiliating thing it must be to the Lord—to see His people demolished this way.

\*Thank you, Lord, for this answer to prayer: Ps. 112:7b-8a – “His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. His heart is upheld, he will not fear.” This is about going to that YWAM school. God wants me to trust Him. Lord, I will.

John 18 – What a confrontation Pilate and Jesus must have had. Here was Pilate standing face-to-face with the King of kings and Lord of lords. Jesus said to him, “You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born and for this I came into the world, to bear witness to the truth.”

Pilate looked...heard...and didn’t believe. How could he? I don’t know.

Aug. 17, 1973

Jer. 23,25, Jn. 19

Jer. 23 – A lot of verse here that seem to apply directly to the present-day situation and rise of Christian cults and deviations. “They speak a vision of their own imagination, not from the mouth of the Lord (v. 16).

\*FOR ME – “But let him who has my word speak my word in truth” (Jer. 23:28).

God sure seems like a brutal enemy of wrath here, not at all like the figure of Jesus. Weird.

John 19 – Nothing really hits me here. The death of Jesus. Her seemed so purposeful, so sure.

\*Lord, help me to appreciate the agony of love that you endured and broke through for me. Sometimes it seems so unreal. **May I carry my cross as you did today.** AMEN.

*August 18-19, 1973*

*Jer. 26,35,36, 45-47, Ps. 105, Jn. 20-21*

God DOES change His mind about some things—out of His great love, if we repent (Jer. 26:4,5,13).

\*Jer. 16:14 – “But as for me, behold I am in your hands. Do with me as is good and right in your sight.” I needed this right now.

**I really have some questions on prophecy, especially the gift of prophecy. How is it used and exercised? How can you be sure of a “word of the Lord?”**

Ps. 105:3,4 – “Glory in His holy name. Let the heart of those who seek the Lord be glad. Seek the Lord and His strength. Seek His face continually.

Jer. 21:15,16,17. Ron – “Do you love me?” (v. 19) – 1) Tend my lambs, 2) Shepherd my sheep, 3) Tend my sheep. Follow Me!! Lord, I want to follow.

*Aug. 20, 1973*

*Jer. 48, 49, Ps. 67, 1 Jn. 1*

Jer. 48: 7 – “...for because of your trust in your achievements and treasures...” I wonder who/and or what Moab is? I wonder about the “type” involved here. Lord, grant me wisdom.

\*I know that there is a lot of prophecy and future revelations and things here. I can sense it...For now, though, my eyes are just not open. Lord is it because I could not bear these revelations now?

+ BINGO! 1 Jn. 1:5-10 – Thank you, Lord, for this revelation. I run into a lot of people who say they “know God” and “believe,” but if their lives are not pure, they are lying. God’s Words says that He “is light” and that of “we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.”

+ Knowing God is walking through life as He did, in the power and purity of the Spirit.

*Aug. 21-22, 1973*

*Jer. 21, 24, 27-30, Ps. 118, 1 Jn. 2-3*

Interesting line: “Behold I set before you the way of life and the way of death (Jer. 21:8). Neat type.

\*Neat verse – Jer. 24:7 – “And I will give them a heart to know Me for I am the Lord and they will be My people and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with their whole heart.” God wants our hearts...

+ There are false prophets. Just because someone says, “Thus says the Lord,” it doesn’t mean it is true. Look at Hananiah here (Jer. 28).

Ps. 118:27 – “The Lord is God, and He has given us light.”

Jn. 1: 9 – “There was the true light that coming into the world enlightens every man.”  
Jesus - “I am the light of the world” (John 8:12).

1 Jn. 3: 9 – “No one who is born of God practices sin because His seed abides in him and he cannot sin because he is born of God.

*Aug. 23, 1973 -*

*Jer. 31-32, 1 Jn. 4*

Jer. 31:26 – “At this I awoke and looked, and my sleep was pleasant to me.” Lord, I’m in a hurry and tired. Forgive me—and You said, “Why are you worrying about sleep? Is that so difficult for Me? (Jer. 32:27).

*Aug. 24, 1973*

*Jer. 33-34, Ps. 74, 1 Jn. 5*

Jer. 33:3 – “Call unto Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things which you do not know.”

\*Thank you, Lord. Lately I’ve felt bad because I feel a lack of faith, courage and love for You to really be used by You. Now I know I must seek You for Yourself.

It amazes me how these dear men of the O.T. praised God right in the face of disaster. I’m learning to do this very slowly.

1 Jn. 5 – What a profound chapter! There is so much here.

\*Lord Jesus, renew a right spirit within me...

*Aug. 25, 1973*

*Jer. 37-39, Ps. 79, 2 John*

Jeremiah as really put through it. Spent a lot of time in jail and in this thing called the “cistern.” Ugly.

+ I wonder HOW the “words of the Lord” came to Jeremiah? Did the Lord speak to him audibly?

Jer. 39:18 – “...but you will have your own life as booty because you have trusted in Me,” declares the Lord. This is for me today. Thank you, Jesus.

1 Jn. 8 – “Watch yourself that you might not lose what we have accomplished but that you may receive a full reward.” What will and HAS overcome the world, our faith (1 Jn. 5:4).

\*Lord, I want to believe You for **a night of love and glory for Yourself on Tuesday night.** I don't want anybody to be turned off, for your sake Lord Jesus. Send your precious Comforter upon us in a way that will create nothing but joy and peace.

*Aug. 26, 1973*

*Jer. 50-51, 3 John*

I had my quiet time at Cs. While we were there, Theresa and Patty Jacobson came up for lunch and we began praying and **Patty received the fullness of the Holy Spirit.** Praise you, Lord!

*Aug. 27, 1973*

*Jer. 52, Rev. 1, Ps. 243, 144*

The exile of Judah is completed. It must have been such a horror. I wish that I could really feel the emotions involved.

Rev. 1 – Here's a good verse about what Jesus died for us (v. 5) – “and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first born of the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood.”

Psalms 143 – a message from God: “I meditate on all your doings...I stretch out my hands to You...Answer me quickly, O Lord...Teach me the way in which I should walk...Teach me to do Thy will for you are my God. Let Thy good Spirit lead me on level ground.”

+ The Lord is GUIDING me.

*Aug. 28, 1973*

*Ez. 1-3, Rev. 2*

Ez. 1:3 – Ezekiel was a priest. Oh, if this could be my testimony - Ez. 1:12 – “And each went straight forward, wherever the Spirit was about to go, without turning as they went.”

**\*Ez. 2:7 – But you shall speak My words to them whether they listen or not, for they are rebellious.” This is for me tonight. Thank you so much, Lord, for helping in my faith by speaking to Me. Yes, I will speak your message.**

Lord, I'm ready. Glorify Yourself tonight. I'm scared but confident. You won't fail.

*Aug. 29, 1973*

*Ez. 4-7, Rev. 3*

Ez. 5:5 – It's not a coincidence that the country of Israel is at the crossroads of the globe. God established her in the center of the nations.

+ **Thank you, Lord, for your total healing power in my family and after last night. Thank you for triumphing over Satan and your Word going forth. Hallelujah!**

“I shall bring your ways upon you...” (Ez. 7:4). This is an interesting verse of truth.  
Good and Bad.

Rev.3:5 – “He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments. And I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before my Father and before angels.”

There is so much neat stuff here. In heaven, we will be “clothed in white garments” (v. 5), we will dwell in the “temple of my God” with new names on our heads (v. 12) and we will sit with the Lord Jesus on His throne (v. 21).

A lot of verse in Revelation 3 about the steadiness of faith. It is he who overcomes that will be with the Lord forever. This would be a good chapter to memorize sometime. Beautiful.

*Aug. 30, 1973*

*Ez. 8-11, Rev. 4*

**\*Thank you, Lord Jesus, for answering my prayers. Today I have been accepted to the YWAM school in Germany. It's what I've been waiting for...Lord, I love you...and now need your guidance even more in making some decisions.**

Ez. 9 – A “type” of the judgment here. A “man writing,” marking people and then a destruction of all those unmarked.

+ Cherubim – Sure would love to know more about these creations...symbolically especially. A vision is repeated concerning them here in Ez. 10.

Lord, I'm not sure how Ez. 11:16-21 fits together for a Gentile like me. Reveal it to me by your Spirit.

Rev. 4 – Here we get a glimpse of Jesus our King on His throne. What a sight this must be for John. How privileged he was to see these things.

+ How neat it will be to be there one—soon.

*August 31, 1973*

*Ez. 12-14, Rev. 5*

**\*Ez. 12:2-3 – This is confirmation of my going to Germany. Thank you, Lord. “Therefore, son of man, prepare for yourself baggage for exile and go...”**

Ez. 14:3 – Do I have any “idols in my heart? This is a neat way to describe the foolish things we value and live for.

Rev. 5: 9 – “You are worthy to take the book and break its seals, for You were slain and purchased for God with your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.”

Worthy is the Lamb.

Thank you, Lord, for this encouragement also...you do want me to speak about the lamb and the precious shedding of your blood for us, in our place. Lord, pour out your Spirit upon us tonight as we end a summer of ministry for your kingdom. Anoint all with the news. Hallelujah!

Sept. 1, 1973

Ez. 15-16, Ps. 70, Rev. 6

Why is there God's condemnation? "They have acted unfaithfully. We step out of FAITH.

What a picture! Ez. 16 is a vivid look at the nation Israel as compared to a harlot or prostitute. Such detail here too. God really uses the unfaithfulness and filth as a prostitute as a comparison to His people.

"Let all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You" (Ps. 70:4).

Sept. 2, 1973

Ez. 17-19, Rev. 7

Ez. 18:4 – "Behold all souls are mine, the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine. The soul who sins will die."

Ez. 18:20 – "The person who sins will die."

+ Wow - what a chapter! Ezekiel. 18. Beautiful word from God on each one of us dying for our sins, the way of repentance, the fact that God doesn't want people to die, and our foolishness in thinking that God isn't just.

\*How many times have I heard, "Well, that isn't fair," or "that can't be right." Look at Ez. 18:25 – "Is it not YOUR ways that are not right?" Yes, Lord.

Sept. 3, 1973 -

Ez. 20:1-21, Ps. 111, Rev. 8

Ez. 20:25 - Question? "And I also gave them statutes that were not good and ordinances by which they could not live." I don't quite understand this.

Man – this is very heavy. I don't understand...What does this all mean?

Ps. 11:5 – "He has given food to those who fear Him."

\*God will take care of me. He is so wonderful.

Rev. 8 – The great tribulation begins. What an awesome time this will be.

\*Lord, I have sinned. I am being drawn away from you by a woman...when we should be drawing towards You. "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me" (Ps. 51:10).

Sept. 4-5, 1973

Ez. 22-28, Rev. 9-10

The lewd example of a harlot is one of God's favorite comparisons to His people. Here it is again in Ez. 23.

+ Some people will face these words someday: Ez. 23:25 – judgment.

Ez. 28 – What a revelation here of the one-time beauty and position of Satan before he rebelled.

I'm so tired...Lord, thank you for keeping me going.

+ Lord, we need a place for Young Life. I want to believe You for a miracle. Lead us to "Your place" for this year.

Sept. 6, 1973

Ez. 29-32, Rev. 11

+ Lord Jesus, I feel bad. I just feel alone and hurt and just bummed. Why do I allow Satan to do this to me? Why is it so hard to reach You at times with my faith?

Lord, I need your intimate love and assurance of safety. Where?

Sept. 7, 1973

1 Kings 25, 2 Chr. 36, Jer. 40-41, Rev. 12

There is a lot of history and dealings here that are really something. God is a God of history, working powerfully behind and in the scenes of time.

Rev. 12 – I felt as I read this chapter that God was revealing it to me—like for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. I was getting a glimpse into the symbolism.

+ The woman is the church of God—God's people (v. 17). No—maybe something else. Anyway, this is kind of a history of the ages revolving around the Cross—the old battle between Satan and the Lord.

Yes, ISRAEL is the woman. There is a lot here, but I just can't seem to collect it on paper.

Lord, please guide me in choosing the place for Young life for this year.

John 11:40 – "Did I not say to you if you believe you would be the glory of God?"

Sept. 8, 1973

Jer. 42-44, Ps. 48, Rev. 13

Jer. 42: 3 – "that the Lord your God may tell us the way in which we should walk and the thing that we should do." \*Thank you, Lord, for showing us this about a place for Young Life this year.

\*Father – C. and I almost called it quits last night and now I don't know where to go from here. I'm stumped, not sure how to act. On April 25, 1973 you said to me, "go your way, let it be done to you as you have believed." I don't want to let go of that confession. Lord, I believe that C. is your gift to me. I don't feel it, but I believe it. We can't even relate to each other at times, but should we expect to? All I know is that I love her and BELIEVE that You want us to be a TEAM for You.

Lord, make that real for us. United us today in the assurance of our love.

*Sept. 9, 1973*

*Lam. 1-2, Obadiah, Rev. 14*

Lord, I've got to settle this today. You've got to either bring C. and I together or **take us apart.**

I feel like Jeremiah today—just really yucky. My heart feels faint too. Jeremiah said (v. 21), "there is no one to comfort me," and Jesus said, "I will send you the Comforter."

Holy Spirit: I need your comfort and guidance today. Don't leave me alone.

Nothing fresh, Lord. **I feel like I'm going through a real valley. I love you and want to move on, but I feel powerless and faithless. I need a miracle today.** Yes, I need a miracle of God to raise me out of this "pit." It's ugly...lonely...mental torture.

We're going to settle it today.

*Sept. 10, 1973*

*Lam. 3-5, Rev. 15*

+ My Lord – C. and I are n the brink of disaster...it all came about yesterday, and she just doesn't love me. Father—I need to get something straight. I don't want to let go of my confession of faith concerning C., but I also don't want to make a lingering, painful mistake of hanging on if it's not meant to be.

+ Do I still have a word about C. being the girl that will complement my ministry?

Man is this me! Lamentations 3.

+ The Answer: (v. 23,24) – "Great is Your faithfulness, therefore I have hope in Him." And (v. 57)– "You drew me near when I called on You. You said, 'do not fear.'"

\*Thank you, Lord Jesus. I'm going to stand fast in faith and see the glory of the Lord (John 11:40): "Did I not say if you would believe you will see the glory of God."



Sept. 11, 1973

Dan. 1-2, Ps. 87, Rev. 16

I love the story about God giving Daniel the wisdom to interpret King Nebuchadnezzar's dream. God is so wonderful! I really wonder what the dream is about, what nations, what times, how it all fits together. This was a gift of the Spirit—a word of knowledge.

Rev. 16 – “they did not repent...they did not repent...” I just don't get anything else.

Lord, thank you for strengthening me today. I really needed it, but I'm really rejoicing and watching. I don't know what to do about this coming weekend and how you want me to move, but I know You'll show me.

I, like Daniel, praise you tonight, Lord Jesus. I'm learning...and it's hard...but we'll make it.

September 14, 1973

Ez. 36-37, Ps. 110, Rev. 19

\*Ez. 36:25-27 – Lord, I want so badly to claim these verses for C. and me. We need new hearts, a new start.

This week has been a real lesson and testing time for me. Lord, where do I turn, and what will be the outcome? I don't know if I can continue to give love that is not returned.

\*Lord Jesus – I need you desperately. I'm strong, but so weak, and so unsure about the future now. Am I to suffer and hold to my confession of faith, or is now the time to get out and begin all over anew? I'll wait for Your word and until then, continue by faith—though it hurts.

Sept. 15, 1973

Ez. 38-39, Ps. 145, Rev. 20

Ez. 38 – the prophecy of the war with Russia. I have doubts about the symbolism here, especially if there is a symbol for the United States, but it sure is an interesting prophecy!

+ Lord, I'm having problems relating to all this prophecy about “Israel” to who you are talking to, and what going to actually happen. Could you open my eyes to see?

Ps. 145: 18-19a – “The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him.”

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for this encouragement.

Rev. 20 – This is world history being told. I really wonder about it. I've got to really dissect this chapter someday. I'm just not sure how everything is going to happen. The Lord will show me.

Sept. 16, 1973

Ez. 40-41, Ps. 128, Rev. 21

Hmmm. I wonder why the Holy Spirit is giving us such elaborate detail about the measurements of the Temple in Ez. 40-41. There must be a reason. Is the temple another “type” of God’s whole plan of salvation (like the tabernacle), or something else?

\*Psalm 128 – **There is real beauty in having and raising a family, God’s way.** And here is a promise (v. 5) – “And may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.”

\*Wow! The New Jerusalem. This is the same city that we saw in Ezekiel, but this is the real thing. What a place! It’s fantastic. God really gave me a quick revelation about it as I read this. Praise God I am a citizen of the New Jerusalem!!

Sept. 17-18, 1973

Ez. 42-46, Rev. 22, Luke 1

Jesus appears here again in the O.T. in Ezekiel 43.

Lord, I’ve had to hurry, but really uncovered some beautiful new things. I’m tired of rushing our time together. I’m not going to do it anymore.

September 19, 1973

Ez. 47-48, Luke 2

Wow! There are so many parallels here about this vision and the one in Revelation of the New Jerusalem. Here in Ez. 47 is the “river of life” with its leaves “for healing” (v. 12, compare to Rev. 22:2).

Ezekiel ends...what a book, full of deep truths. I’ve learned a lot from here.

\*Luke 2:51 – “He continued in subjection to them.” Jesus, the Son of God, as a youth was subject to his parents. What a profound revelation...**He obeyed his parents.**

**I’ve got to learn something here—how to follow God and especially through my parents. Thank you, Jesus.**

September 20, 1973

Dan. 5-6, Ps. 130, Luke 3

Dan. 5 – the handwriting on the wall. What an amazing thing God did here.

Dan. 6 – The story of King Darius delivering Daniel over into the lion’s den. Look at this—Daniel may have been saved by his own faith, but also the faith of the king: “Your God whom you constantly serve will Himself deliver you.” He did.

+ What a testimony – Daniel 6:23 – “...and no injury whatever was found on him because he had trusted in his God.”

Ps. 130:5 – I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait, and in His Word, do I hope.” Thank you, Lord Jesus.

What a neat genealogy in Luke 3. It is exciting! Jesus’ ancestry traced back to Adam.

Sept. 21, 1973

Dan. 7-8, Ps. 137, Luke 4

The Lord really gave Daniel some amazing visions. I sure wonder what this one in Daniel 7 really means.

Daniel talks to Gabriel the angel. I will do that someday. What an unfathomable thought.

These prophecies are about world history and dominion, lading toward the Anti-Christ and the ultimate victory and eternal kingdom of our Lord.

Ps. 137 – This is really a moving little song.

\*Luke 4 – I believe God has given me this today. I’ve been going through a lot of temptation and anxiety lately and I haven’t been standing on God’s Word that Jesus did here. I’ve got to get more scripture in my heart and use it against the devil when I’m bummed.

And I’ve got to use the power of the scriptures—not just some of the leadings God has given me about many things. Thank you, Lord Jesus.

Sept. 22, 1973

Dan.9-10, Ps. 123, Luke 5

I really like the prayer of Daniel in this chapter. He really collects his thoughts and presents them before God, even though God already knows them. Gabriel answers his prayers—the vision of the seventy weeks.

Daniel 10: 19 – “Peace be with you. Take courage and be courageous!”

Luke 5:11 – “And when they had brought their boats to land, they left EVERYTHING and followed Him.” What a statement. Am I willing to leave everything?

Luke 5:17 – “The power of the Lord was present for him to perform healing.”

I really want to know, Lord, how the power of your Holy Spirit is present to heal and glorify Jesus. I’ve been thinking so much about this lately. How does one appropriate by faith the supernatural power of God?

Sept. 23, 1973

Dan.11-12, Luke 6

Dan. 11:32 – “But the people who know their God will display strength and take action.”

Dan. 12:9 – “Go your way, Daniel.” The Lord is speaking to me again. He wants me to go to Germany, confirming His former word to me. Thank you, Jesus.

Dan. 12:13 – “But as for you, go your way to the end. Then you will enter into rest and rise again for your allotted portion at the end of the age.”

Real love “expects nothing in return” ((Luke 6:35). This is something I must learn.

Luke 6:40 – “A disciple is not above his teacher. But everyone after he has been trained will be like his teacher. Awesome statement, Lord. Guide and teach me into the fullness of this truth. I am willing...

*September 24, 1973*

*Ezra 1, Ps. 84,85, Luke 7*

Ezra – This book is about the return of the Jews to Jerusalem following the proclamation of Cyrus, king of Persia. \*This is a neat “type” of the move of God today in the realm of the Holy Spirit returning His people from captivity to powerlessness to “rebuilding the temple” (of the Holy Spirit).

Ps. 84:5, 6 – “How blessed is the man whose strength is in You. In whose heart are the highways to Zion. Passing through the valley of Weeping (Baca) they make it a spring. The early rain also covers it with blessings.

Thank you, Lord, for leading me through a low time recently. This verse is for me.

Luke 7 – What a beautiful story here of the women who wept over Jesus’ feet, cleaned them and anointed them with perfume. \*Jesus wants our love, shown by an act of faith.

\*We need to preach the forgiveness of God!

*Sept. 25, 1973*

*Ezra 2,3, Luke 8*

It was a year ago today that we set out on our miraculous adventure to New Zealand. I just can’t believe that a year has gone by—amazing... So much has happened in that year.

Luke 8 – the parable of the sower. This strikes me: faith is perseverance. There are those who will hear God’s Word, believe it, but will fall away (v. 13). But the disciple of Christ will “hold it fast” being strong, a real act of the will (v. 15).

Luke 8:21 – But He answered and said to them, “My mother and brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.”

Jesus heals the woman with the hemorrhage and raised Jairus’ daughter from the dead.

Lord Jesus, I long to live by FAITH in You so much. To see your power and glory change people.

Luke 8:50 – “Do not be afraid any longer. Only BELIEVE and she shall be made whole.”

Sept. 26, 1973

Ezra 4, Ps. 113, 127, Luke 9

Praise the Lord! Hallelujah! (Ps. 113). \*It is so neat to be free to praise God and express love to Him.

Ps. 127:1,2 – Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it. Unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman keeps awake in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to retire late, and to eat the bread of painful labors. For He gives to His beloved even in his sleep.”

Luke 9 – There is a lot in this chapter.

\*Lord – things are really falling into place for YWAM in Germany. I know this is your will for me and I praise you for opening the doors.

Lord, you're teaching me a lot about authority too. Help me get under authority and yet not lose my love for You. I want to be your MAN, your DISCIPLE. My life is yours. You know it.

Sept. 27, 1973

Haggai 1-2, Ps. 129, Luke 10

There was a real problem at South Kitsap when a charismatic group came up to the school and started speaking about “tongues” and showed no love or discernment and really turned a lot of kids off—confusion.

\*Lord, how do we share some of your neatest gifts in love and patience for your glory? Especially about the filling of Holy Spirit?

Haggai 1:8 – “Go up to the mountain, bring wood and rebuild the temple, that I may be pleased with it and be glorified, says the Lord.” Thank you, Lord! \*Also, Haggai 2:5.

Luke 10:9 – Jesus commanded all his disciples to heal all the sick people they met “in the Name” of Jesus (v. 17).

+ Lord—your Word was so alive today.

Sept. 28, 1973

Zech. 1-3, Luke 11

Zechariah is really a heavy book and I'm not sure if I understand it too well.

Zech. 4:6 – “Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit says the Lord.”

+ Thank you, Lord for all the insight and conviction You've given me at Basic Youth Conflicts this week. What a shower of blessing.

Luke 12:48 – “And from everyone who has been given much, shall much be required. And to whom they entrusted much of him they will ask all the more.”

Lord, I'm kind of in a hurry and I'm sorry. Really feed your people today and guide us this morning in our **Body Life meeting**. We need the peace and unity of your Holy Spirit.

*Sept. 30, 1973*

*Zech. 7-9, Luke 13*

Lord, thank you for really speaking to me and putting the pressure on me about my moral life. I just can't stand the heaviness on my conscience anymore and I now want to PURIFY myself. I don't want to "devise evil in your heart against another."

Lord, I need the dynamic of your wonderful comforter to refrain from defrauding any girl anymore, until you so choose to unite us. C. and I really need you.

Luke 13 – Jesus "laid his hands" on a woman to heal her of a back condition. In this account He directly states that the sickness or deformity of the woman was of the devil. He called her a woman "whom Satan has bound."

\*Father—I'm sorry for being so disobedient. I really want to love you more than anything else in existence. I also desire to hold to my faith. May I?

*October 1, 1973*

*Zech. 10-12, Ps. 126, Luke 14*

This verse in Zechariah bring out the personalities of the Godhead (Zech. 10:12). God the Father, or God the Holy Spirit is here talking about Jesus, I believe.

\*Wow – Zech. 11 I feel like God is talking directly about the problem of leadership and union that we are having in Young Life. Lord, I'm still kind of vague about what to do...

Zech. 12:10 – Neat prophecy about both Jesus and the Comforter.

"Those who sow in tears shall reap with joyful shouting" (Ps. 126:5).

**Luke 14:33** – "So therefore no one of you can be my disciple who does not give up all his possessions." This verse really stings, and for some reason I don't want to compromise it in my mind.

**+ I believe there is going to come a time in my life when I will be free to stand obediently on this verse.**

*October 2, 1973*

*Zech. 13-14, Ps. 147,134, Luke 15*

Some neat prophecies here. Zech. 13:1 is about the Holy Spirit, "the fountain," and vs. 7-9 are about the master plan of salvation through the death of Jesus.

Zechariah was a very hard book for me to understand.

+ PRAISE I such a wonderful thing! It's even fun to do!! I am so happy and strong now that I am FREE to praise the Lord.

Psalm 134:2 – “Lord up your hands to the sanctuary and bless the Lord.”

Luke 15. This really is the “love chapter” of Luke, the discourse by Jesus on the great love that the Father has for us expressed in the parable of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son.

\*This is my last week of work and then I can study again. I'm very excited, Lord. You and me. It'll be so wonderful. I'm just falling in love with your Word.

October 3, 1973

*Ez. 5-6, Ps. 138, Luke 16*

The Jews finish the rebuilding of the Temple because God was on their side influencing the powers (Ps. 127:1).

\*Luke 16:11 – “If therefore you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous Mammon, who will entrust the true riches to you.” I have SO much to learn about the use of money. God wants me to consider Him in every use of my financial resources.

Luke 16:19-31 is a good parable about the reality of heaven and of hell, and of the “great chasm” (v. 26) between them.

+ Lord, I feel convicted this morning about the use of money and some of the principles that are involved in finances in your Word. Teach me please to be at real ease about money. Teach me to GIVE regardless of what I have. And teach me to be totally dependent on You to meet my needs.

October 4, 1973

*Esther 1-2, Ps. 150, Luke 17*

Esther is just like a Grimm's fairy tale or something. I wonder why the Lord included it in the Bible?

Luke 17:6-10 – There's a great truth here about service that is connected verse 6 about having the faith of a mustard seed. When you use faith, we MUST see the result purely by the chain of authority. Boy, there's a lot I don't understand here, especially verse 37.

+ I'm really learning something which kind of hurts. I'm learning that I don't know everything that I thought I did.

October 5, 1973

*Esther 3-6, Luke 18*

Here is an interesting phrase, “their laws are different from those of other people” (Es. 3:8). We Christians are different. We just are not like other peoples in pleasures and desires.

Luke 18:1-8 – God has been doing so much speaking to me about **the necessity of faith** and here is a beautiful parable of Jesus that brings it out again. The Lord wants us to really strive with Him in prayer, but to always offer the prayer in FAITH.

Luke 18:14 – “for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself shall be exalted.” + I hear you, Lord...All week.

*October 6, 1973*

*Es. 7-10, Luke 19*

Es. 8:17 says that many people “became Jews” in Babylon. \*One is not a Jew by birth, but my choice--same as being a Christian.

Luke 19:44 – “the time of your visitation.” Wow. What profound words these are. God Himself had visited the planet Earth and they did not receive Him.

Lord, I feel kind of blah. Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me.

*October 7, 1973*

*Ezra 7-8, Luke 20*

**The testimony of Ezra I pray will be my testimony – Ezra 7:10** – “For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the Lord and to practice it and to teach his statutes and ordinances in Israel.”

**\*I really want to be a student and servant of Your word, Lord Jesus.**

Ezra and his returning party fasted and prayed for a safe journey before they set out for Jerusalem (Ezra 8:21-25). Neat principles of humility and dependence here.

Luke 20:34-46 – there will be no marriages in heaven. Luke 20:38 – “Now He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to Him.”

*October 8, 1973*

*Ez. 9-10, Ps. 131, Luke 21*

Ezra prays a real beautiful prayer here to God and the thing that stands out about it to me is the real HONESTY that he portrays. He doesn't work around the fact that the people have sinned but admits and remains in his guilt.

+We've got to be honest in prayer before God.

Luke 21:20 “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, know that her desolation is at hand.”

**\*War broke out in the Middle East on Saturday.**

I really like this chapter in Luke, a dissertation by Jesus on the signs that will accompany His return. As for my role is concerned, I see these things:



1. He wants me to testify for Him by the immediate utterance of the Holy Spirit (vs. 13-15).
2. He wants me to remain strong, seeing Him through to glory (v. 19),
3. He wants me to be a man of prayer (v. 36).

Oct. 9, 1973

*Nehemiah 1-2, Ps. 133, Luke 22*

Neh. 1: 5 – God wants our love. Neh. 2:4 – the quick prayer. Nehemiah, on the spot, prays to God for guidance. Here’s a neat verse about the way God guides us (Neh. 2:12): “I did not tell anyone what my God had put into my mind.”

\*God leads us by impression.

Ps. 133 – what a neat little song. Boy does this remind me of the wonderful year that Steve, Dave, Wally and I had last year.

Luke 22 – SO much came to me as I read this chapter. I think these verses of encouragement strike me the most: Luke 22:31 – “Ron, Ron, behold Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat. But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

Oct. 10, 1973

*Neh. 3-4, Luke 23*

A lot of heavy things on my mind are preventing me from enjoying these chapters, especially Luke 23.

+ Lord, you’ve got to give me a new peace of mind about C. I just can’t take the rejection anymore. I just can’t bear it, not being able to give myself like I long to do...even this minute. But Lord, bless her where she is right now. Tell her how much you love her and how much I do too. Either that or change my heart. Please Lord.

Oct. 11, 1973

*Neh. 4-6, Ps. 146, Luke 24*

Nehemiah was a very kind and wise leader of the people. Makes me wonder about our government and the scandals that are being exposed to the eyes of the nation [Watergate]

I’ve been thinking lately about the “spirit” of man and here’s a verse: (Ps. 146:4) – “His spirit departs, he returns to the earth” (about the unsaved man).

Luke 24 – the resurrection of Jesus. Verse 27 & 45 tell about a couple of Bible studies I would have loved to have been in! This whole chapter seems very mysterious, shrouded with mystery. \*God really wants to see our faith, doesn’t He?

Oct. 12-13, 1973

*Neh. 7-10, Acts 1-2*

Neh. 8:6 – “The Ezra blessed the Lord the Great God. And all the people answered, ‘Amen, Amen,’ while lifting up their hands.” It’s very Scriptural to raise your hands up to God in

prayer – “the joy of the Lord is your strength” (Nehemiah 8:10). \*So that’s where the song comes from.

Neh. 8:18 – “And he read from the book of the law of the Lord daily.” \*A quiet time with God is so important every day.

In Neh. 10 here, all the people made a promise with God to do what He says and to obey his laws. Kind of neat the way they did it. They “separated themselves.” I really think God wants us in action and in thought to come out of the world’s ideas and follow His Word. I know it.

Out of these magnificent opening chapters of Acts, 42-47 of chapter 2 really impressed me. Here was the picture of God’s original body:

1. They received great teaching and enjoyed great fellowship with each other.
2. They remembered the Lord’s Supper often, even in their private homes.
3. They were real prayer people.
4. They shared all their worldly possessions in common, according to the need.
5. They ate their meals together.
6. They had one mind about things.
7. They were very happy, thanking and praising God.
8. \*They didn’t turn anybody off. They had favor with the people.
9. People were being saved every day.
10. Mighty miracles and signs were taking place.

Lord, I long to see this type of unity and togetherness and power. Why couldn’t we be the same way today [as I experienced three months later in Hurlach, Germany].

*Oct. 14, 1973*

*Neh. 11-12, Ps. 1, Acts 3*

\*Here’s a lesson in faith from Acts 3. Peter and John encounter a crippled man in the temple, and without him asking for healing, or the evidence of any faith on his part, in the NAME OF JESUS and by the faith of Peter and John, the man is made completely whole.

Acts 3:16 explains that the faith that healed this man was the faith of Jesus, through Peter and John.

Here’s a neat salvation verse to memorize: “Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.”

Lord, I’m kind of tired tonight, but I get to speak for you, so I pray You will REFRESH me.

Oct. 15, 1973

Neh. 13, Mal.1-2, Acts. 4

Nehemiah was very strict, keeping diligently to the standard of holiness that God had ordained through the law. Nehemiah was very concerned with PURITY of the people. He's a good example for me here.

Mal. 1 – what a personal chapter on the wholeheartedness and sincerity of mind that God wants from His people—not ritual. The testimony of Levi (Ma. 2:6) – “True instruction was in his mouth and unrighteousness was not found on his lips. He walked with Me in peace and uprightness and he turned many away from iniquity.”

\*If we walk by the Spirit, we will not be unfaithful (Ma. 2:15, compare to Rom. 8:14).

Acts 4 – Reading these accounts of the Early Church just overwhelms me.

+ I long so desperately to see the power of the Holy Spirit here in Port Orchard, amongst us, where every need would be met (Acts. 4:34).

Oct. 16, 1973

Mal. 3-4, Ps. 148, Acts 5

“For I the Lord do not change” (Heb. 13:8 and Mal. 3:6).

“But for you who fear My Name the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings, and you will go forth and skip like calves from the stall” (Mal.4:2).

\*Acts 5:20 – “Go your way. Stand and continue to speak to the people in the temple the whole message of this Life.” Lord, I believe this is your word of encouragement for me to stay in Young Life right now. I believe you want me to speak also. If so, Lord, please break some chains that are holding me back.

The early disciples had a house-to-house ministry. I wonder if we should go door-to-door with tracts on Halloween. Is this an encouragement, Lord? I know we've got to do more of this. I'll throw it out to the group.

Lord, help me today to organize myself into a schedule for the next couple of months. I'm doing it for You. Please guide me.

Oct. 17, 1973

Job1-2, Acts. 6-7

God allowed Satan to test Job here, but I wonder if He doesn't do this anymore under the new covenant? I don't think so. \*Job is an awesome example of FAITH.

Stephen must have been quite a guy. He was “full of faith and the Holy Spirit,” and “full of grace and power.” He was full of grace—I've never thought about this.

What a beautiful short history of the Jews Stephen gives, ending it by declaring the activity of the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Jesus, that they are now rejecting.

“However, the Most High does not dwell in houses made with human hands” (Acts 7:48). And “You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit” (Acts 7:51).

+ Lord Holy Spirit – May I not resist You but be a channel of your glory for Jesus.

*Oct. 18, 1973*

*Job 3, 4, Acts. 8,9*

Job reflects here that the babies due at birth or are miscarried go to be “at rest.” \*Child death means comfort in God’s kingdom. Here in chapter 4, I think the Holy Spirit passes by Job—he has a quiet encounter with God Himself.

\*Acts 8:6 – “And the multitudes with one accord were giving attention to what was said by Philip as they heard and saw the signs that he was performing (John 10:37,38).

+ Lord, make these wonderful accounts of your men and women **real in my ministry**.

Peter here heals a paralytic and raises a woman from the dead. Lord, I don’t know what it’s going to take and why, but I’m beginning to see the power you want each of your people to have to accomplish your work on this earth. All we need to do is use the FAITH that you have given us. May I start today.

*October 19, 1973*

*Job 5, Ps. 108, Acts 10-11*

Eliphaz the Temanite says that God has “reproved” Job and is disciplining him, but that’s not true. It was Satan who has afflicted him.

Job 5:24 – “And you will know that your tent is secure.” \*Why do I fear things when I really know that I live on the rock of Christ?

Ps. 108:1 – My heart is steadfast, O God. I will sing, I will sing praises even with my soul.”

Acts 10:38 – “You know of Jesus of Nazareth how God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power and how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.” \*Memorize.

Nothing else fresh here. I have some things on my mind now, but I’ll wait for your answers, Lord.

October 20, 1973

Job 6-8, Acts. 12

Right now, Lord, I feel at a real low ebb spiritually. I'm uncertain about the past, confused about the present and disillusioned about the future. People in my life and my own calling are bringing me down. I'm just down...and I know in my heart that I shouldn't be.

“Restore unto me, O Lord, the joy of your salvation, and renew a right spirit within me” (Ps. 51:12).

Job—I'm reading an appropriate book (6:10) – “But it is still my consolation and I rejoice in unsparing pain that I have not denied the words of the Holy One.” \*I must cling to my confession of faith.

\*Job 8:21 – This is for me! “He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouting.”

Prayer is so mysteriously important. Most of the time it seems to me like it does no good, but I know that's not true. Look here what it did for Peter.

\*Acts 12:15 – Do each of us really have an angel (guardian angel)? This here seems to imply something to that effect.

October 21, 1973

Job 9-10, Acts. 13-14

Job is really confused. He thinks God has done this whole thing to him to the point where his faith is dwindling. He's starting now to even doubt the justice of God, saying, “He destroys the guiltless and the wicked,” not realizing his foe, the devil. Sounds like he doesn't even know about Satan when he declares, “If it is not Him, then who is it? (Job 9:24).

Job relates well the battle I sometimes experience—that of not wanting to make a mistake and being worried about it. \*BUT IN JESUS CHRIST we are set FREE from this!! Hallelujah!

God destroyed seven nations in bringing His people into Canaan. Seven nations of giants?

Acts 24:9 – Seems to indicate here that a diseased person must have faith to be healed, not just the faith of the disciple.

\*A few interesting things:

1. They pray a lot with fasting (13:3, 14:23).
2. Elders appointed in each church.
3. The importance of continuing faith.

Oct. 22, 1973

Job 11-12, Acts. 15-16

Job 11:13-19 – This is for me! Thank you, Jesus, for helping me decide to clean up my moral life: \**“If you would direct your heart right, lift up your face without moral defect, then your light would be brighter than noon day, and you would look around rest securely.”*

This sound like the political mess we’re in today. “He deprives of intelligence the chiefs of the earth’s people and makes them wander in pathless waste. They grope in darkness with no light, and He makes them stagger like a drunken man.”

Acts 15 – Jerusalem Council. (v. 11) – “But we believe we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus. Paul and Silas were very sensitive to the leadings and followings of the Holy Spirit. This is something I must learn to do, to be constantly under the guidance and revelation of the Spirit of Christ. “For as many as are led by the Spirit of the Lord, these shall be sons of God” (Rom. 8:14).

Oct. 23, 1973

Job 13-14, Acts 17-18

Job 13:15 – “Though He slay me, I will hope in Him.”

God has determined how long each of us is to live. He knows our allotted months (14:5). Job seems very bitter, but he always returns to his position of faith.

\*Acts 17:1-3 – I’ve been thinking a lot about the idea that God works in different ways in different places. There are no allusions to Paul doing any miracles here, just using reasoning and dialogue.

+ Our Message: Why Jesus died and rose from the dead.

In God we “live, move, and exist” (17:28).

Apollos must have been quite a guy. He was “fervent in spirit,” but he was open to learn and be a disciple. Lord, help me get through today and all that I need to accomplish. I need the “rest” and strengthening of your Holy Spirit. Thank you that He’s with me.

Oct. 24, 1973

Job 15, Act. 19-20

Eliphaz knows who is afflicting Job, for he says, “While at peace, the destroyer comes upon him” (15:21).

Two things I believe God wants to share with me about this passage. First, it is very important for a person to acknowledge the counsel of those around him, realizing the limits of his own perception. Second, it is of utmost importance for the man of God to control his tongue—his speech.

Acts. 19:18, 19 – So important for us as Christians to make a clean break with the dirty parts of our lives as the early Christians were doing here.

+Acts 20:7 – They gathered together on the first day of the week to break bread.

What a beautiful passage is the concluding portion of Acts 20! (vs. 17-38) – “And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among those who are sanctified.”

*Oct.25, 1973*

*Job 16, Acts 21-23*

Job says, “Even now behold my witness is in heaven, and my advocate is on high.”

+ I, too, have two advocates before the Father—the Lord Jesus Himself and the Comforter (Rom. 8:26, 27,34). Praise the Lord!!

Acts 21 – Paul begins to disobey the guidance of the Holy Spirit through others. \*(v. 4) – “through the Spirit” means “impressions made by the Spirit.”

Paul tells his conversion experience a lot. I think this is the third time here already and I know of one more in Acts 26. Good example.

Acts 23:1 – Can I say this? “I have lived my life with a perfectly good conscience before God up to this day.” I have one more thing to do and that’s to apologize to Rev. Carlson. Thank you, Lord, for guiding me to make things right with my aunt and uncle last night.

*Oct.26, 1973*

*Job 17, Acts 24-26*

Job 17:6 – This is a prophecy of the Lord Jesus! Even in Job, there are glimpses of the work of Christ.

Paul (in Acts 24) would talk to Felix the governor and share with him about the Lord. These three distinct things are mentioned that he talked about: righteousness. Self-control, and the judgment to come. I’ve talked about righteousness and judgment before, but not self-control.

Paul again shares his testimony before a banquet honoring King Agrippa and his wife.

\*Father, I have some real requests that I need answers to about important decisions coming up. First, I need a real confirmation about going to Germany after Christmas since I’m really beginning to feel a part of the work here. And along that line, would you please let me know if I should accept the money from Elim for my youth work, and if so, where should it go.

Thank you, Lord, for your perfect guidance.

Oct. 27, 1973

Job 18, Ps. 114, Acts 27-28

Here's an interesting verse: Job 18:13 – “His skin is devoured by disease--the first-born of death devours his limbs.” Disease. Sickness. “The first born of death.”

Paul, even when he was ship-wrecked on Malta, healed the sick there, sharing the strength and power of God. He also fulfilled the words of Jesus by being bit by a snake and not dying (mk. 16:18). “They will pick up serpents...”

Lord, I will wait for your answers to some of those things I'm really wondering about.

“Wait for the Lord” (Ps. 27:14).

October 28, 1973

Job 19, Mark 1-2

Job 19:25,26 – And as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will take His stand on earth, even after my skin is flayed and without my flesh I shall see God.”

Mk. 1:12 – “The Spirit impelled Him...” The Holy Spirit is our leader...everywhere.

\*The gospel: REPENT and BELIEVE (Mk. 1:15).

The motive for Jesus helping and healing was compassion—love (Mk. 1:41). Our motive must be deep-seated love for others.

Mark 2:27-28 – Jesus is talking about the Sabbath here, but I believe you can expand his words to mean that everything God has created He made for use to use and enjoy—meeting all of our needs abundantly.

+ I'll keep waiting...

October 29, 1973

Job 20, Mk. 3-4

“That the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the godless momentary” (Job 20:5). What an ugly picture of fate for the man who turns away from God. It is “decreed to him by God.”

+ Jesus had so much love...Here he heals a man on the Sabbath after being “grieved” at the callousness and hardness of heart of the religious leaders.

\*Mk. 3:14-15 – “And He appointed twelve that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach and to have authority to cast out demons.” Lord, you're speaking loud and clear. You want me to move into this ministry. Go before me I pray.

Mark seems so ALIVE today. I can just see Jesus. Mark 4 – The parable of the sower. This is so true.



Lord, I still need some real direction about my role here and my next step.

Oct. 30, 1973

Job 21, Mark 5-6

Mark 5:7-8 – Jesus Himself had been commanding the demon to come out and he didn't right away. Sometimes it takes time...even with the Master. \*It's not the words—it's the faithfulness of conviction.

Mark 6:5 – “And he could do no miracle there except that He laid his hands upon a few sick people and healed them.”

No message... Well, if You're teaching me something, Lord, maybe it's that I cannot put you in a box and have You do or say what I want You to. I'm just going to pray now and ask for the direction of Your Holy Spirit and move out on that. Thank you for being so patient with my limited understanding.

Oct. 31, 1973

Job 22, Mk. 7-8

“Please receive instruction from my mouth and establish His words in your heart” (Jer. 22:22). This is the advice of Job's three “friends” which seems to be so good and yet they are so wrong. Job has done nothing wrong except fear.

+ Mark 7:1-3 – We must be so careful that we don't get hung up in tradition. He gives an example about loving our parents too, and I've been guilty of this. Mark 7:15-23 – the principle of our inner man being our source of filth—not food, clothes, or anything outside.

\*I feel like Jesus is saying this to me: “Do you not yet understand” (Mk. 8:21). I never need to be in need.

We are so TEMPORARY oriented. It is so hard to fathom the thoughts of eternity with God and His splendor.

Nov. 1, 1973

Ps. 121, Mk. 9-10

What a beautiful little song—the Lord is my keeper. He KEEPS me, SHADES me, PROTECTS me, and GUARDS me—FOREVER. I've got to memorize this psalm--next.

Mark 9:1 – Is the church, endowed with the power of the Holy Ghost, the “kingdom of God” her? This is a new thought to me.

A lot of thoughts are going through my mind here as I read about my Lord. What a person... This verse tingles me—Mark 9:23 – “All things are possible to him who believes.”

Thank you, Lord, for today.

Nov. 2, 1973

Job 23-24, Mark 11-12

I pray that I can claim the faith of Job here (Job 23:10-12) – “I have not departed from the command of His lips. I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food. My feet have held fast to the path. I have kept his way and not turned aside.”

\*Lord, these are the words that I have needed. I have been doubting You and wondering about the future and here You’ve set my mind at ease. **You want me to continue to Germany as You revealed to me earlier** and to trust you for C. as well. Praise God! You want me to STAND by faith. Lord, I’m willing...

Why We Goof (Mk. 12:24) – “Is this not the reason you are mistaken that you do not understand the Scriptures or the power of God.”

Thank you, Lord, for letting me talk to two Mormon guys just now. Reveal to them the truth. They’re in bondage.

Nov. 3, 1973

Job 25, Mk. 13-14

It’s hard to imagine just how holy and pure God really is, and next to Him, our shabbiness. Bildad calls us maggots and worms!! Praise God for the Spirit of Jesus living within us.

The Lord wants us to live anxiously awaiting His coming glory. Three times in Mark 13 He says, “Be on the alert.” He wants us to be ready.

Mark 14:38 – The way to combat temptation is to WATCH and to PRAY. What does He mean by watch?

Nothing really stands out today...

+ **Father, in my desire to do your will, I pray that I will begin every day by asking what You would have me to do, and then regardless of my desires or the pull of other people, I would do it. My I bring glory to your Name today.**

Nov. 4, 1973

Job 26-27, Mk. 15-16

The Cross: “And the veil in the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.”

Mark 16:17-18 – And these signs shall accompany those who believe. In My Name they shall cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues, they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick and they will recover.”

5 things – I’ve only be used for one. I must yield myself to be used of God.

November 5, 1973

Job 28-29, Gal. 1-2

Job was really a stud in his day. At least he says that he was (Job 29).

Man—Job is really giving a vivid description of suffering. I can't help but think of the torture that the Lord Jesus went through on the Cross. It's deeper than my imagination.

Gal. 1:6-9 – These are very good verse to share with the Mormon guys who came over.  
+ God's election and sovereignty (Gal. 1:15,16). He knows the BEST time to reveal the Holy Ghost and His Son to us. It is His prerogative.

Wow, these are profound words, Gal. 2:16-20. I just meditated on them. "I live by faith" (Gal. 2:20). Do I? I want to.

November 6, 1973

Job 30, Psalm 120, Gal. 3-4

I suppose that the panorama of pain and uneasiness that Job is going through could be compared to a drug addict and his agony in our world. "I am seething within and cannot relax." Things like this. Man—what an ugly existence.

+ Gal.3:2-5 – God wants us to live by His Holy Spirit, not trying, but believing.

\*May I walk with the Holy Spirit today in all that I do.

Nov. 7, 1973

Job 31-32, Gal. 5-6

Job 31:1 – I have made a covenant with my eyes. How could I gaze at a virgin?" I've made this kind of promise too. Boy, is it hard to master.

"My heart followed my eyes." \*There really is something about our sight being pure. It's vital for growth (Matt. 6:22-23).

God has called us to FAITHFULNESS (Job 31:10). God wants us to like His world but go beyond that to LOVE Him (Job 31:26-28).

Gal 5 – I never realized how neat this chapter was on the Spirit-led life. This would be a good chapter to memorize. ("Walk by the Spirit"— verses 16, 25).

Gal. 6 – 1) "Spirit of gentleness". Quality I need. 2) "Feeling" for other people. Bearing their burdens—compassion. 3) Examine my own work.

Praise you, Lord, for today. May I honor You by all that I do.

November 8, 1973

Job 33, 1 Cor. 1-3

Job. 33:4 – “The Spirit of the Lord has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.”

Job 33:17 – What God take us through is good—to “keep man from pride.” Neat!

\*Wow—this is neat. “Behold God does all these oftentimes with man to bring back his soul from the pit that he may be enlightened with the light of life.” This is what I’m going through right now, here at home, and with C.—but praise God!

The thought that strikes me here is the majesty of the Lord and the fact that our pride and boasting should be in Him only because He is so wonderful! Paul says it again and again.

+ Today I have chances to plant and to water, but it is “God who causes the growth” (1 Cor. 3:7). Thank you, Lord.

November 9, 1973

Job 34, 1 Cor. 4-6

“Therefore, do not go on passing judgment.” I hear you, Lord. 1 Cor. 4:8 – “You are already filled, you have already become rich.”

+ The Passover type – (1 Cor. 5:7,8) – We are celebrating a feast! \*Principle: We do not judge unbelievers. God does that. But we Do deal with sin among ourselves—strongly (vs. 12-13).

1 Cor. 6:17 – “But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him.”

\*I’m really at a crossroads, Lord Jesus. I don’t really see a genuine, God-fulfilling way that C. and I are going to make it. I’m just sick—frustrated. Lord—I’m willing to be wrong, I just want to be set free. I just can’t live with this anymore. The frustration is killing my effectiveness for You.

God—it hurts to be rejected. I know you know that, but that doesn’t console me. My feelings are just wiped out.

Nov. 10, 1973

Job 35-36, 1 Cor. 7-8

My “case” is before the Lord. He’s working in my life and I must learn to wait patiently for Him.

+ This is for me today, here at P.LU. (Job 36:24) – “Remember that you should exalt His work.”

“Each man has his own GIFT from God” (1 Cor. 7:7). When we look on people as “gifts” in our lives, it does away with jealousy, possessions and the like. A gift is something you don’t earn or deserve. Hence, you should expect nothing. Lord, teach me this truth about C. in my life. You want me to stick it out with her, don’t You?

We must be so careful about our actions. People are watching us very closely, Christians too, following our example in action.

Thank you, Lord, for bringing me here this weekend. It will be good for me. May I love You more and more, satisfied with Your presence and care until everything else just fades from the picture. Amen!

*Nov. 11, 1973*

*Ps. 122, 1 Cor. 9-11*

“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go up to the house of the Lord.’” (Ps. 22:1). Today is the Lord’s Day. Excitement in his home... **In this psalm David asks for prayer for Jerusalem. I think this is a good encouragement to pray for our cities and capital.**

+ “I have a stewardship entrusted to me” (1 Cor. 9:17). **Lord, what is my stewardship in this life?**

1 Cor. 9:22 – “I have become all things to all men that I may by all means save some.” I have got to learn to do this.

\*Memorize 1 Cor. 10:13 – on temptation.

We must learn to channel all our activities and actions toward one goal: that of honoring the Lord Jesus in ourselves and before other people.

The thing about wearing hats in church still interests me—that Paul, after laying the whole foundation about being free in Christ, turns right around and lays down this “rule” in the churches. Seems like he goes “back to the Law again.” I need some more insight into this.

*November 12, 1973*

*Job 37-38, 1 Cor. 12*

Job 38:7 – “And the sons of God shouted for joy.” A whole company of people (angels) with God before the earth was made?

+ A variety of gifts --Spirit. A variety of ministries – Lord (Son). A variety of effects (energy) – Father. GIFTS. MINISTRIES. EFFECTS.

God the Holy Spirit has something for each one of us—all different—all given “for the common good.” Paul encourages us to “desire spiritual gifts,” (v. 31), and I wonder what this means. How? Of course, love must be put first (Ga. 5:6).

+ What I’m hearing today is that we all won’t be used spectacularly as I had thought that God would will us to, but that we’ll be used in many different yet exciting ways for Him to accomplish His purposes. God wants us to desire HIS best, and He’ll give it to us for our good.

*November 13, 1973*

*Job 38-39, 1 Cor. 13,14*

Here’s a neat prophecy of Jesus: “Or will he spend the night at your manger? (Job. 39:9).

1 Cor. 13 – LOVE is PATIENT, KIND, NOT JEALOUS. \*I've got to work on this. Paul then tells us to "pursue love." It's something we must chase, to go after, to seek. Love is the work of the Holy Spirit.

Nothing really flashes today. It's just good to be alive and well.

*Nov. 14, 1973*

*Ps. 149, 1 Cor. 15-16*

Praise the Lord! This is such a hard thing to do when I live in the realm of my feelings. But thank you, Lord, for the encouragement. "Let them sing for joy on their beds." And "a two-edged sword in their hand." – BIBLE.

\*I am going to learn to praise God in all things.

Let me never forget this: "But by the grace of God I am what I am" (1 Cor. 15:10). 1 Cor. 15:19 – "If we have only hoped in Christ in this life, we are of all men most to be pitied."

\*1 Cor. 15:22 – For as in Adam ALL Die, so also in Christ ALL shall be made alive." Jesus resurrection is the power that causes every person into a second life of either judgment or paradise, not just believers. Jesus' resurrection raises everybody, just as Adam's sin condemned all.

1 Cor. 15:58 – "Therefore my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord."

Thank you, Lord, for this encouragement. I know that I have some things to clean up here at home and I'm going to do them, but I need to keep my sights. This was a beautifully alive chapter this morning.

*Nov. 15, 1973*

*Job 41-42, 1 Cor. 1-2*

"Therefore, I have declared that which I did not understand, things to wonderful for me which I did not know."

+ God wants humble people. People who admit wrong, repent of it, and move on for Him. Job repented, and Job was blessed TWO-FOLD.

1 Cor. 16:14 – "Let all that you do be done in love."

2 Cor. 1:12 – "For our proud confidence is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in holiness and godly sincerity, not in fleshly wisdom, but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves into the world and especially toward you."

2 Cor. 1:17-20 – Jesus is POSITIVE. All things are YES in Him. Our lives should be positively charged.

\*2 Cor. 2:14-16 – We are the sweet aroma or fragrance of Christ. I love this comparison more and more each day.

Nov. 16, 1973

2 Cor. 3-6

Our covenant is a covenant “of the Spirit.” “Having therefore such a hope, we use great boldness in our speech” (2 Cor. 3:12). Thank you, Lord. I’ll be bold when I speak today.

“commending ourselves to every man’s conscience. \*This is our technique and message. Conscience probing (2 Cor. 4:2).

\*God is renewing and building up our inner person daily—by our FAITH.

God wants us to live for Him. It is the least we can do...

Starting Line-up – 2 Cor. 6:6-10 – Purity—Knowledge—Patience—Kindness—Holy Spirit—Genuine love—Word of Truth—Power of God—Weapons of Righteousness, sorrowful yet rejoicing, poor yet made rich, having nothing yet possessing all things.

\*2 Cor. 6:14-18 – I must give these verses to Teresa [Jacobson].

## Olympia, Washington

Nov. 17, 2019

2 Cor. 7-10

+ This is the first time I’ve had a quiet time outside in 32-degree weather in the winter here at the Young Life camp. Brrrr, but praise the Lord.

“Let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

2 Cor. 9:8 – “And God is able to make all grace abound to you that always having sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.” “For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.”

This must be a weekend of giving, using all that God has at his disposal to lead others to Him. Father, I pray for conversions in our cabin—the new beginnings of life in Your Son. “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7).

Nov. 18-19, 1973

Ps. 124, 2 or. 11-13, Mt. 1-4

Father, big decisions are facing me. You know C. needs your guidance desperately. Please lead us. \*Yes, Lord, I know that You are on our side (Ps. 124:1-2).

2 Cor. 11:3 – “But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.

Paul’s thorn – I don’t have Paul’s knowledge or revelations, but “God’s power is being perfected in my weaknesses.” God’s grace is sufficient!

GOD AND HIS KINGDOM ARE SO POSITIVE. He’s going to work it out.

*Nov. 20, 1973*

*Matt. 5-7*

Happy are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. This is what I feel like.

Matt. 5:41 – “and whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two.”

God’s principle is Giving. Matt. 6:33 – “But continually seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness and ALL these things shall be provided.”

Matt. 7: 7 – Keep asking, keep seeking, keep knocking.

\*I’ve got to stand on this promise: “How much more will your Father in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!” I’ve asked God for YWAM a C. He has promised to give me what is GOOD.

*Nov. 21, 1973*

*Matt. 8-10*

The attributes of Christ – “I am willing.” We should be willing to do anything for Him.

**\*Matt. 8:13 – What a coincidence. Here is God’s same message for me again concerning YWAM and right at the right time. “Go your way. Let it be done to you as you have believed.”**

This is neat. I love Hosea 6:6, and here Jesus quotes part of it (Matt. 9:13).

+ Matt. 8:29 – “Be it done to you according to your faith.” Lord, I claim this verse pertaining to C. and I going to Germany. We will be going. Thank you.

Here is the key to power again. Chapters 8-9 have been lavishly filled with accounts of the miracles of Jesus. Here we find Jesus’ motive for help, “He felt compassion for them (Matt. 9:36). Our motive in the Christian life is LOVE. Gal. 5:6.

God wants our love supremely, much more than the love for our parents or anyone else.

*November 22, 1973 – Thanksgiving*

*Matt. 11-13*

Jesus said, “I praise Thee O Father, Lord of heaven and earth.” Today is a day of praise. Hallelujah!



\*The Christian life is REST (Matt. 11:38,29).

Matt. 9:13 & 12:7 – Again Jesus quotes Hosea 6:6 pointing out the importance of this concept: God wants our love, not our ritual.

Matt. 12 :30 – “He who is not with Me is against Me. And he who does not gather with me, scatters.” \*Matt. 12:32 – “For the mouth speaks that which fills the heart.”

Lord, I'm becoming very confused and HOW and by what standards are we justified. I know that the cornerstone of righteousness is faith in You, but I'm becoming confused about the importance and necessity of our actions and deeds or works. You Yourself seem to say so much about the importance of our deeds. Please give me light on this.

Matt. 13 is the parable chapter.

*Nov. 23, 1973*

*Matt. 14-16*

Lord...I've never been so dejected and hurt. I'm just afraid and alone. How can I claim in experience the rest and peace that You died for? I hurt so bad about C. and I no longer know what to do.

+ Lord, I'm asking for a miracle between us...one way or the other. Father, either melt her stone-cold heart or take away my desire for her right now.

Man—this is right what I feel—like Peter stepping out onto the water and being scared to death. And Jesus says, “O you of little faith, who di you doubt?” (Mat. 14:31). \*Lord, I want to believe You.

“Your faith is great. Be it done for you as you wish” (Matt. 15:28).

Lord, I need Your faith, the power of the Holy Spirit in my life. A giving faith. A loving faith. An immovable trust in Who You are. Praise the Lord!

*November 24, 1973*

*Matt. 17-19*

I keep having thoughts about faith and here Jesus uses the example of the little child and trust—to bring out the truth about FAITH. Matt. 18:3-4 – “Truly I say to you, useless you are converted and become like children, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”

I guess this is what' neat about the Bible. I don't understand all of it.

Lord, may your words live and burn within me, multiplying and spreading everlasting fruit.

Nov. 25-26, 1973

Matt. 20-25

Matt. 20:14 – “Take what is yours and go your way. But I wish to give this last man the same as you.” **Thank you, Lord Jesus, about the encouragement and fresh word to go in faith to Germany.** And thank you for the faith that I’m not going alone.

Jesus is so wonderful! So, loving! “Moved with compassion.”

Matt. 21:21-22 – the prayer of faith. Jesus exercised “holy anger.” Here in Matt. 23 is His “Woe Chapter. Pretty strong language.

+ The sin of unbelief – UNWILLINGNESS (Matt. 23Z:37).

**Boy, there was so much here this morning that I didn’t know what to write down. I sure wish I could put God’s Word inside of me quicker.** Sometimes the process seems so slow.

It’s a day for God—Let’s use it...

Nov. 27, 1973

Ps. 125, Matt. 26-27

“Those who trust in the Lord are as Mt. Zion which cannot be moved but abides forever” (Ps. 125:1).

**Lord--You are so wonderful! You always encourage me on...support me...and are teaching me to live by faith.**

Matt. 26-27 – The Last Supper, trial, and crucifixion.

\*Nothing completely fresh today. Just the Lord Jesus in my heart.

Nov. 28, 1973

Matt. 28, 1 Thess. 1-3

Matt. 28:17 – “And when they saw Him, they worshipped Him, but some were doubtful.” Lord you know I feel like one of the doubters.

Work of faith---Labor of love---Steadfastness of Hope = 1 Thess. 1:3

1 Thess. 3:11,12 – “Now may our God and Father Himself and Jesus our Lord direct our way to you. And may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another. \*Thank you, Lord Jesus, again for this promise. Love for another person is such an awesome thing. It hurts very bad to be in love, BUT I’m going to live through this hassle by faith.

Nov. 29, 1973

1 Thess. 4-5, 2 Thess. 1-3

+ The will of God—our holiness (1 Thess. 4:3) also Rom. 8:29, 2 Cor. 3:18. **The chief problem between us and holiness is our sexual moral lives. When I cross the boundaries of my conscience in my sexual life, I am rejecting the Holy Spirit's work in my life (1 Thess. 4:8). Lord – this is so difficult.**

1 Thess. 4:11 – “Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands.” \*That’s me! Ole handy Ron. Seriously, I must begin learning how to do practical things.

1 Thess. 5:8 – **“The breastplate of faith and love. \* I was just thinking about the need for these two qualities in my trusting the Lord for YWAM.** I was thinking of Gal. 5:6.

1 Thess. 5:15 – “See that no one pays another with evil for evil.” 1 Thess. 5:16-22 – My Armor. Rejoice---Pray---Be thankful---Walk in the Spirit---Speak the Word---Be careful---Pure.

Good judgment passage – 2 Thess. 1:7-9.

This is my prayer contained in a couple of verses. I’m facing a lot of temptation and uneasiness right now. Memorize 2 Thess. 1:11,12 –

“And it was for this that He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Thess. 2:14).

Here is a verse for C. and I: “And may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ” (2 Thess. 3:5).

The Word was so RICH today. I don’t know where to begin.

Nov. 30, 1973

Rom. 1-4

The Christian life can be summed up in this way: It is “the obedience of faith” (Rom. 1:4). \*How often do we leave off the obedience part?

Rom. 1:18-31. When you really think about it, being logical, just looking at the beauty, perfection, and orderliness around us, you cannot refute there has to be a God (vs. 19, 20, 25).

Rom. 2:1-16 – We are all going to be judged by our deeds (2:6). We are not saved by works, but our obedience of faith will produce goodness and Christlikeness in our lives. This is where I believe James fits in. We are saved by a FAITH THAT SHOWS ITSELF OUTWARDLY.

Man—how many times is the word faith used in these chapters...lots. If this obedience of faith is central to our lives, we must really learn what this is-huh?

Lord, I have a few objects of faith in my life right now. Thank you for bringing them to pass.

*Dec. 1, 1973*

*Rom. 5-8*

Rom. 5:18 – “Even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men.” Sin is paid for. All sin is taken care of. But we must individually receive the prize.

The attitude of the Christian: “Obedient from the heart” – (Rom. 6:17).

Rom. 7:15-25 – Boy—this couldn’t be a more exact description of what is going on in my life. I’m fighting and losing the battle of lust in my life and it is frustrating, and I know it is wrong.

Here’s what I get out of this morning: I must learn to “set my mind on the things of the Spirit,” to conquer the lust. I must learn to “walk” and be “led” by the Spirit.

Rom. 8:25 – “But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

*December 2, 1973*

*Rom. 9-12*

Rom. 10:4 – “For Christ is the end of the law of righteousness to everyone who believes.”

Man—Rom. 9-11 are deep chapters. I sense partial truths and some of what Paul is saying, but I don’t come near to grasping things in totality.

Rom. 12:2 – “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Hanging onto God’s promises by reading them over again, thinking about them.

Rom. 12:12 – “Rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer.”

Lord, I feel indifferent. But I know you’re here and You’ll be faithful. Will You please give me a boost of FAITH and PEACE about what I’m doing. I’m still trusting You.

*Dec. 3, 1973*

*Rom. 13-16*

Rom. 13:13 – “Let us behave properly as in the day. Not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality.” I’m guilty of this. What an extreme desire of the flesh it is to possess another person.

“But put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provisions for the flesh in regard to its lusts” (v. 14).

We ARE different as Christians. Paul says so right here. We shouldn't judge or classify our brothers and sisters. They stand before the Lord only.

\*We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ (Rom. 14:10-12).

How we are to get through the hard times? 1. Perseverance, 2. Encouragement from the Bible. This I must practice (Rom. 15:4).

Another week...a busy week and the time is passing so quickly. May the joy of the Lord be my strength this week. Lord—help me to live above my feelings and anxieties to really taste and see that the Lord is good. Really. Amen.

*Dec. 4, 1973*

*Eph. 1-4*

It just freaks me out to fathom the thought that God picked me before the world was made to be His son...

Eph. 3:20 – “Now to Him Who is able to do exceedingly abundantly more than we ask or think, according to the power that works within us.”

+ The different gifts of Christ. God gives different people different measures of grace (insight/motivation) to build up His people (Eph. 4:7-12).

God wants us to become mature men in all aspects (4:13,15). According to Eph. 4:22-24, we have a Trinity of growth: Lay aside our old self. Be renewed in the spirit of our minds. Put on the new self.

Lord, I'm still trusting You. Bring the miracle that You promised. Amen.

*Dec. 5, 1973*

*Eph. 5-6, Ps. 119:1-80*

“Therefore, be imitators of God as beloved children, and walk in love” (Eph. 5:1). “Trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord” (Eph. 5:10). We are learners.

“Making the most of your time” (Eph. 5:16). God is speaking to me in phrases today and here is my life motto, I pray: “Pray at all times in the Spirit” (6:18). I must pray for people more and speak in tongues more often. It's so easy to be lazy.

\*Wow—the truth of these verses in Psalm 119 is awesome! I should write down every one of them! **God's Word and my trust in it and faithfulness to it are vital.** Jesus is God's “Word” also, so you can take it that way too. This one verse stuck out to me: “It is good for me that I was afflicted that I may learn your statutes” (Ps. 119:71).

*Dec. 6, 1973*

*Phil 1-4*

\*This is a beautiful letter--Paul's very personal letter to the church in Philippi, but as I read it, my mind was on other things. I would just like to share them with You, Lord, on this page.

I'm confused (and I suppose doubting) about the life of faith. How do we know what is Your will or when you have spoken to us so that we can put our faith in that and see it become reality? I know that You want me to trust You for things, to prove Yourself to me and the people around me in miraculous ways. But I'm afraid that the opposite is going to happen. Not that You will fail, but that I have put my faith in things that are not Your will—and hence, will not come to pass.

You know what I'm talking about. I'm talking about C. and I going to Germany. I believe it is your will that we go together, but by sight, I don't see the possibility or You even working behind the scenes.

I'm not going to panic, though. Will You bring it to pass? Please, Lord? I'm asking for a miracle...for C's good. I'm going to keep on trying to believe.

*December 7, 1973*

*Col. 1-4*

Here contained in Col. 1:9 is the prayer I uttered yesterday about guidance: "to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spirit of wisdom and understanding." I hope people are praying this prayer for me.

The Christian life: "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (1:27).

\*To REALLY be wealthy is to know Jesus: "Attaining to all wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that's Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (2:2-3).

Two important things in our lives (2:5) – 1) Good discipline, and 2) Stability of faith.

"Put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience" (3:12).

Col. 3 is a beautiful chapter. This is the one I've got to memorize. Thank you, Lord, for these insights. The day is yours. Amen.

*Dec. 8, 1973*

*1 Tim. 1-4*

\*Thank you, Lord Jesus, for your first real confirmation in my heart about C. and I going to Germany together. Today I found out that C. has been accepted. Now the only thing standing in our way is her heart. Another miracle is on the way.

Already in this book (up to 1 Tim. 3:9), Paul has mentioned the subject of conscience three times—the importance of having a clear, clean, pure conscience.

“Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness” (1 Tim. 4:7). So important. I’m learning.

These verse intrigue me a lot about godliness—1 Tim. 4:7,8. 1 Timothy 4:16 – “Pay close attention to your yourself and your teaching. Persevere in these things. For as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.”

I’m very tired. I love you, Lord.

*Dec. 9, 1973*

*1 Tim. 5-6, Titus 1-3*

1 Tim.5:22 – “Keep yourself free form sin.”

My Christian background and upbringing have sure been liberal and lax concerning the attitude toward sin that I see in Scripture. I’m part of this “hang loose with Jesus” generation and I’m beginning to see how the carnal attitude toward sin is a very dangerous one. God wants us to be holy.

I need to pursue these things (1 Tim. 6:11) – 1. Righteousness. 2. Godliness. 3. Faith. 4. Love. 5. Perseverance. \*6. Gentleness.

Gentleness is an interesting one to me. It’s also one I need.

I hear the word “deeds” mentioned a lot in Paul’s letter to Titus.

Man—has my view of salvation and eternal security changed since the beginning. I’ve come around 180 degrees. I came from a background that was so “grace” oriented that deeds or works were not even mentioned. There must be a balance, beginning with faith and producing “good works.”

*Dec. 10, 1973*

*2 Tim. 1-4*

God has given us a “spirit” of power, love and discipline (2 Tim. 1:7).

+ I am learning a lot about the importance of discipline in my life. Here in 2 Tim. 2., Paul talks about the seriousness of our Christian walk, comparing it to a soldier, an athlete and a farmer.

2 Tim. 3:12 – “And all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.”

I really like 1 & 2 Timothy a lot. They have seemed so personal and alive to me this time through. Lord, help me to have the ability to retain more of your scriptures by memory and thought. Teach me to really discipline my mind too. I want Your Word to become a living part of all that I do.

*Dec. 11, 1973*

*Philemon, Heb. 1-4*

Here is a revelation: Before Christ, God spoke to people by means of raising up prophets, but we have no need for the prophetic revelation now because God has spoken to us in His Son ((Heb. 1:1,2).

+ Heb. 1:14 – Here is that verse that implies that the angels help us here on earth (there’s another one, though).

\*There’s something for C. here. I believe God wants her to “enter His rest” by going to Germany. I pray that she is obedient, not like the Hebrews mentioned here in Heb. 3 & 4. I’m going to share this about entering the “rest” of God with C.

+ Lord, may I honor You in all that I do today.

*Dec. 12, 1973*

*Heb. 5-8*

“Practice” is valuable in all areas of life. Here the writer says that Christian maturity is connected to the “practicing” of distinguishing between right and wrong.

+ Six foundations of the faith (Heb 6:1-2): 1) Repentance, 2) Faith, 3) Baptism, 4) Receiving the Holy Spirit, 5) Eternal Life, and 6) Judgement,

Some real great teaching here on faith (Heb 6:9-20). Faith is a continuing quality, NOT a momentary experience.

Heb. 7 – This discussion about Melchizedek baffles me. I understand how Jesus has become our High Priest and has atoned for sin once and for all, but I really don’t understand how Melchizedek fits in.

Heb. 8 – The new covenant. The life in the Holy Spirit and God’s total forgiveness of our sins. What a wonderful thing this is.

*Dec. 13, 1973*

*Heb. 9-11*

Hebrews 9 is a great chapter on explaining the blood sacrifice of Christ.

**FAITH. What a wonderful word—what a concept, the life of living by our belief and trust in the Living God. Oh, how I desire to learn what it means to have even the “faith of a mustard seed.”**

**\*Lord, Teach me Faith! I want to trust You for more and more as I live out my life.**



Dec. 14, 1973

Heb. 12-13, Jude

“Put on love.” These are my words for the day. As I was sitting here praying, these came to me as my supreme need.

God disciplines us for our good so that we can share His goodness and purity. Discipline is training.

Heb. 12:14 – “Pursue peace with all men and after the sanctification, without which no one will see the Lord.” Boy, do I have weird thoughts about this verse.

Here is a picture of hell: Jude 13 – “black darkness.” I bet it is such a lonely place.

\*Jude 21 – “keep yourselves in the love of God waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.”

Father, the adversary is pressuring me much this week and trying to distract and defeat me. Empower me to not let him. This weekend is critical. C. decides to go. Satan—you have no power. Jesus is triumphant!! Hallelujah!!!

Dec. 15, 1973

James 1-5

Lord, if I have ever needed guidance and encouragement and a miracle, it's today. I've got my back to the wall. Thank you very much for wonderfully healing C. last night. Now, Lord, heal her heart.

Jas. 1:3 – Boy, my faith is really going through a testing right now.

“Quick to hear,” “slow to speak,” “slow to anger.”

Jas. 3 – “For we all stumble in many ways.” That's for sure! I've been stumbling all week.

Jas. 4:1-10 – I wish so badly I could give these verses to C., but I feel I would be stepping out of love to do so. I would be her conscience, and I don't want to do that.

\*Jas. 5:11 – “behold we count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful.” I'll wait and believe. Thank you.

Dec. 16, 1973

1 Peter 1-5

\*Thank you, Jesus, for opening another door. C. has decided to give it a go as far as the YWAM school is concerned, and now it's up to You. We need two answers: 1) Consent of her family, and 2) Financial arrangement.

+ I'll put them right here: Parent's Blessing & Money Provision. God's Miracles\_\_\_.

1 Peter 1:3-5 – These are beautiful verses on the RIGHT foundation of eternal security “protected by the power of God through faith.”

\*This is fresh! 1 Peter 1:6-7 – “In this you greatly rejoice even though for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials. That the proof of your faith being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 5:10 – “And after you have suffered for a little, the God of all grace who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

*Dec. 17, 1973*

*2 Peter 1-3, John 1*

This is a real pattern of growth in the Christian walk that Peter outlines here in **2 Peter 1:5-7. Beautiful Cycle: Moral excellence---Knowledge---Self- control---perseverance---godliness---brotherly kindness---Christian love** = PERMANENCE & ETERNAL GLORY.

2 Peter 3 – I was just talking yesterday to Pastor Dugan [Elim Lutheran] about Jesus’ return and I wish I could have known about some of these passages here. This stands out: We are commanded to “be looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God” (v. 12).

Interesting. Andrew was a disciple of John before he began to follow Jesus.

*Dec. 18, 1973*

*John 2-4*

John 3:18 – We are not here to preach an impending judgment or just condemn people. The world stands condemned, judged—already rendered. Our language is purely one of release...the good news of salvation.

\*The judgement of the world is due to wrong and selfish choices (Jn. 3:19).

Jn. 4 – What a neat conversation about Jesus and the Samaritan woman is told here. I can just imagine it. Jn. N4:41 – “And many more believed because of his word.”

\*Jn. 4:50 – “Go your way....The man believed the word Jesus spoke to him and he started off.” That’s what I’m going to do. Thank you, Lord, for this encouragement.

*Dec. 19-20, 1973*

*Jn. 5-8*

I’m sorry, Lord, that I had to rush through this. What neat chapters, though. The claims that Jesus made were simply staggering. **He knew Who He was** and didn’t hesitate on making that known.

\*I love you, Lord Jesus. Thank you for loving me.

*Dec. 21, 1973*

Lord Jesus, the events of today have completely torn and baffled me. C. and I talked to her parents about going away, and after a negative reaction, she has decided to tube the whole thing. Lord, I'm confused. It seems to be all over. What I believed was your will is fading away, sinking. What am I to believe?

I don't even know how to write this. I was crying all morning to You, Lord. I'd give anything for the miracles of the transformed life that this YWAM trip would give to C. Lord, anything. What can I do to claim what I thought was Your promise? In my mind there is one alternative left. You must change C. heart to allow me to talk to her folks—and then, Lord, work a MIRACLE through that encounter.

Now, is this just me setting up my own stipulations? Or did You not say to me that it was your revealed will to me that C. and I go together? That's what I have believed from the start. Yes, I would like her company, but much more than that, I feel that the blessings of this trip in her life is my supreme motivation.

Lord Jesus Christ—will You answer me??

John 9-11 – Lord, I believe, Lord I believe, Lord, I believe (John 9:38). This is all I see. Is it for me, Lord?

John 11 – LAZARUS. Can I claim this story, Lord Jesus?

- Lazarus was dead – at this point the possibility of her going is dead.
- Jesus wept – I cried today like I've never cried before.
- Lazarus had been dead four days - It has been 4-5 days of the hassle.
- Jesus said: "Did I not say to you if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

+ **I may be mistaken** but I claim this story for Your glory in my life. I will go and "raise the dead."

*Dec. 22, 1973*

*Jn. 12-14*

The "word" of God. What a deep probing study the use of this little word would make. In Jn. 12:48 Jesus said that the "word" He spoke will judge the world.

John 12:47 – "I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. Jesus saves. We must convey this.

John 13:15 – "For I gave you an EXAMPLE that you should do as I did to you." I feel the depth of Jesus, but there just isn't anything real specific.

\*Today is Christmas for us.

Dec. 23, 1973

John 15-18

John 15 – The concept of abiding in Jesus. The way of Christ is a way of life, a perpetual state. What a beautiful term – ABIDE.

+ Lord, I want to abide with You.

Not much spectacular today either. My mind is doing so much thinking and praying that these quiet times have almost been anti-climactic. It'll come...

Dec. 24, 1973

John 19-21

“As the Father has sent Me, I also send you” (John 20:21). The Father sent Jesus to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, to release the captives, to raise the dead (Luke 4:18,19). “I also send you.”

\*Lord God--You only know what a big week this is for me, this is it, the week of the celebration of Your birth and the week of reckoning as far as the trip to Germany is concerned. Your will be done. I wait expectantly for your reply and goodness. Hallelujah!

Dec. 25, 1973

1 Jn. 1-5

My prayer for today and for this year is a deepening walk with God in godliness and purity. “But if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light” (1 Jn. 1:7).

This book, and especially chapter one, is for me. I know that I have a problem of lust in my life and I am going to do something about it. C. and I talked about it last night and were going to clean it up. Thank you, Lord, for convicting and cleansing us. We were sinning. We knew it. We're going to walk with You.

1 Jn. 2:6 – “The one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.”

This is more confirmation of our moral decision: 1 Jn. 2:28 – “And now, little children, abide in Him so that if He should appear we may have confidence and not shrink back from Him in shame at His coming.”

How to purify yourself? Hope to become like Jesus, fixing our eyes on Him (1 Jn. 3:2,3).

Father, your words seem so alive today and I am so excited about drawing myself closer and closer to Your side. I know that it will be a battle, but “greater is He in me than he who is in the world.” (1 Jn. 4:4).

\*\*Miracles times are approaching. Your will be done. I'm going to arm myself with every weapon at my disposal and go on by faith.

Dec. 26, 1973

Ps.117, 119:81-176, 2 Jn, 3 Jn.

\*Ps. 119:81 – “My soul languishes for Your salvation. I wait for your word (v. 114). “Thou art my hiding place and my shield. I wait for your word” (v. 116). “And do not let me be ashamed by my hope” (v. 147). “I rise before dawn and cry for help. I wait for your words” (v. 169).

+ Give me understanding according to Your word.”

## Seattle, Washington

Today will be a neat day. Wally, Dave, Steve and I are getting together in Seattle. Ought to be a neat time of sharing and comfort. I pray, Lord, you will really direct me through these guys and strengthen each other through your presence.

“I wait for Your words.” \*This week is one of the critical ones of my life. I really need You.

## Port Orchard, Washington

Dec. 27, 1973

Rev., 1-4

Rev. 2:10 – “Do not fear what you are about to suffer. The devil is about to cast some of you into prison that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of life.”

For some reason I felt impelled to write this down and apply it to my situation, but I’m not sure how.

Rev. 2:25 – “Nevertheless, what you have, hold fast until I come.”

Rev. 3:2 – “Wake up and strengthen the things that remain which were about to die. For I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of God, (v.3). “Remember therefore what you have received and heard and KEEP it and repent.”

Rev. 3:8 – “Behold I have put before you an open door which no man can shut, because you have a little power and have kept my word and have not denied my name.”

Rev. 3:11 – “I am coming quickly. Hold fast to what you have in order that no one may take your crown.”

Lord, talk about encouragement today! Wow, every other line in the first three chapters of the Revelation denotes an urgency to hang tough. To wait. To claim by faith what is mine.

Lord, there I stand in your power and wisdom alone. Thank you.

*Dec. 28, 1973*

*Rev. 5-9*

What do I say? My beliefs have come crashing down around me. Not only has C. chosen not to go to Europe with me, but she has admitted never really loved me. Last night she said she could never marry me...hadn't even considered the possibility.

Lord, now where do I go? Two big things I have been living in faith for are no more. You've let me down...on my face...and I'm scared. Where do I go from here?????????????

Rev. 7:17 – “For the Lamb in the center of the Throne shall be their shepherd and shall guide them to the springs of the water of life. And God shall wipe every tear from their eyes.”

\*I don't know what I'm expecting to hear for find. I've never felt so depressed and afraid in my whole life. And I don't know what to do about it. Lord, if there was ever a time that I needed you, it's now.

*Dec. 29, 1973*

*Rev. 10-14*

Boy, it would be neat to really understand all of this—especially, to see things from God's point of view.

I really wish I could fathom this apocalypse. So deep.

\*Lord, I have two days left here. May I really use them for You and leave with strength and courage. May the issue of C. in my life be resolved once and for all. I must learn to follow the lead of Your Spirit all over again. “Make me to know Your ways, O Lord. Teach me Your paths.”

*Dec. 30-31, 1973*

*Rev. 15-22*

Wow—this is a strange feeling. I'm all alone, above the clouds flying on my way to Europe.

\*Lord Jesus, You're the only One with me. This is the biggest step of faith of my life. Please protect and guide me. I've never felt so scared and weak and confused about my future as I do now. I'm afraid, and I should be excited. I just don't know what's the matter with me.

I'm yours to be used. I feel dirty. Make me clean...

+ God's judgement of the people of the earth is going to be terrifying. These descriptions given of the different plagues and things are extremely awful. It's funny how sin warps our minds to think that we don't deserve it. God says, "They deserve it" (Rev. 16:6).

I'm reading about "the Great Harlot" here in Rev. 17&18 which many people believe will be the Apostate Church. Referring to this group, God gives clear guidance to keep away from her. He doesn't even say to try and share His love with her. This is what He says: "Come out from her my people that you may not participate in her sins and that you may not receive of the plagues" (Rev. 18:3).

\*I guess that there are times when God would have to give up a people and get out of certain groups because of no hope.

TRUTH. The 1000 yr. period that many called the Millennium will be only Believers reigning with Christ (Rev. 20:4,5). We are raised at the first resurrection.

Reading the description of Eternal Paradise just gives me goose bumps. What an incomprehensible wonder. What a hope. What a Savior!

+ Lord Jesus—to the best of my feeble ability, I give you this year. With all my fears and hang-ups, I still want to serve Your kingdom and grow to love you more and more.

It'll be a year of:

- Discipleship training in new lands,
- Guidance for my future work--if school, where,
- Growing up emotionally,
- And growing up spiritually.

AMEN 1973.

