

## **Rev. John S. McGee: Miscellaneous writings**

(Compiled by John David McGee, September, 2023)

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The FIRST "compilation" of materials from my dad (SBC missionary, Rev. John Sidney McGee), was his "SERMONS," a collection of mostly (very) brief sermon outlines; some written in Nigeria; others, from the time he was a "supply" pastor in a local church (Brightwater Baptist), for several months in 1992.

THIS, the second compilation, is material from several (5, or so) of the small, spiral notebooks which he used when preparing materials, over a period of twenty years. Most of the material here may be described as brief outlines of sermons; Bible-study and missions-study lessons, most likely prepared for the occasional classes he taught at Fruitland Baptist Institute; or, for lessons in the Adult Men's Sunday School class, which he taught.

HOWEVER, there are some interesting, personal items of material as well, beginning with his personal "Prayer Pledge" card; along with such things as a letter of recommendation he wrote for someone who had applied to the SBC Home Mission Board; some funeral services he conducted, one of whom was a close friend; three, brief stories of important memories from Dad's student days at Mars Hill College; recommendations (committee reports) to the Carolina Baptist Association; information that he had gathered to cultivate (marketable) mushrooms from specially-prepared small logs; a letter of support to a pastor in his ministerial conference who had just been fired; etc., etc. To HIGHLIGHT these items, I added a brief bit of information, as background.

My dad came to "education" late in his adolescence. He was a son (with several brothers and sisters) of parents who, themselves, were not able to read; who were farmers; and saw not much need of education. Fortunately, my dad (as he approached his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday) was influenced by his older brother and his wife, both of whom were Christians, to attend their church (First Baptist Church, Kernersville, NC), which Dad did. Soon after, Dad was converted, weeks before he had turned age 18.

One Sunday evening, soon after that, a presentation was made in church about the great missionary to Africa, David Livingstone. My dad felt strongly inspired to be a missionary, but he had dropped out of school in the sixth grade (when he was about age 12); and felt he had nothing to offer, especially as he looked around to the other well-educated, young people in the church.

Leaving the service with a profound sense of uselessness and hopelessness, my dad often told how in the darkness of that night he "surrendered" to God; and "offered" his life, for whatever God might be able to do with it. He returned to school; an eighteen-year-old teenager among twelve-year-old children. His father was very displeased with Dad's decision (to "leave" the farm); so my father moved to North Wilkesboro, NC (some miles away), to live with relatives, as he re-entered school. Several months later when he returned home, he also enlisted the help of his pastor, Rev. Baker, who recommended Bible verses to read and learn.

My dad was able to enter Mars Hill College; a "junior" two-year college, which at the time offered the last two years of high school (for those who needed it), and the opportunity for students to pay their

expenses by doing work for the college. Dad's job, as he described it, was working in the cafeteria bakery.

Following my parents' marriage and graduation from Baylor University (Waco, TX), they moved to Louisville, KY, for seminary training. They were appointed to Nigeria, by the SBC, Foreign Mission Board (Richmond, VA), in April, 1945; and, immediately after the close of World War II, they left (August, 1945) for their first tour in Nigeria.

**In 1945, my dad was age thirty-two (32). Had he been ONE YEAR OLDER, he would not have been eligible to be considered for an appointment as a missionary.**

While he was "educated," my father could not be described as "academic." He was a person of great "common sense," and great "practical sense." While he struggled with "geometry" in college, he learned what he needed to know to build perfectly-squared foundations of the buildings he built in Nigeria (more than three-hundred, my dad reported), plus an additional (Spanish Mission) church in Fruitland. Because of what education had done for him, he loved, and was committed to education. And, although he was not much of a writer, he enjoyed reading, with reasonable libraries at home, both in Nigeria and in Fruitland.

More than anything else, though, my dad was committed to church-building, and the development of pastors and leaders for that.

In all of his activities, he was helped by his love of people, with one of his great strengths being his healthy respect for others, and his enjoyment of good, enduring relationships with people.

### **About these topics:**

**ALL** of the material that follows was written after my parents' return from Nigeria in 1977, for retirement, which they enjoyed in Fruitland, NC, until my mother's death (July 17, 1998) and my dad's (August 13, 1999). They were members of the Fruitland Baptist Church, next to where they lived; were active with the Carolina Association; and very active, speaking about "missions" in various churches. They supported and were active with "Meals on Wheels" (food support for home-bound persons); and with Hospice.

While the texts of these documents are very brief, they do give easy focus to what my dad wished to say. I especially appreciate how my dad's good judgments about "life," and good insights into "people," are revealed in many of his comments.

My dad was one of my life's great "heroes," and I am grateful to be able to share these.

John David McGee (September 13, 2023)

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**NOTE: This last section of material was transcribed some time earlier (2018), and is being added at this point. The transcribed portions are organized in rough sequence with the scanned pages. FOR PERSONS HAVING DIFFICULTY READING MY DAD'S HANDWRITING, this may be a useful place to start.**

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## MY PRAYER COMMITMENT

Realizing the dynamic relationship of prayer and missions, I will pledge my energy and time in the following ways:

- Lead my church to a consistent, regular intercession for missions.
- Commit myself to pray daily for specific mission endeavors and for missionaries by name.

*John S. McGee*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

*July 1, 1982*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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*We would put the world to  
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many would be saved.*  
*J. S. McGee*

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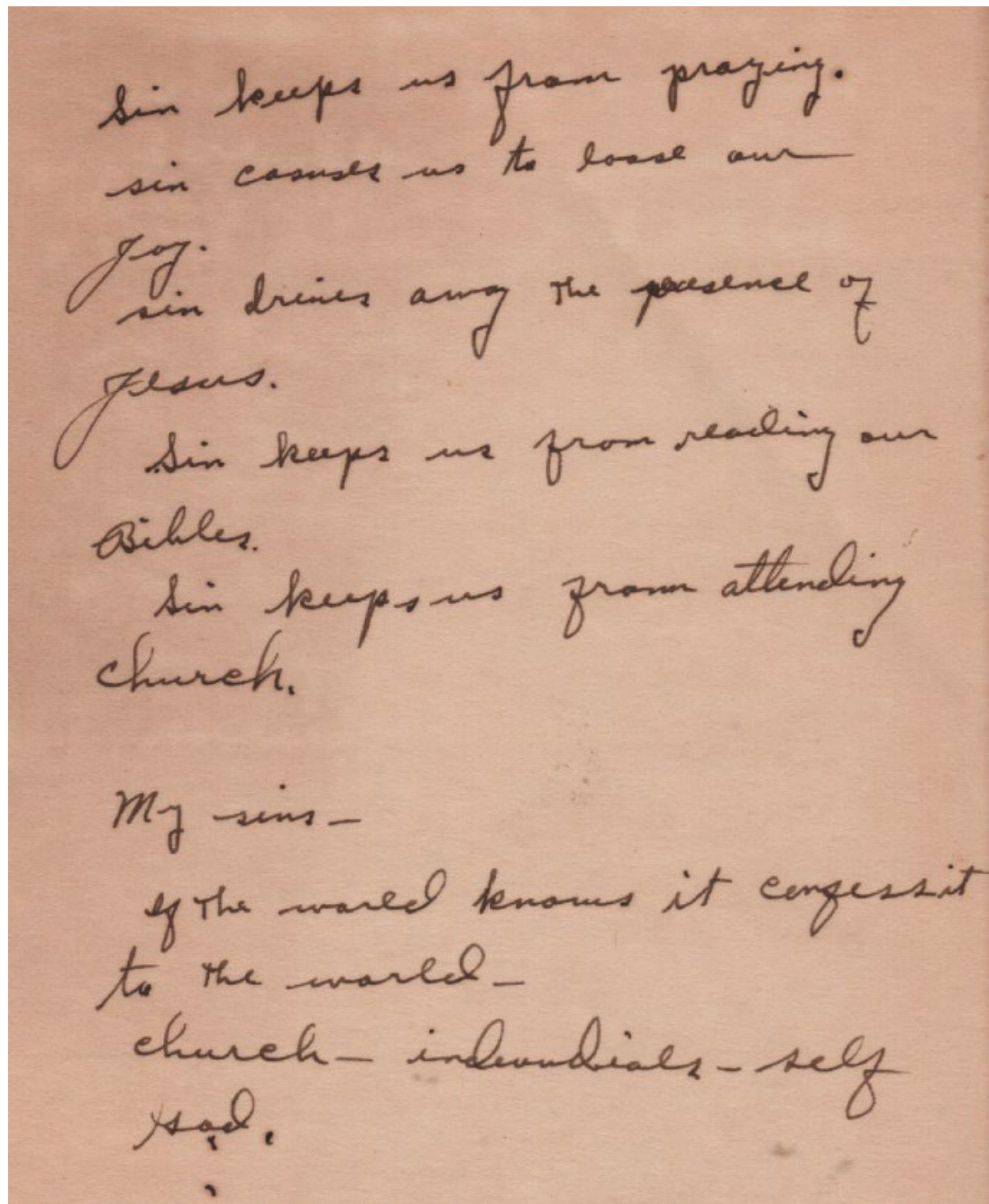
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We place more value on a life than a soul (the flood, for an example). If we would build barricades and levees against sin to save souls, as men do against floods.



Sin keeps us from praying. Sin causes us to lose our joy.

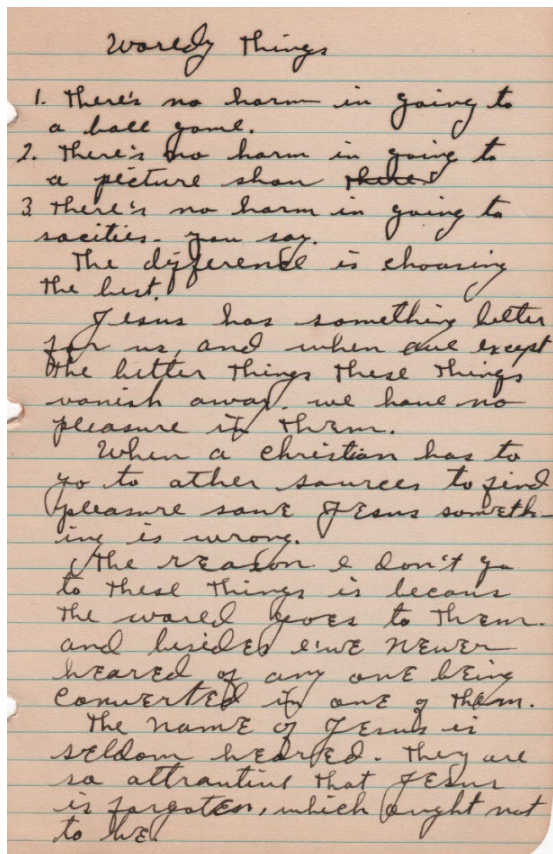
Sin drives away the presence of Jesus.

Sin keeps us from reading our Bibles.

Sin keeps us from attending church.

My sins—

If the world knows it, confess it to the world; church; individuals; self; God



## Worldly Things

1. There's no harm in going to a ball game.
2. There's no harm in going to a picture show (movie theater).
3. There's no harm in going to societies (social events), you say.

The difference is choosing the best.

Jesus has something better for us, and when one accepts the better things, these things vanish away. We have no pleasure in them.

When a Christian has to go to other sources to find pleasure save (without?) Jesus, something is wrong.

The reason I don't go to these things is because the world goes to them, and besides, I've never heard of any one being converted in one of them.

The name of Jesus is seldom heard. They are so attractive that Jesus is forgotten, which ought not to be.

**[PERSONAL NOTE (John David McGee): What my father is saying should NOT be misunderstood here. He, himself, as stated above ("1.; 2.; 3.") enjoyed a great many things, such as sporting events; watching movies; public events, etc., etc. I understand his point to be about the problem of finding pleasure in these things ONLY.]**

What is preaching?

Preaching is the spoken communication of divine truth with truth to persuade in. Definition—Mather, preach divine truth, purpose to persuade. Mather: Divine truth—confine his efforts.

I don't go to church to learn history, but to learn my duty. (Webster)

Sermon must be founded on scripture.

Extent of preacher. A young preacher is like a trawler (after he is apt to attempt too much.)

Don't sit down too quick. Have one or two points and enter from every angle to sustain the one and we have God's message must be positive truth.

Don't preach from the Garden of Eden to the New Jerusalem.

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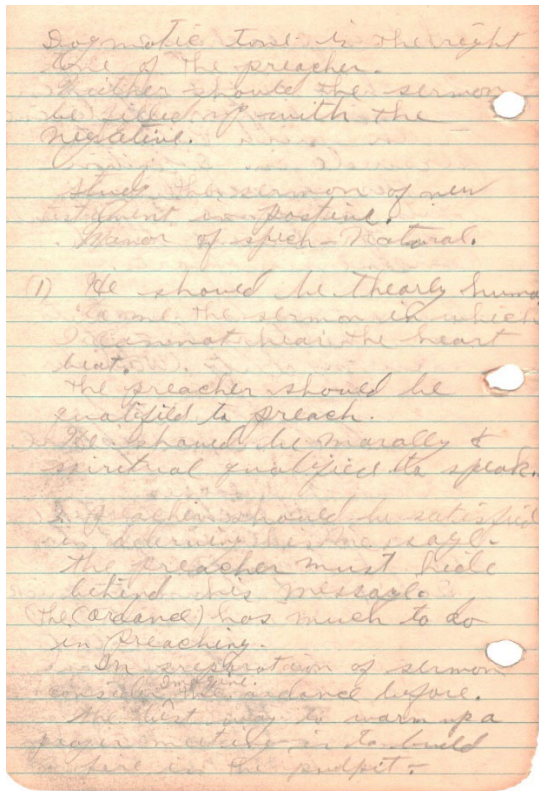
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I don't go to church to learn history, but to learn my duty. (?) Sermon must be founded on scripture.

Extent of preacher. A young preacher is like a trawler (**Trawling is a method of fishing that involves actively dragging or pulling a trawl through the water behind one or more trawlers. Trawls are fishing nets that are pulled along the bottom of the sea or in midwater at a specified depth.**), he is apt (likely) to attempt too much.

Don't sit down too quickly. Have one or two points, and enter from every angle to sustain the one. We have God's message—must be positive truth.

Don't preach from the “Garden of Eden” to the “New Jerusalem.”  
**(PERSONAL NOTE (JDM): I understand this to mean the importance of FOCUS.)**



Dogmatic tone is **(NOT?)**[*Personal Note (JDM): I believe "not" was mistakenly omitted.*] the right tone of the preacher. Neither should the sermon be filled up with the negative. Study of the sermons of New Testament is positive. Manner of speech (should be) natural.

1. He should be thoroughly human .

Cannot (say) the sermon in unbelief.

Cannot hear the heart beat. **(e.g., needs empathy; should be able to "hear the heart beat)**

The preacher should be qualified to preach

He should be morally and spiritually qualified to speak.

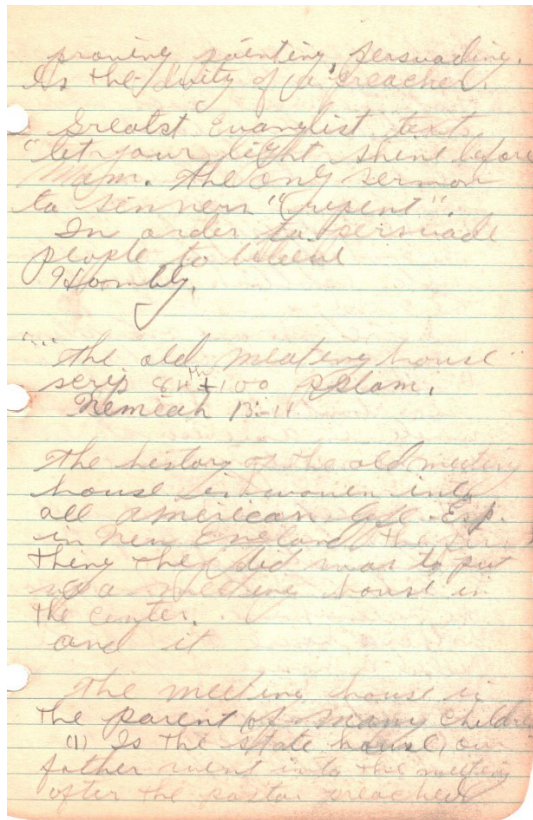
A preacher should be satisfied to determine his members (?) age **(e.g., maturity?)**

The (ordained) **(minister?)** has much to do in preaching. **(e.g., responsibilities of preparation, etc.)**

In preparation of sermon consists of what has been done before.

The best way to warm up a prayer meeting, is to build a "fire" in the pulpit!

**[Personal Note (JDM): Words above in bold italics, are from me.]**



Preening (*e.g., vanity*); pointing (*e.g., making accusations*); and personalizing (*e.g., over-sensitive to criticism*) is the (“exiting”?) of the preacher.

Greatest evangelist text: “Let your light shine before men. The only sermon to sinners (*is*) “repent.”

In order to persuade people to believe: Humbly (*e.g. Be humble*)

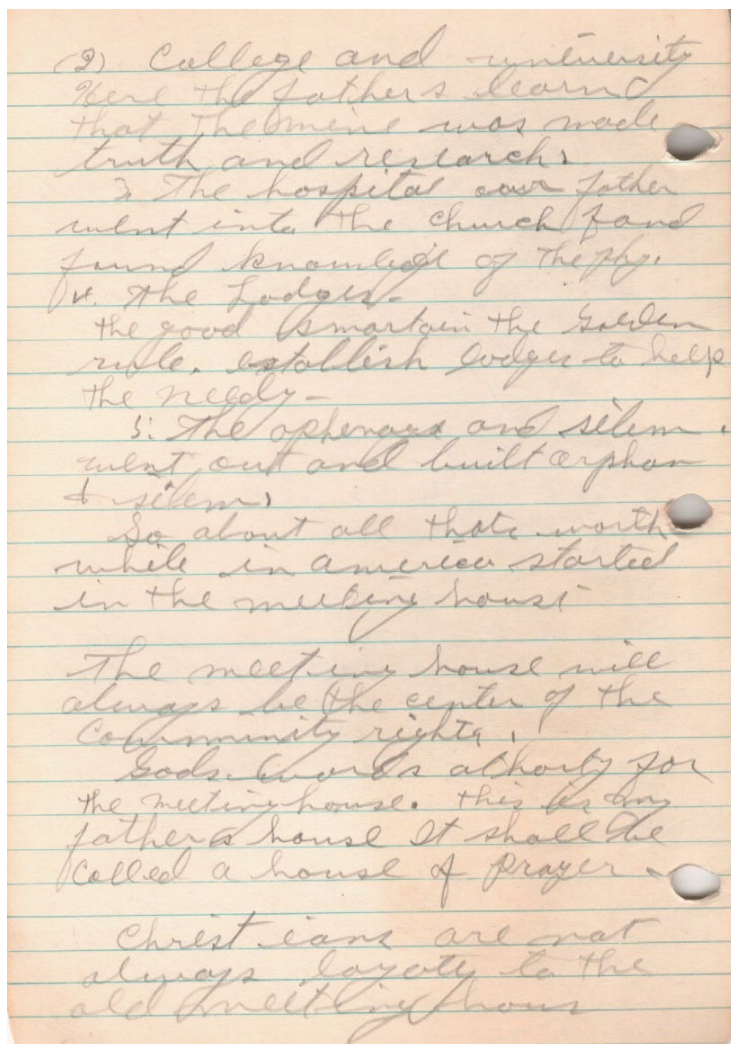
The old meeting house serves (??) Nehemiah 13:11 ***“I reprimanded the officials for letting the Temple be neglected. And I brought the Levites and musicians back to the Temple and put them to work again.”***

The history of the old meeting house is woven into all Americans life. Especially in New England. The first thing they did was to put up a meeting house in the center.

The meeting house is the “parent” of many children. Is the state house (*where*) our father went into the meeting after the pastor preached.

***[Personal Note (John David McGee): My father was referring to the Pilgrims (earliest settler/occupiers at the origins of U.S. history), as they designed their cluster of housing AROUND the “Meeting House,” where settlers gathered for meetings; and suggesting that from the “preaching” in the meeting house, the “fathers” proceeded to the “state-house,” to do business. ]***





2) College and university: Here the fathers learned that the mind was made; truth and research

3) The hospital: Our fathers went into the church (and) found knowledge of the physical

4) The Lodges: The "Good Samaritan;" "The Golden Rule" (These) established lodges to help the needy

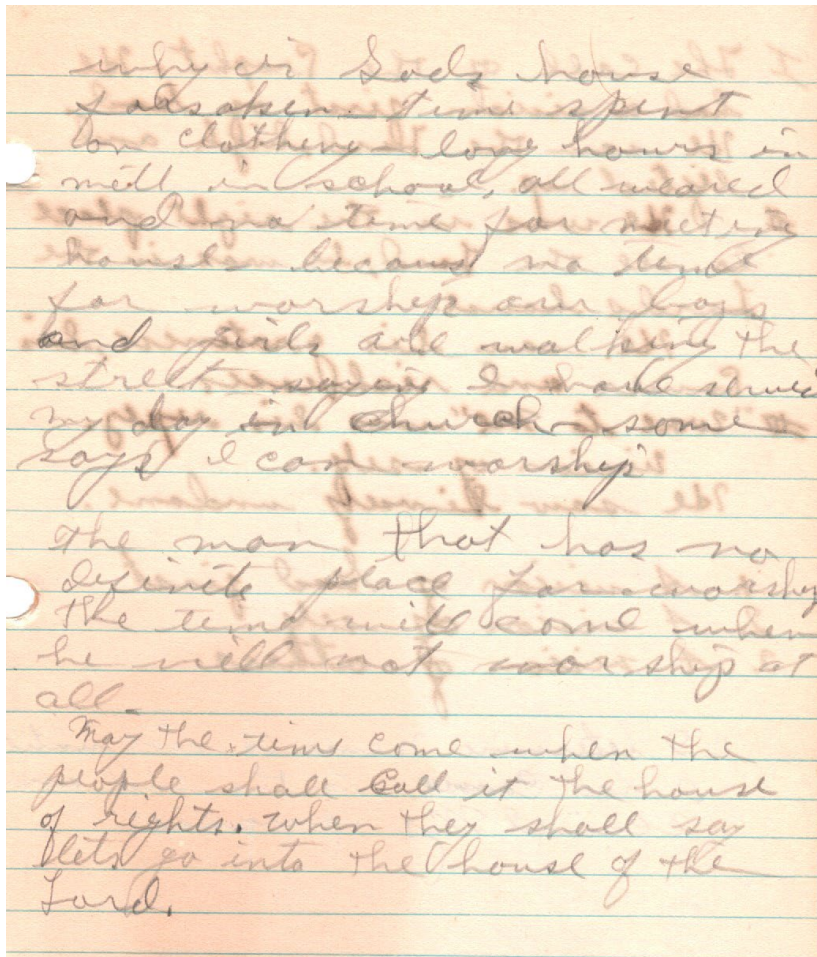
5) The orphanages and (asylums?): (Persons?) went out and built (these)

So about all that's "worth while" (e.g., of value) in America, started in the meeting house.

The meeting house will always be the center of the community rights.

God's Word (is) authority for the Meeting house. "This is my father's house....It shall be called a house of prayer.

Christians are not always loyal to the "old meeting house."



Why is God's house  
of all open time spent  
on clothing & long hours in  
mill or school, all made  
and made time for meeting  
house. Because no time  
for worship our boys  
and girls are walking the  
streets saying I have served  
my day in church—some  
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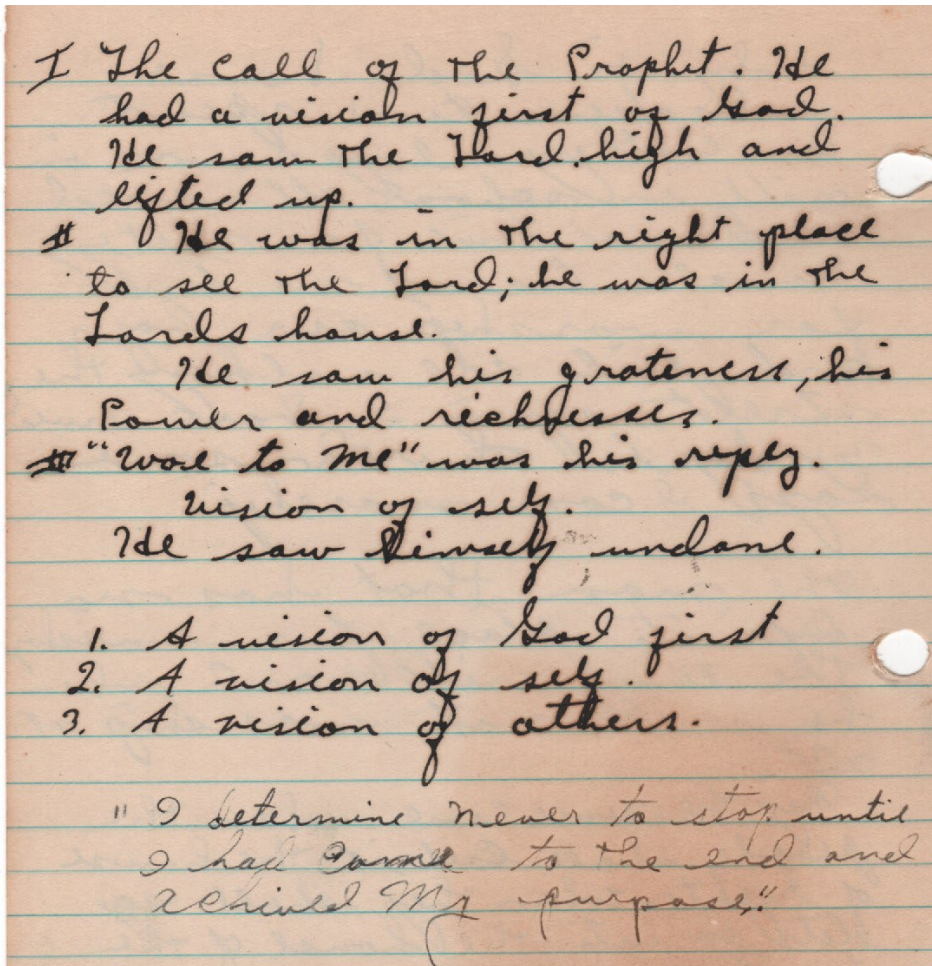
Why is God's house forsaken? It was spent on clothing; long hours in the mills, and school; all cared and made time for meeting house. Because no time for worship our boys and girls are walking the streets saying I have served my day in church—some say I can worship.

**The man that has no definite place for worship, the time will come when he will not worship at all.**

**May the time come when the people shall call it the house of rights, when they shall say, "Let's go into the house of the Lord."**

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**[Personal Note (John David McGee): This page, along with the previous similar pages, are (for me) very difficult to read, as well as somewhat difficult to understand. It is unclear WHEN this was prepared, or the event/occasion for which it was presented. My best guess is that it illustrates the last two sentences, which I have put in BOLD print.]**



- I. The call of the Prophet. He had a vision first of God. He saw the Lord, high and lifted up.
- II. He was in the right place to see the Lord; he was in the Lord's house. He saw his greatness; his power and richness.
- III. "Woe to me," was his reply. Vision of self. He saw himself undone.
  - 1) A vision of God first
  - 2) A vision of self
  - 3) A vision of others

"I determine never to stop until I have come to the end, and achieved my purpose."

[NOTE: This material is in relation to *Isaiah*, Chapter 6.]

"Not all that says Lord,  
 Lord shall enter in."  
 Isaiah. 62.  
 You say you love him  
 .. .. .. are a  
 Christian  
 You say you are believe  
 in him -  
 what are you doing about  
 it?  
 Jesus says you see  
 my marks.  
 The man who seemed to  
 be a Christian - Doing  
 the Mother's love -  
 Daughter taking the child.

"Not all that says, "Lord, Lord," shall enter in..." (Isaiah)

You say you love Him

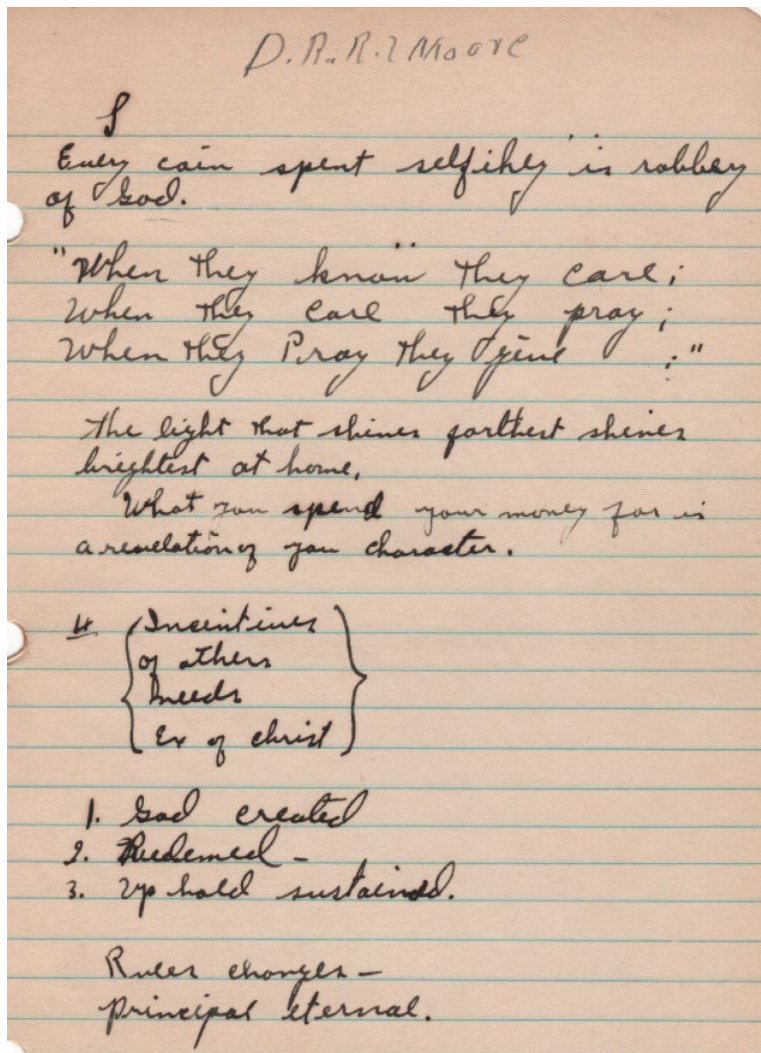
You say you are a Christian

You say you believe Him

What are you doing about it?

Jesus says you see my "marks"

The man who seemed to be a Christian. Doing the Mother's love; Daughter taking the child.



Dr. R. L. Moore (**NOTE: This was the President of Mars Hill College (c. 1896—1938), who had a very positive influence on my parents, during the time they were students there (middle—late, 1930s).**

"When they know, they care; When they care, they pray; When they pray, they give."

The light that shines furthest, shines brightest at home.

What you spend your money for, is a revelation of your character.

Incentives of (**e.g., sensitive to**) others' needs—Example of Christ

1. God created
2. Redeemed
3. Upheld, sustained

Rules change

Principles (are) eternal

## The Flower of Youth.

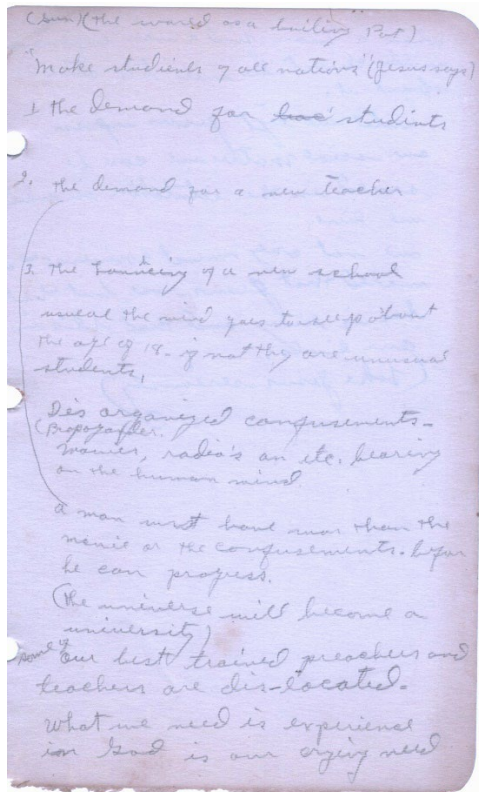
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(The world as a boiling pot)

Make students of all nations (Jesus says) **(e.g., Matthew 28: 19-29)**

1. The demand for students
2. The demand for a new teacher
3. The launching of a new school

Usual(ly) the mind goes to (?) up about the age of 18

If not, they are unusual students.

Disorganized confusements (propaganda)

Movies, radios and etc., bearing on the human mind

A man must have more than the movies (?) or confusements before he can progress

(The universe will be come a university)

Some of our best trained preachers and teachers are dis-located.

What we need is experience in God; is our crying need.

**[Personal Note (John David McGee): This material is somewhat unclear to me, as well as when and for whom it was prepared/presented. To me, the general theme is about the "turmoil" in the world, which calls for "new" students; teachers; institutions, etc., where "instruction" is rooted in an experience with God.]**

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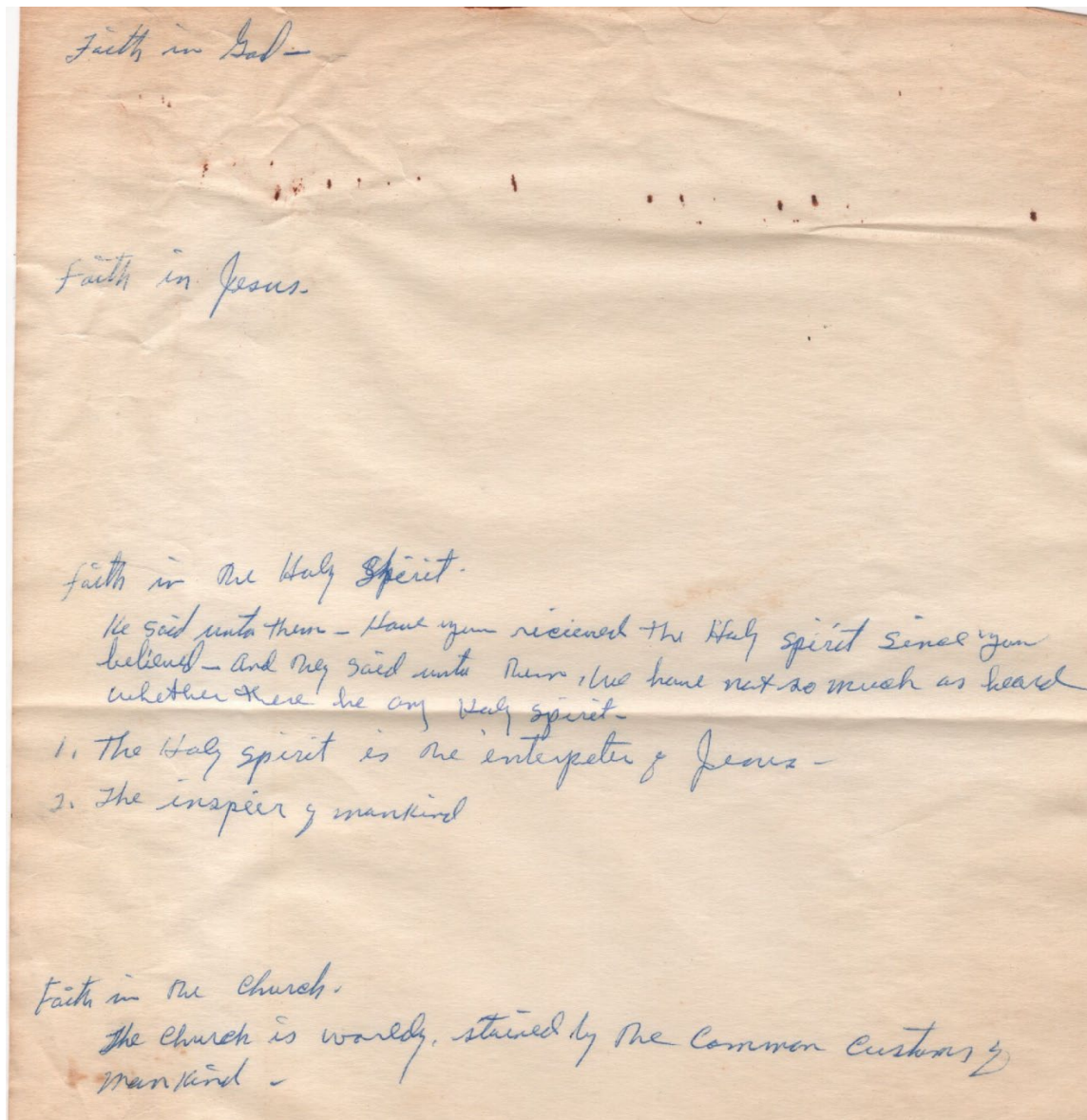
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- 3 Don't wallow around on your pulpit.
- 4 Don't use criticism.
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- 6 Be carefully in correcting behavery in public.
- 7 Don't try to be funnyin pulpit for people come to worship.
- 8 Don't parade the hard time of th preacher.
- 9 Don't seek for comments.
- 10 Be a he man in the pulpit or not be in there at all ; lit your wife preach.



Faith in God

Faith in Jesus

Faith in the Holy Spirit

He said unto them. Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed? And they said unto them, we have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Spirit.

1. The Holy Spirit is the interpreter of Jesus
2. The inspirer of mankind

Faith in the Church

The Church is worldly; strained by the common customs of mankind.

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Beyond  
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"Our Marching Orders"  
Onward Tis the Lord's Command

Text: Acts 1:8 Matt. 28:18-20 : Isaiah 54:2

Introduction: This World of Ours

Poem: I know of a world that is sunk in  
shame...

Personal Observation--America,  
England, Egypt, and Africa

*We have a message*

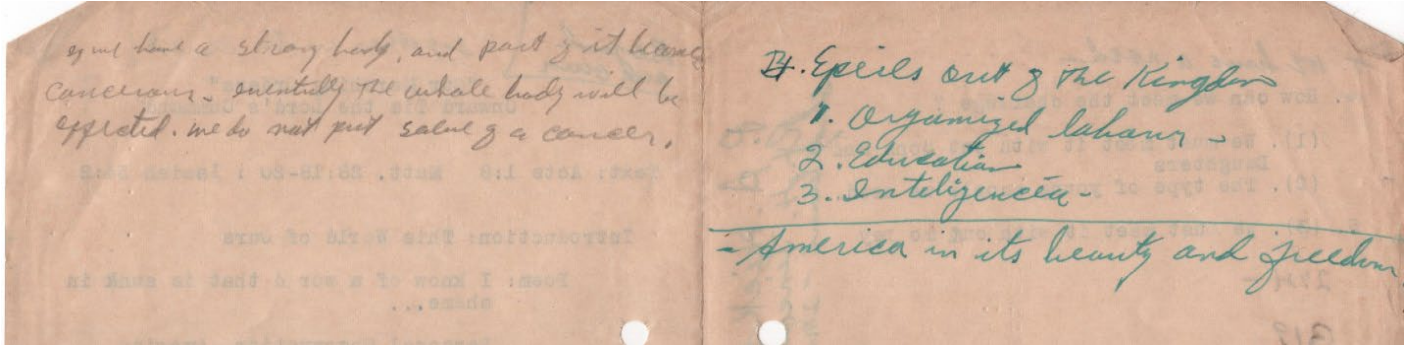
1. The place of Baptist in God's redemptive plan
  - (1). Nearly one-eighth of <sup>are</sup> Americans Baptist.
  - (2). We have chosen the name Baptist (Missionary)
  - (3). We say we have a message that the world needs.
    - a. God in Christ Jesus reconciling the world to himself.
    - b. That every man in free and equal before God.
    - c. Man's right to worship as he deems it right.
    - d. Every man has access to God through Christ Jesus
    - f. Every man can read God's word for himself.

2. We have a great challenge *we have a field*
  - (1). The world is the field.. A man's missionary vision must be as broad as the earth or it is too narrow.
  - (2) <sup>7/31</sup> (3) <sup>2/3</sup> Percentage of the peoples of the earth out of the orbit of God's Kingdom.
  - (3). Percentage outside of Southern B. Influence
  - (4). Nigeria and its challenge

*we have a Program*

3. Are Southern Baptist meeting its Challenge
  - (1). The vision of our Board
  - (2). Southern Baptist and its relationship to the Board. *The Foreign Board has no money*
  - (3). The individual church's relationship
  - (4). The Individual's relationship

*Your relationship as much as mine*



(Above left)

If we have a strong body, and part of it becomes cancerous; eventually the whole body will be affected.

We do not put salve on a cancer.

(Above right) (Meaning unclear)

4. We have a need -

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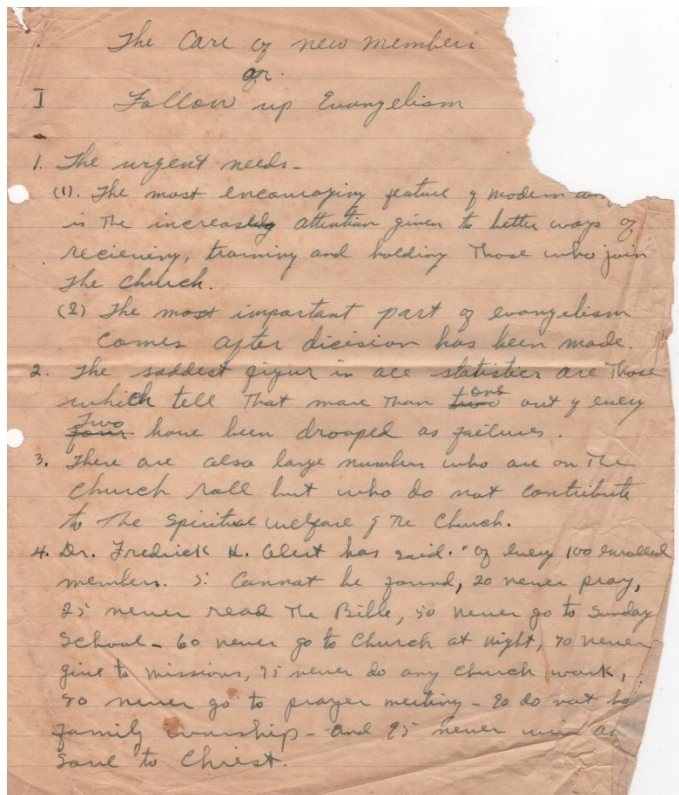
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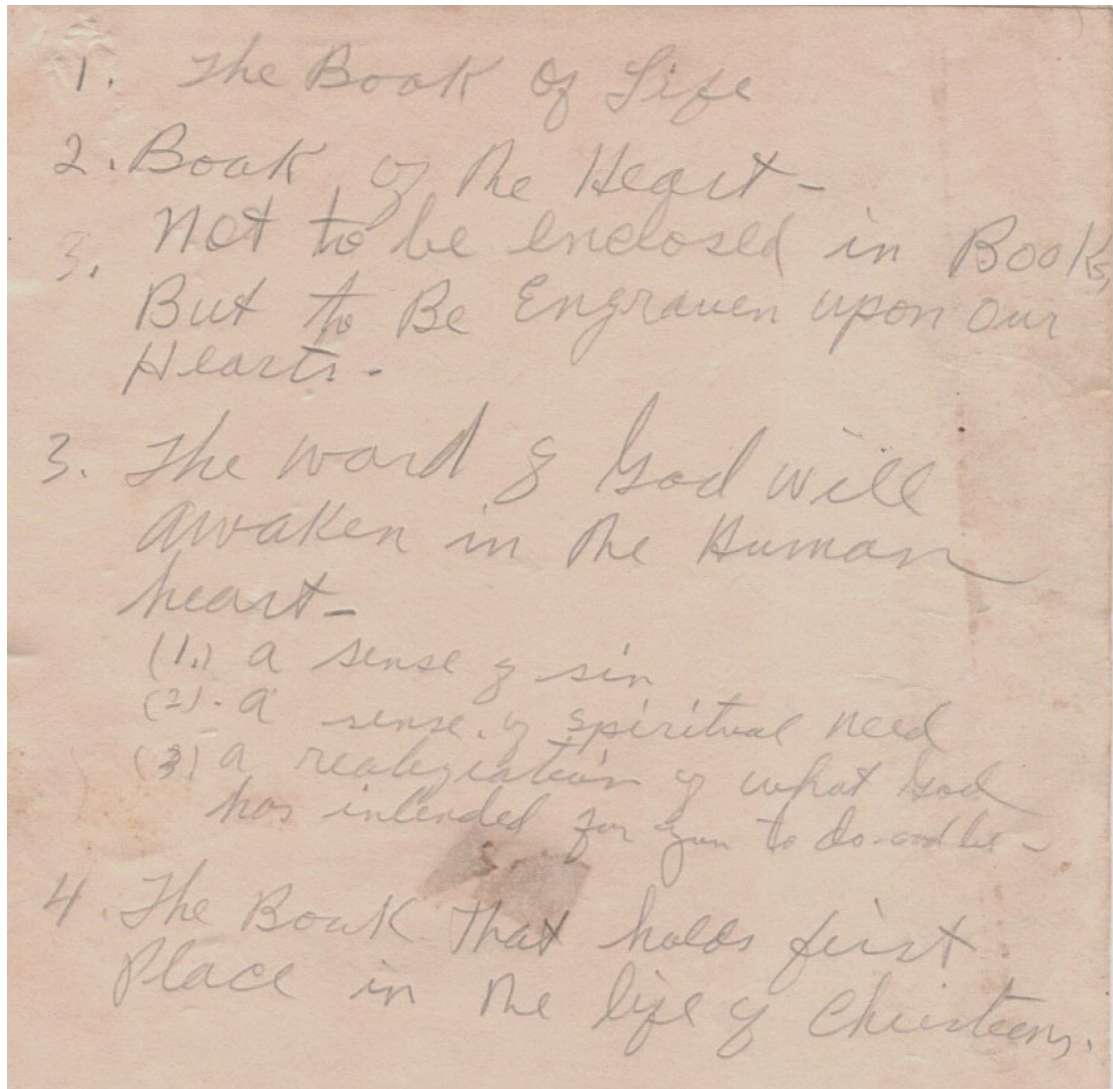




## The Care of New Members Or

### Follow up Evangelism

1. The urgent needs
  - 1) The most encouraging feature of modern (?) is the increasing attention given to better ways of receiving; training; and holding those who join the church.
  - 2) The most important part of evangelism comes after decision has been made.
2. The saddest figure in all statistics are those which tell that more than one out of every two, have been dropped as "failures."
3. There are also large numbers who are on the church roll, but who do not contribute to the spiritual welfare of the church.
4. Dr. Fredrick H. Celest (?) has said, "Of every 100 enrolled members, five (5) cannot be found; twenty (20) never pray; twenty-five (25) never read the Bible; fifty (50) never go to Sunday School; sixty (60) never go to church at night; seventy (70) never give to missions; seventy-five (75) never do any church work; (70 ?) never go to prayer meeting; ninety (90) do not go to family worship; and ninety-five (95) never win a soul to Christ."



1. The Book of Life
2. Book of the Heart  
Not to be enclosed in books, but to be engraved upon our hearts.
3. The word of God will awaken in the human heart
  - 1) A sense of sin
  - 2) A sense of spiritual need
  - 3) A realization of what God has intended for you to do and be.
- 4) The book that holds first place in the life of Christians.

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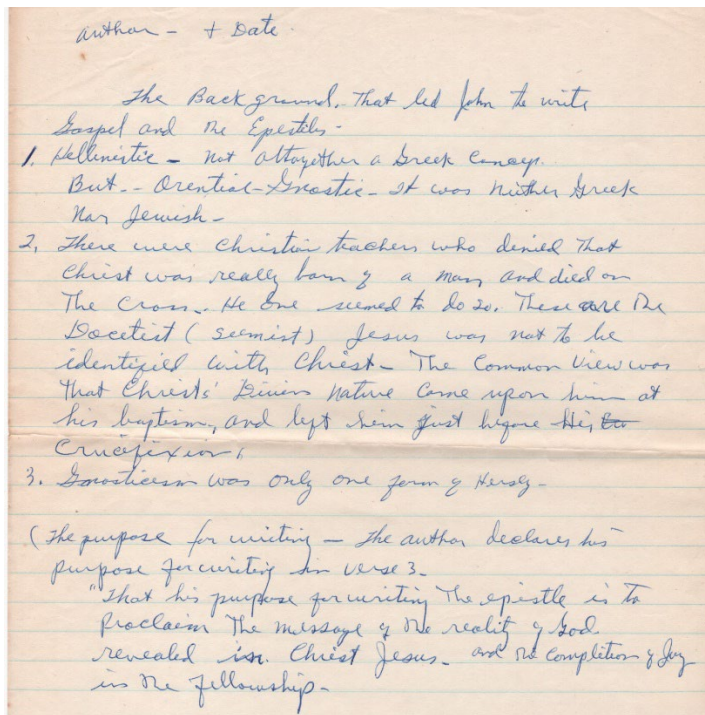
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## Author and date

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2. There were Christian teachers who denied that Christ was really born of a man and died on the cross. He only seemed to do so. These are the Docetist (**e.g., Christ did not have a real or natural body during his life on earth but only an apparent or phantom one.**); Jesus was not to be identified with Christ. The Common View was that Christ's divine nature came upon him at his baptism, and left him just before his crucifixion.
3. Gnosticism was only one form of heresy (e.g., **the belief that human beings contain a piece of God (the highest good or a divine spark) within themselves, which has fallen from the immaterial world into the bodies of humans.**
4. The purpose for writing: The author declares his purpose for writing in verse 3:  
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 6 or 7 chapters

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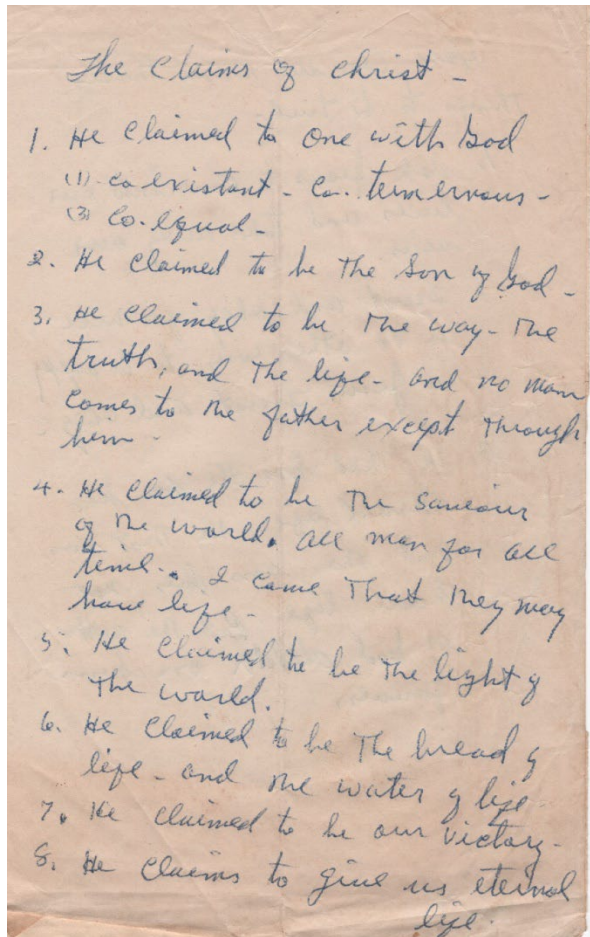
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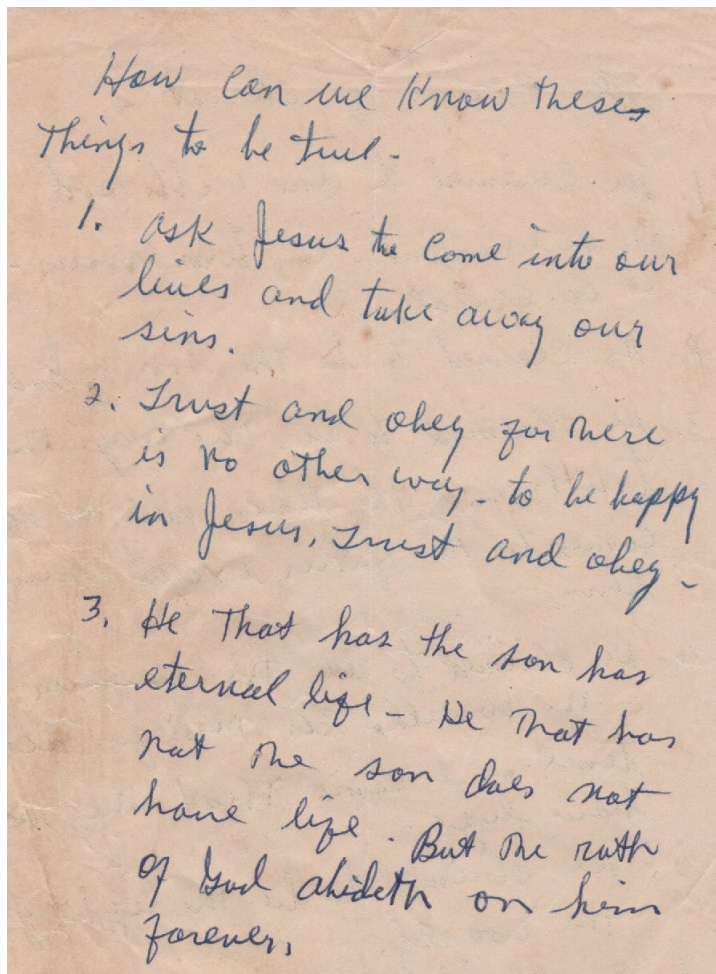


### The Claims of Christ

1. He claimed to (be) one with God
  - 1) Co-existent; (?)
  - 2) Co-equal
2. He claimed to be the Son of God
3. He claimed to be the Way; the Truth; and the Life. And no man comes to the Father, except through Him.
4. He claimed to be the Savior of the world. All men for all time. I (he) came that they may have life.
5. He claimed to be the light of the world.
6. He claimed to be the bread of life, and the water of life.
7. He claimed to be our victory.
8. He claims to give us eternal life.
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**[Personal Note (John David McGee): This was in my father's materials; but it's my mother's writing. Also, she very much liked making this kind of "list" (of attributes, etc.). Also true for page 41.]**





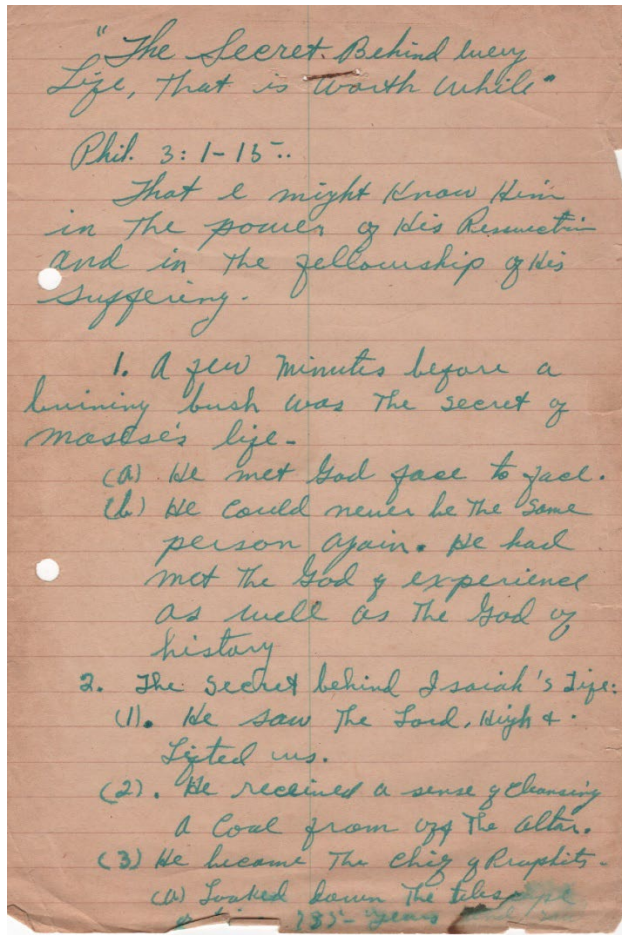
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The Secret Behind every Life, that is worth while.

Phil 3: 1-15

"That I might know Him in the power of His Resurrection, and in the fellowship of His Suffering."

1. A few minutes before a burning bush was the secret of Moses' life.
  - a) He met God fact to fact
  - b) He could never be the same person again. He had met the God of experience, as well as the God of history.
2. The secret behind Isaiah's life:
  - 1) He saw the Lord, High and Lifted up.
  - 2) He received a sense of cleansing; a coal from off the altar.
  - 3) He became the Chief of Prophets
    - a) Looked down the telescope....

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 of Christ - etc.

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 taken to the Salt Mines of North Africa -  
 They cut in the walls with their instruments  
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 - Ultimate Reality  
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 Jesus Christ is the center of history -  
 Jesus on the Cross climaxed an age  
 His resurrection was the beginning of another  
 age -  
 Eternal life now -  
 Life with God in Jesus Christ is NOW!  
 Not tomorrow -  
 The true measure of life is qualitative  
 not quantitative - It is not how long  
 we have lived but how much we have  
 lived - We should not speak of "long" or  
 "short" lives - we ought to speak of large  
 or small - Poor or rich - empty or full -

## The Heart of the Gospel

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Ultimate Reality

God in Christ; the God that was in Christ can also be in us. His ever-presence can be realized in us. Jesus Christ is the center of history.

Jesus on the cross climaxed an age.

His resurrection was the beginning of another age.

Eternal life now:

Life with God in Jesus Christ is NOW!

NOT tomorrow.

The true measure of life is qualitative; not quantitative. It is not how long we have lived, but how much we have lived. We should not speak of "long" or "short" lives. We ought to speak of large or small; poor or rich; empty or full.

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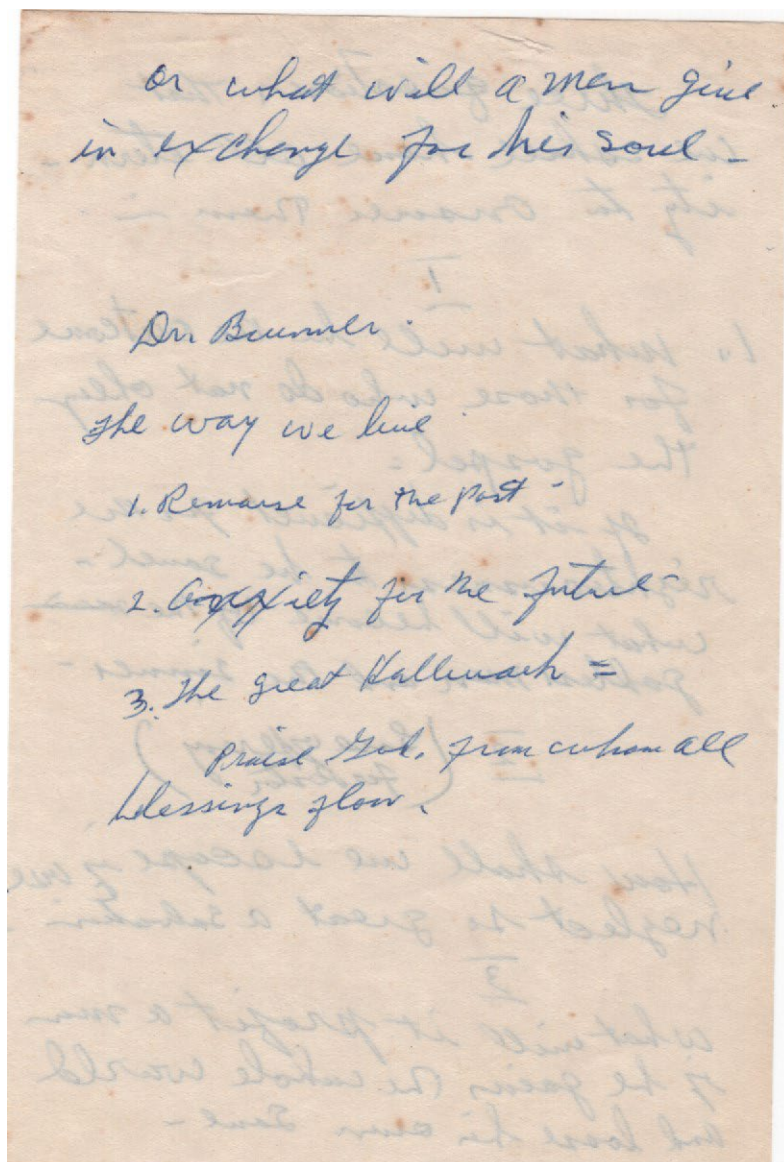
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Or, what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

Dr. Brunner (**Emil Brunner, Swiss theologian**)

The way we live (**are living**):

1. Remorse for the past
2. Anxiety for the future
3. The great Hallelujah: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

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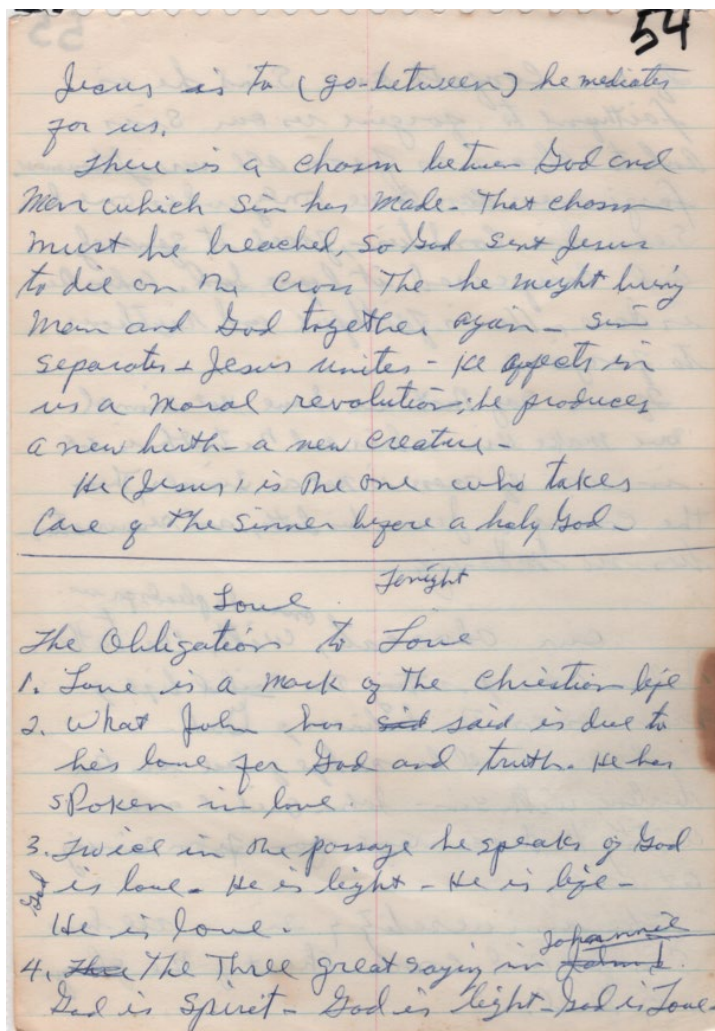
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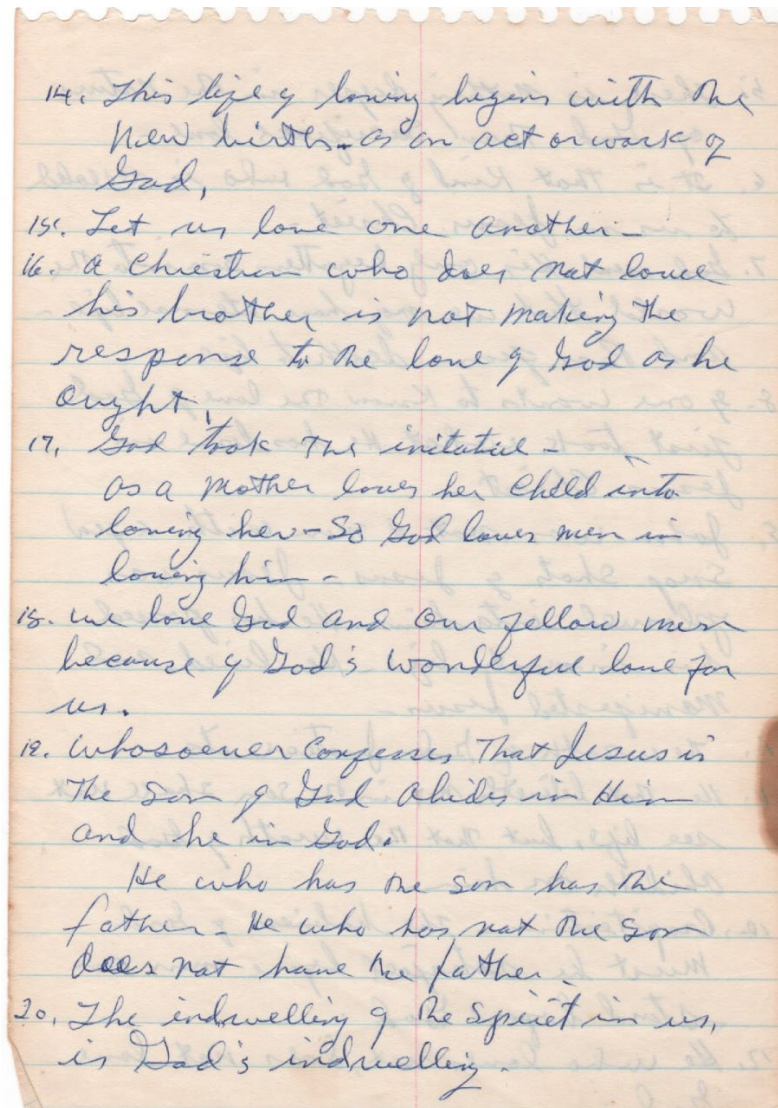
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- 3) The Lord who is exalted; King of Kings and Lord or Lords, forever.
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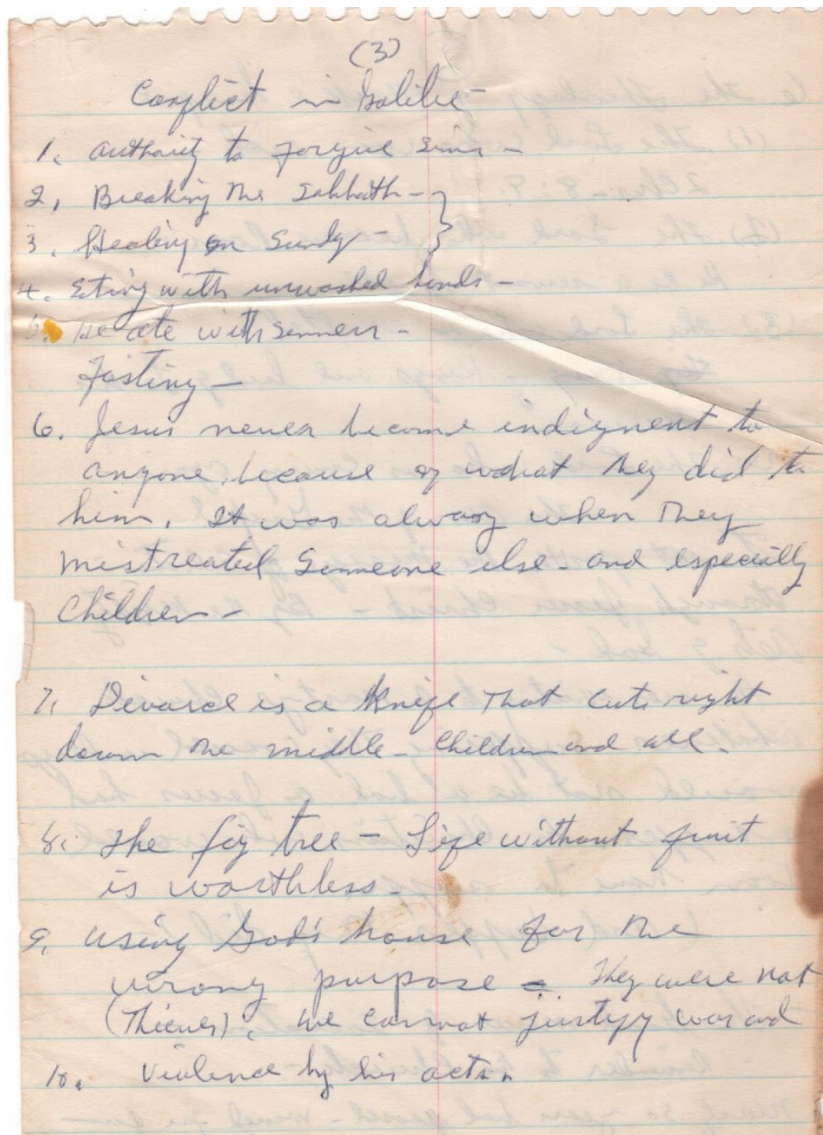
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### Conflict in Galilee

1. Authority to forgive sins
2. Breaking the Sabbath
3. Healing on Sunday (**Sabbath**)
4. Eating with unwashed hands
5. He ate with "sinners;" also "fasting"
6. Jesus never became indignant to anyone because of what they did to him. It was always when they mistreated someone else; and, especially children.
7. Divorce is a knife, that cuts right down the middle—children and all.
8. The fig tree—Life without fruit is worthless
9. Using God's house for the wrong purpose. They were not (thieves). We cannot justify war and violence by his acts.

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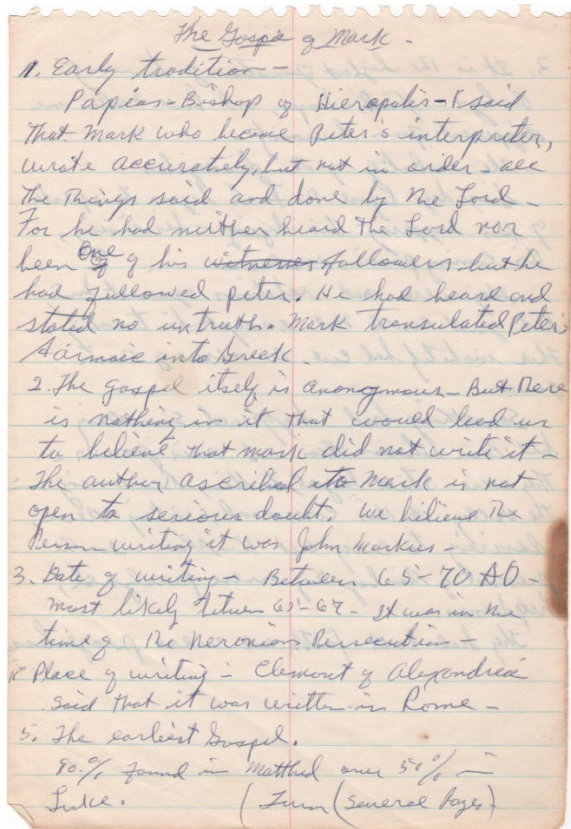
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## The Gospel of Mark

### I. Early tradition

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2. The Gospel, itself, is anonymous; but there is nothing in it that would lead us to believe that Mark did NOT write it. The author(ship), ascribed to Mark, is not open to serious doubt. We believe the person writing it was John Mark.
  3. Date of writing: Between 65-70 AD; most likely between “62-67;” It was in the time of the Neronian “persecutions.”
  4. Place of writing: Clement of Alexandria said that it was written in Rome.
  5. The earliest Gospel
  6. Ninety percent (90%) **(of its contents)** is found in Matthew; over fifty percent (50%) in Luke.
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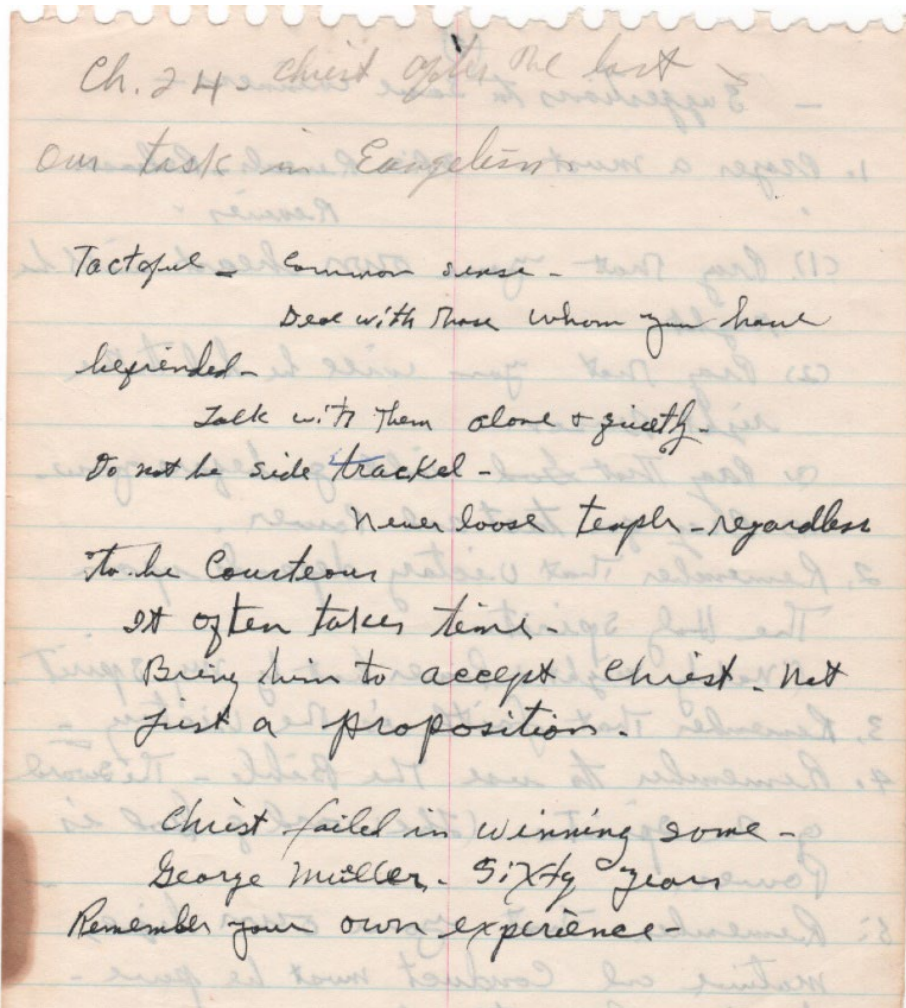
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## Chapter 24 Christ After the lost

### Our task in Evangelism

#### Tactful—Common sense

Deal with those whom you have befriended

Talk with them alone, and quietly

Do not be side-tracked (e.g., “diverted”);

Never loose **(one’s)** temper—regardless

#### To be courteous

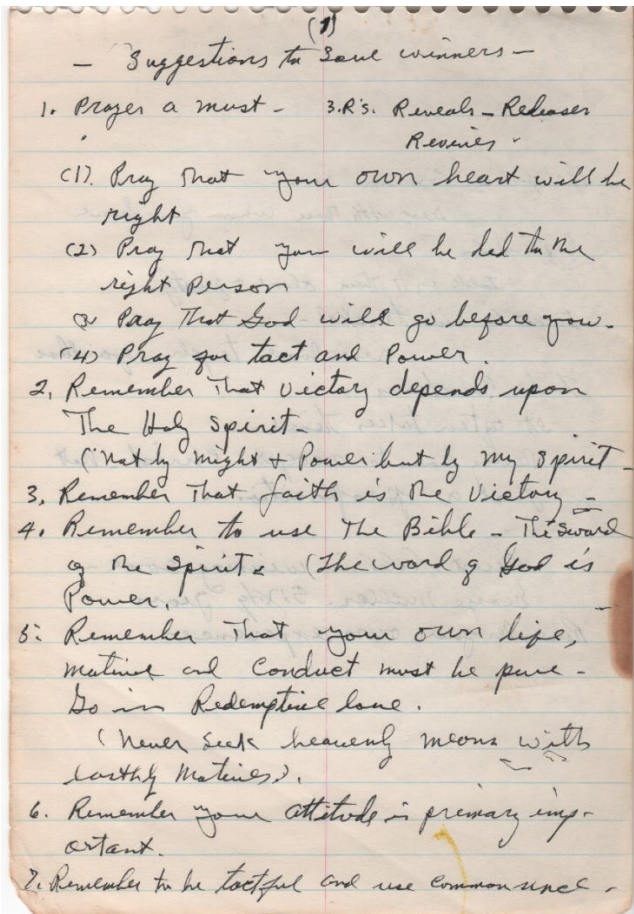
It often takes time

Bring him to accept Christ—not just a proposition

Christ failed in winning some

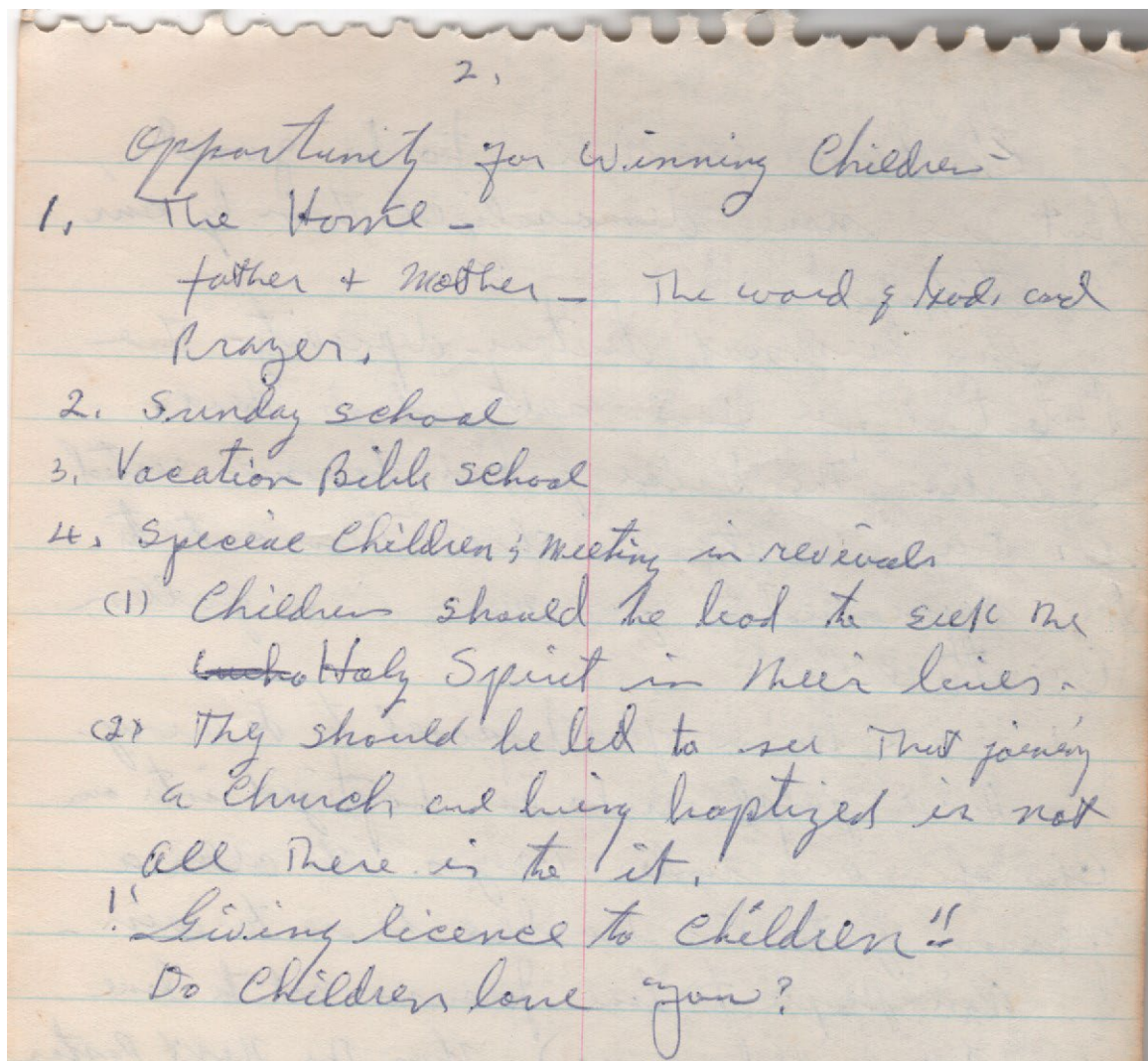
George Muller—sixty years (NOTE: Likely an example of a “conversion,” after 60 years?)

Remember your own experience.



### Suggestions to Soul Winners

1. Prayer, a must (3 "Rs"): Reveals; Releases; Revives
  - 1) Pray that your own heart will be right
  - 2) Pray that you will be led to the right person
  - 3) Pray that God will go before you.
  - 4) Pray for tact and power
2. Remember that victory depends upon the Holy Spirit ("Not by might and power, but by my Spirit")
3. Remember, that faith is the victory
4. Remember to use the Bible—"The Sword of the Spirit." (The word of God is Power.)
5. Remember that your own life, motive and conduct must be pure. Go in Redemptive Love.  
(Never seek heavenly means with earthly motives.)
6. Remember your attitude is primarily important
7. Remember to be tactful, and use common sense.



### Opportunity for Winning Children

1. The home  
Father and mother—the word of God, and prayer
2. Sunday School
3. Vacation Bible School
4. Special Children's meeting, in revival
  - 1) Children should be led to seek the Holy Spirit in their lives
  - 2) They should be led to see that joining a church, and being baptized, is not all there is to it.

"Giving license to children" (**NOTE: Perhaps, addressing lack of "supervision"**)  
Do children love you?

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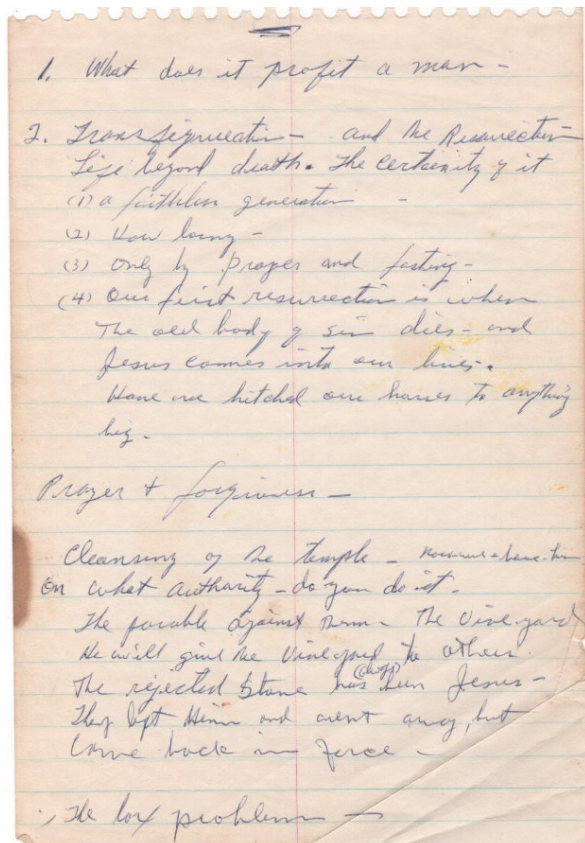
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2. Transfiguration—And the Resurrection Life beyond death. The certainty of it
  - 1) A faithless generation
  - 2) How long
  - 3) Only by prayer and fasting
  - 4) Our first resurrection is when the old body of sin dies—and Jesus comes into our lives. Have we hitched our horse and anything big **(NOTE: a reference to making a big challenge)**

Prayer and forgiveness

Cleansing of the temple (?)

On what authority do you do it?

The parable against them—the Vineyard

He will give the vineyard to others

The rejected stone has (always) been Jesus

They left Him and went away, but

Came back in force

The tax problem

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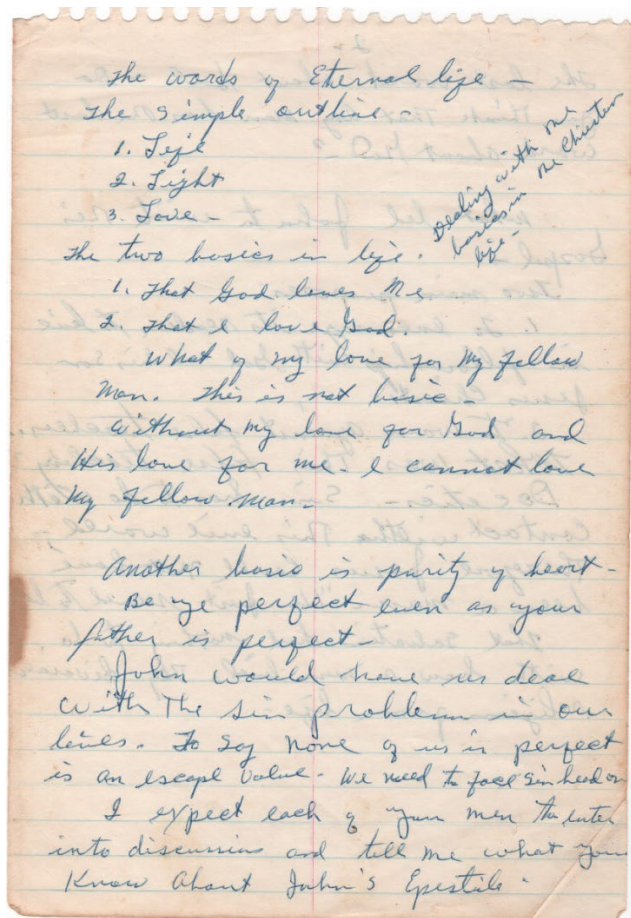
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## The words of Eternal life

### The simple outline

1. Life
2. Light
3. Love

### The two basics in life (Dealing with the basics in the Christian life)

1. That God loves me
2. That I love God

What of my love for my fellow man? This is not basic.

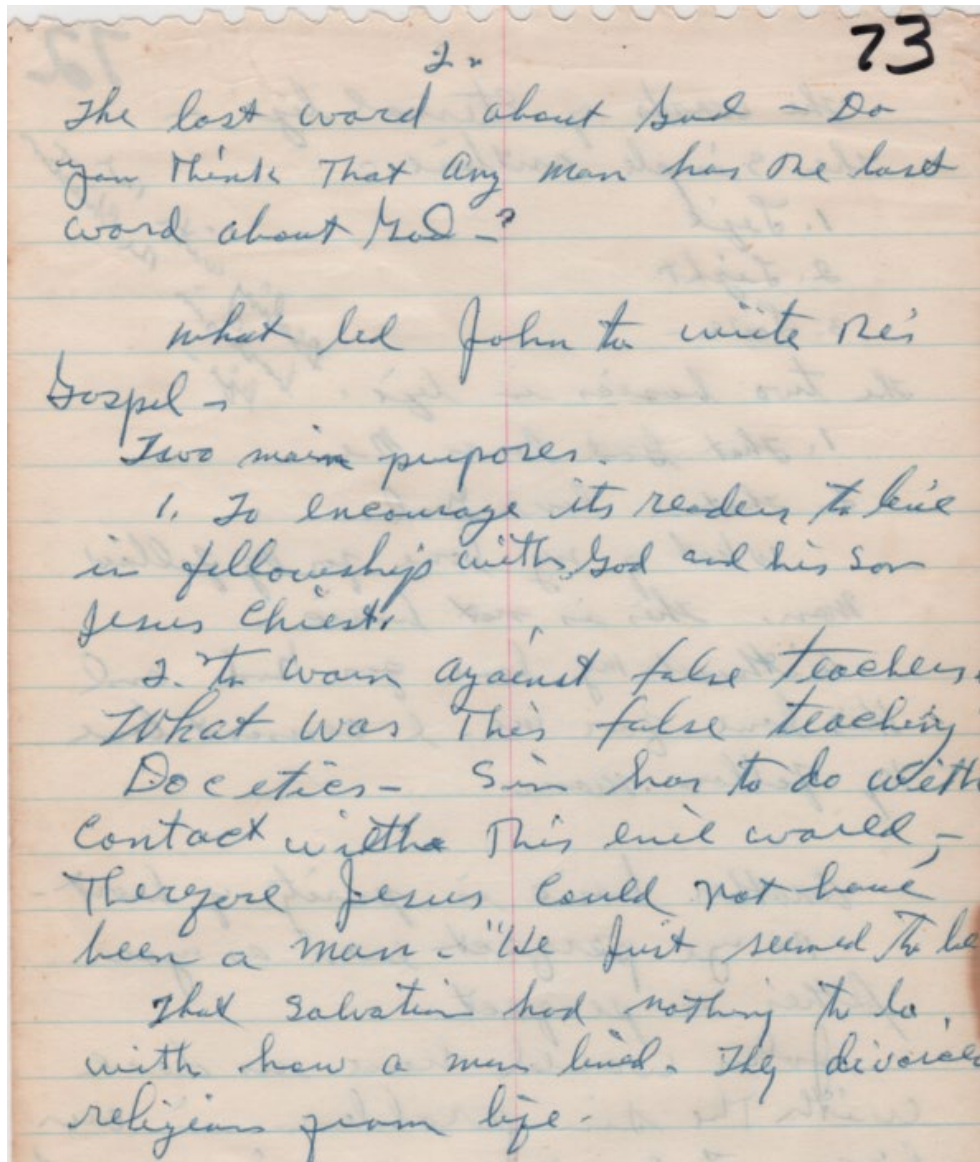
Without my love for God, and His love for me, I cannot love my fellow man.

### Another basic is purity of heart.

“Be ye perfect even as your father is perfect.”

John would have us deal with the sin problem in our lives. To say none of us is perfect is an escape valve. We need to face sin, head on.

I expect each of you men to enter into discussion and tell me what you know about John's Epistle.



### The last word about God

Do you think that any man has the last word about God?

What led John to write this Gospel?

Two main purposes:

1. To encourage its readers to live in fellowship with God and his Son, Jesus Christ.
2. To warn against false teachers. What was this false teaching?

Docetics—Sin has to do with contact with this evil world; Therefore, Jesus could not have been a man—"He just seemed to be"

That salvation had nothing to do with how a man lived. They divorced religion from life.

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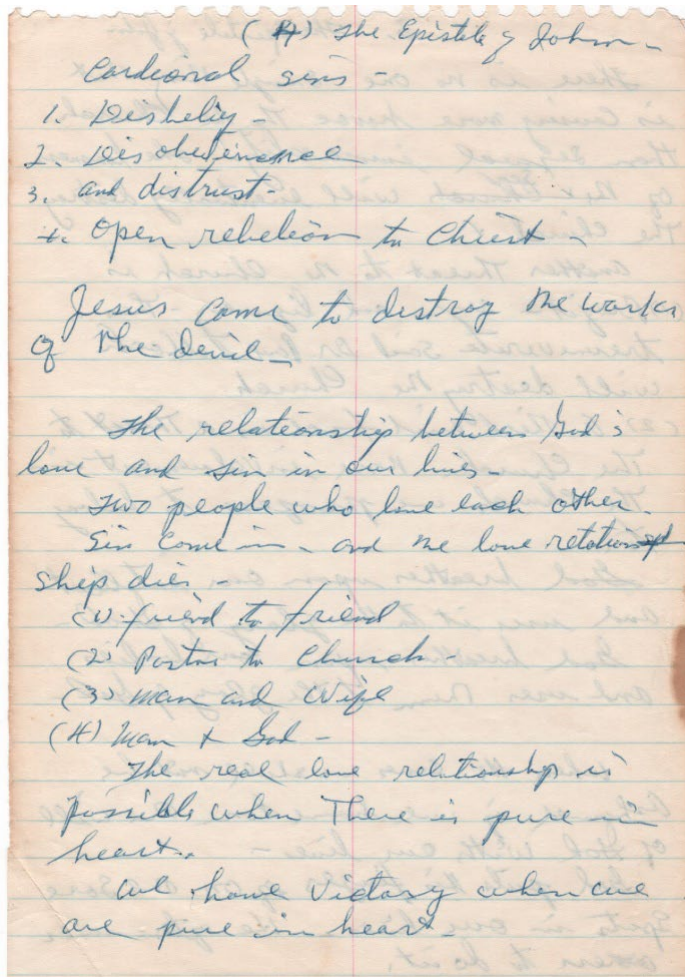
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### Cardinal sins

1. Disbelief
2. Disobedience
3. And, distrust
4. Open rebellion to Christ

Jesus came to destroy the work of the devil.

The relationship between God's love and sin in our lives.

**(Example)** Two people who love each other.

Sin comes in, and the love relationship dies.

- 1) Friend to friend
- 2) Pastor to church
- 3) Man and wife
- 4) Man and God

The real love relationship is possible when there is pur(ity) in heart

We have victory when we are pure in heart.

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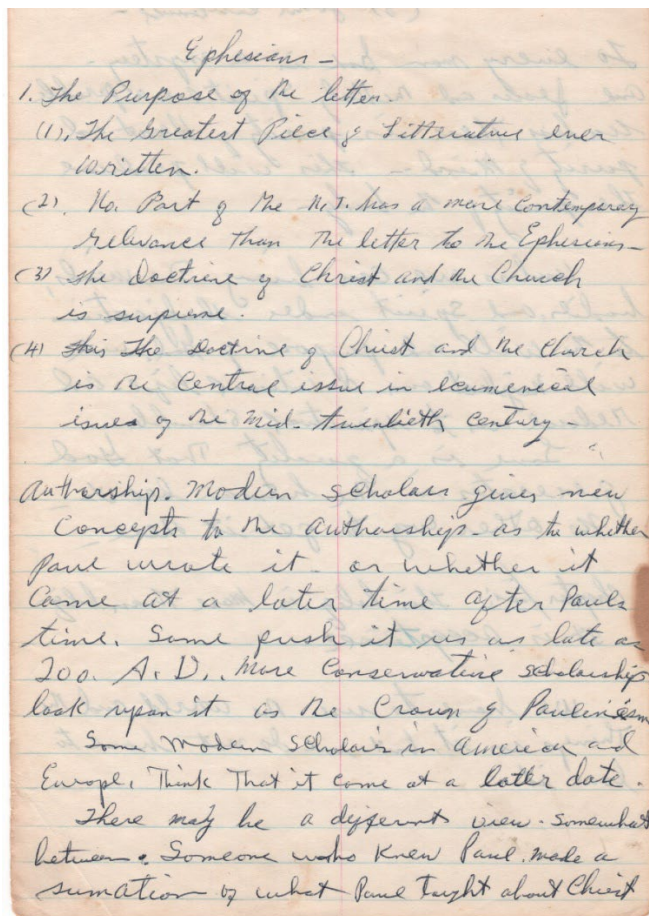
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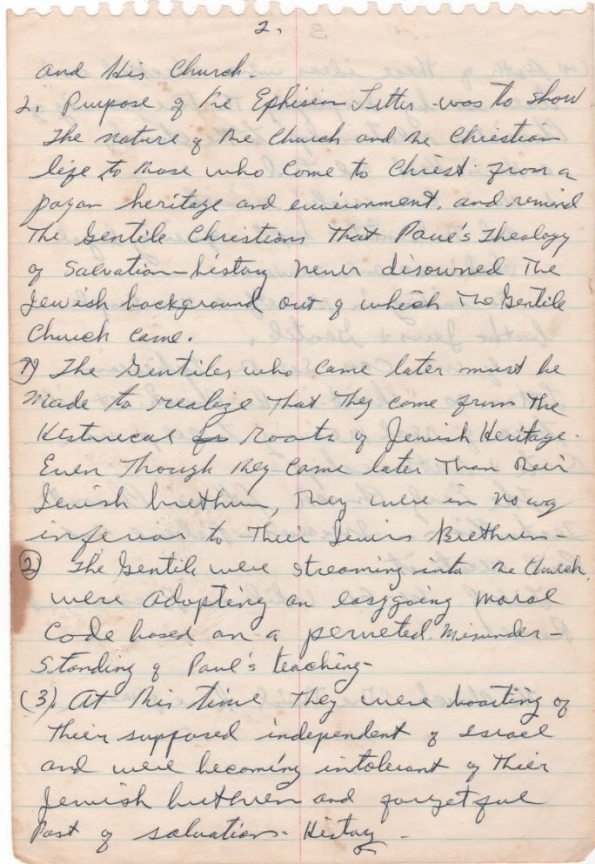
### 1. The purpose of the letter

- 1) The greatest piece of literature ever written
- 2) No part of the New Testament has a more contemporary relevance than the letter to the Ephesians.
- 3) The doctrine of Christ and the Church is supreme.
- 4) The doctrine of Christ and the Church is the central issue in ecumenical issues of the mid-twentieth century.

Authorship: Modern scholars gives new concepts to the authorship, as to whether Paul wrote it, or whether it came at a later time., after Paul's time. Some push it as late as 200 A.D. More conservative scholarship look upon it as the crown of "Paulinism."

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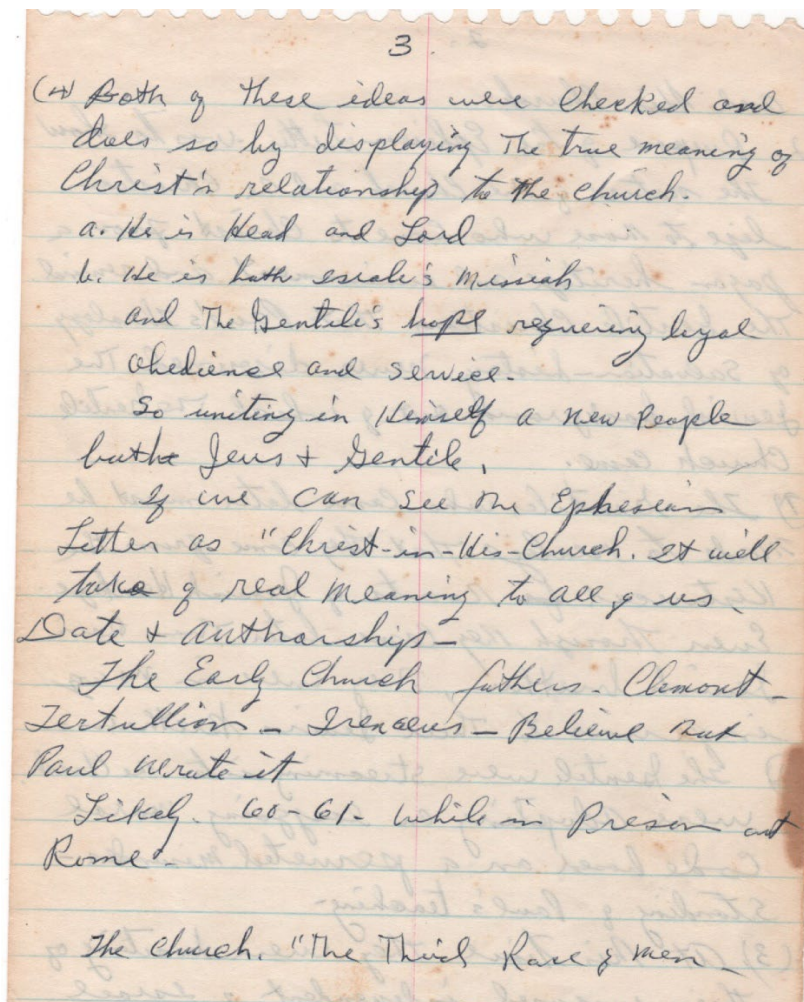
There may be a different view; somewhat between. **(That is,)** Someone who knew Paul, made a summation of what Paul taught about Christ.



## 2.

...and His Church.

2. Purpose of the Ephesian Letter was to show the nature of the Church and the Christian life, to those who come to Christ from a pagan heritage and environment. And, reminds the Gentile Christians that Paul's theology of salvation-history never disowned the Jewish background, out of which the Gentile Church came.
  - 1) The Gentiles who came later must be made to realize that they came from the historical roots of Jewish heritage. Even though they came later than their Jewish brethren, they were in no way inferior to their Jewish brethren.
  - 2) The Gentiles were streaming into the Church; were adopting an easygoing moral code, based on a perverted misunderstanding of Paul's teaching.
  - 3) At this time they were boasting of their supposed independence of Israel, and were becoming intolerant of their Jewish brethren, and forgetful (**of the**) past of salvation history.



4) Both of these ideas were checked (**e.g., stopped**), and does so by displaying the true meaning of Christ's relationship to the Church.

a) He is Head and Lord

b) He is both Israel's Messiah and the Gentiles' hope, requiring loyal obedience and service.

So uniting in Himself, (**is**) a "New People;" both the Jews and Gentiles.

If we can see the Ephesian Letter as "Christ-in-His-Church," it will take of (**give?**) real meaning to all of us.

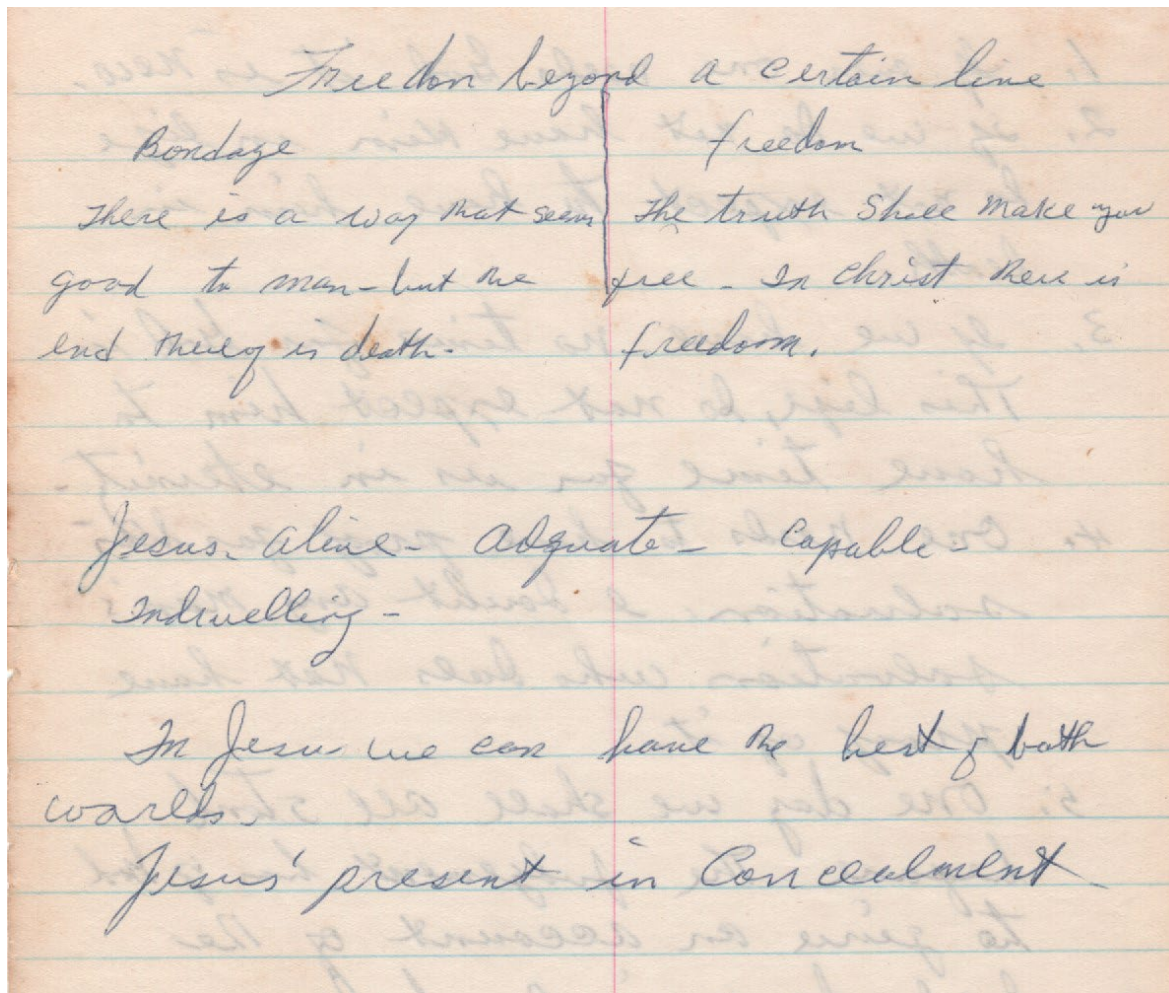
Date of authorship: The Early Church ("fathers"—Clement; Tertullian; Irenaeus) believe that Paul wrote it.

Likely: A.D. 60-61, while, in prison, at Rome.

The Church: "The Third Race of Men"

1. If ever one needs God it is now.
  2. If we do not have Him in life do not expect to have him in death.
  3. If we have no time for God in this life, do not expect him to have time for us in eternity.
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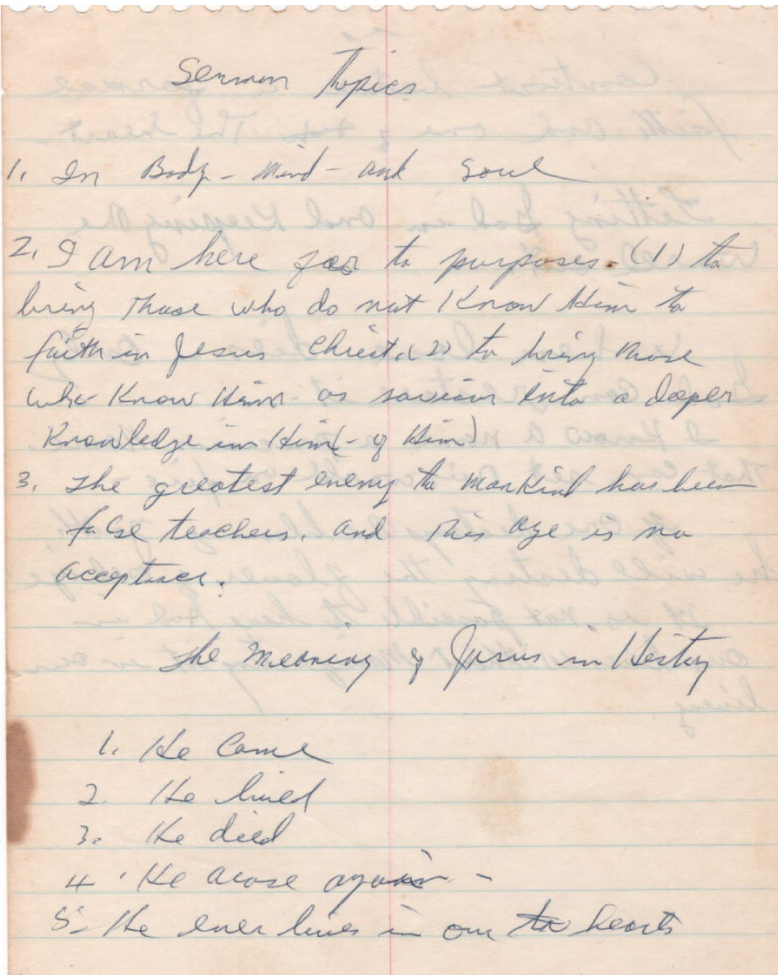
Freedom beyond a certain line

Bondage: There is a way that seems good to man, but the end thereof is death.

Freedom: The truth shall make you free. In Christ there is freedom.

Jesus, alone, **(is)** adequate—capable—indwelling

In Jesus we can have the best of both worlds. Jesus—present in “concealment”



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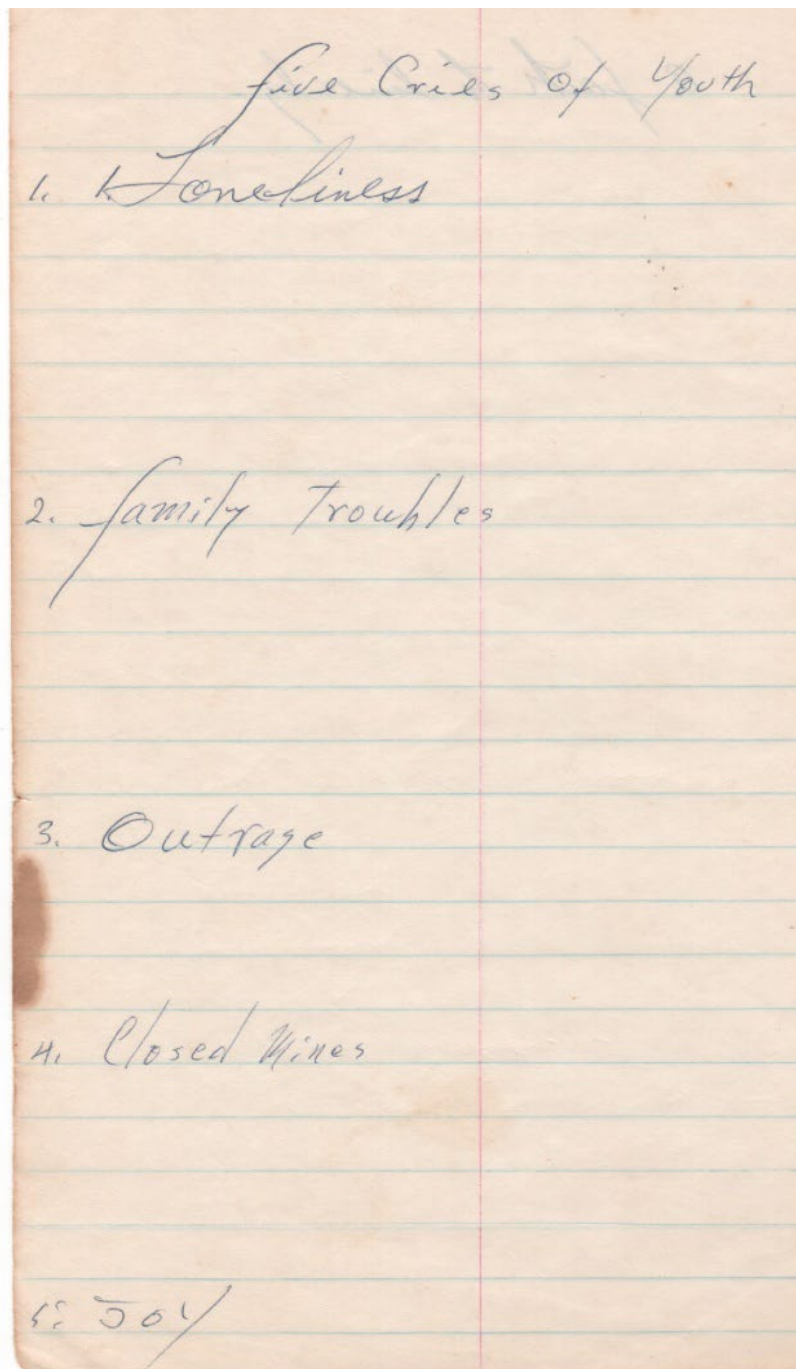
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5. Joy



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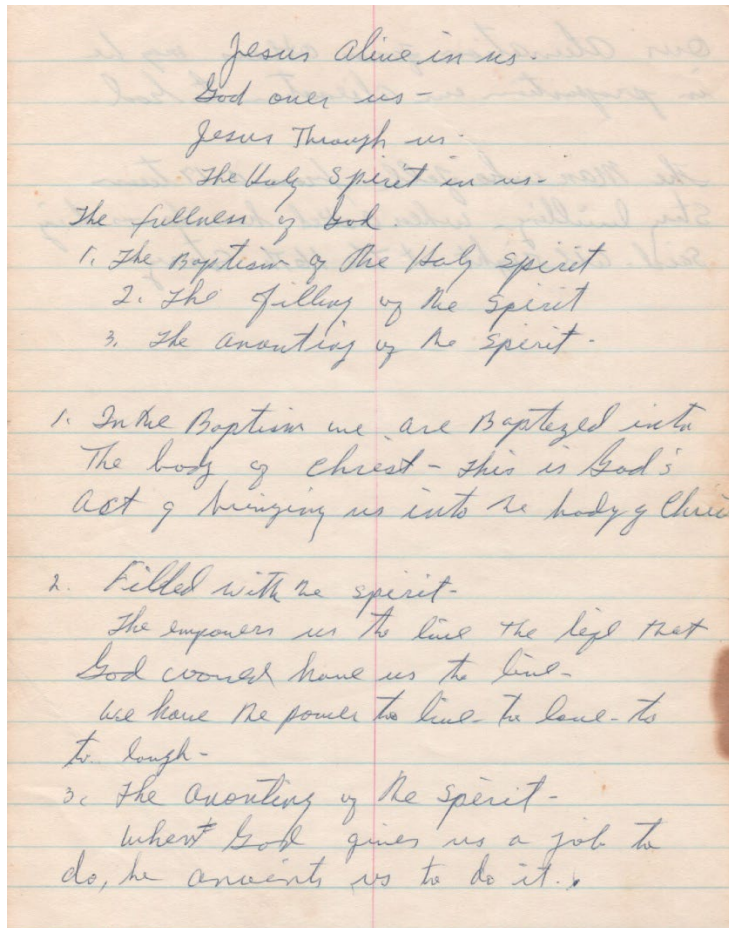
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God over us  
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The fullness of God

1. The baptism of the Holy Spirit
2. The filling of the Spirit
3. The anointing of the Spirit

1. In the Baptism, we are baptized into the body of Christ—This is God's act of bringing us into the Body of Christ.
2. Filled with the Spirit  
This empowers us to live the life that God would have us to live.  
We have the power to live; to love; to laugh
3. The anointing of the Spirit  
When God gives us a job to do, he anoints us to do it.

The one for whom Christ died -

Haven't most of us got enough of what we have? If we are completely satisfied with what we have, I do not have much to offer you.

The quest for a deeper life.

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That in the human plan -

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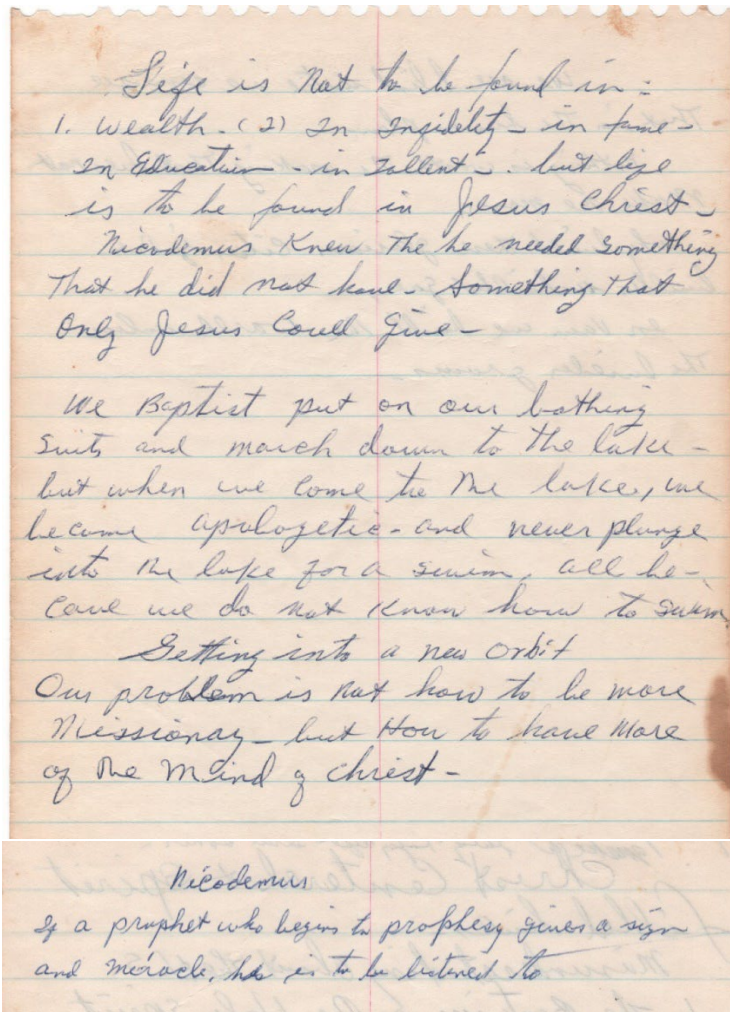
The quest for a deeper life.

We are blind until we can see. That is the human plan.

Nothing is worth the making, that does not make the man.

Why build these glorious cities, if the "builder" "unbuilt" goes?

In vain we build the world, unless the builder grows.



Life is not to be found in:

1. **(In)** Wealth; in infidelity; in fame; in education; in talent: But, life is to be found in Jesus Christ.

Nicodemus knew that he needed something that he did not have;  
something that only Jesus could give.

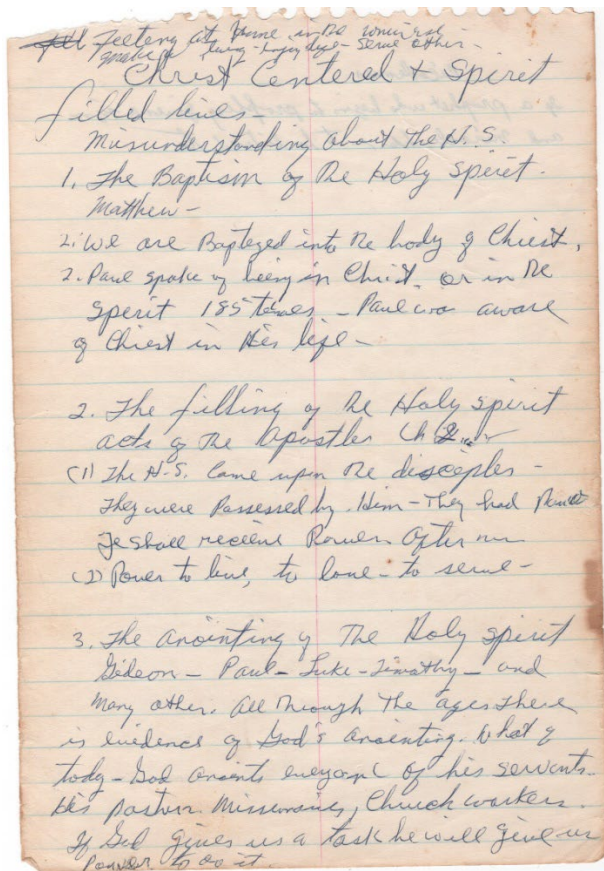
We Baptists put on our bathing suits and march down to the lake; but  
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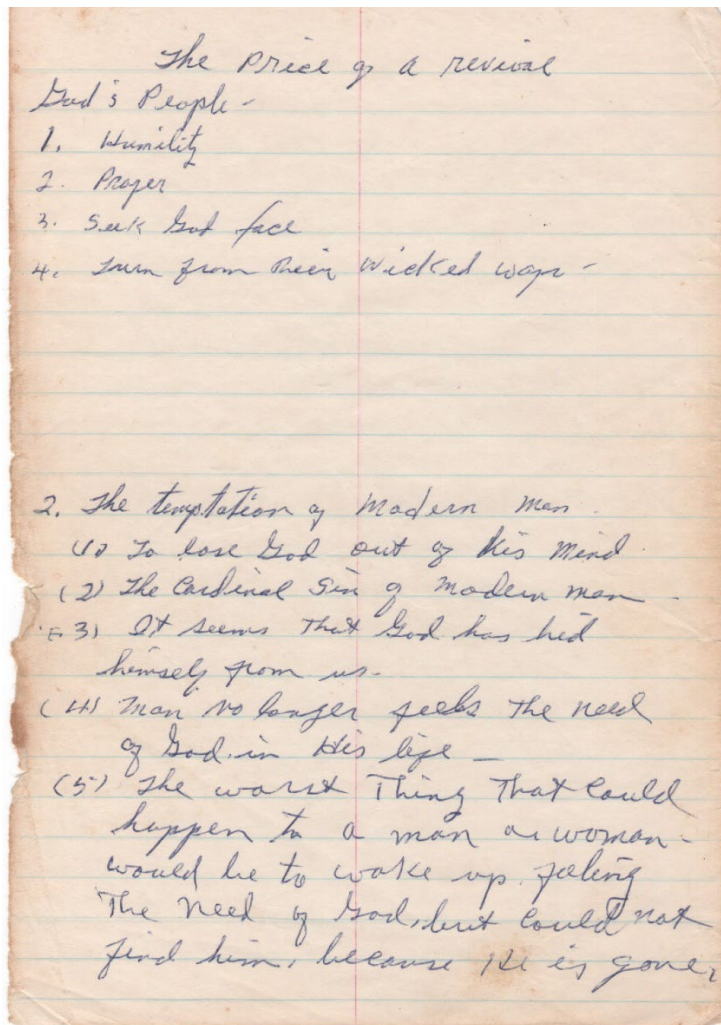
Our problem is not how to be more missionary; but how to have more of the  
Mind of Christ.

Nicodemus

If a prophet who begins to prophesy gives a sign and miracle, he is to be listened  
to.



- Feeling at home in the universe  
Make a living; enjoy life; serve others  
Christ-Centered and Spirit-filled lives  
Misunderstanding about the Holy Spirit
1. The baptism of the Holy Spirit (Matthew)
  2. We are baptized into the Body of Christ
  3. Paul spoke of being in Christ, or in the Spirit, one-hundred eighty-five (185) times. Paul was aware of Christ in his life.
  4. The filling of the Holy Spirit  
Acts of the Apostles (Ch. 2)
    - 1) The Holy Spirit came upon the disciples. They were possessed by Him. They had heard, "Ye shall receive Power, after me."
    - 2) Power to live; to love; to serve
  5. The anointing of the Holy Spirit  
Gideon; Paul; Luke; Timothy—and many others. All through the ages there is evidence of God's anointing. What of today? God anoints everyone of His servants; His pastors; missionaries; church workers.  
If God gives us a task, he will give us power to do it.



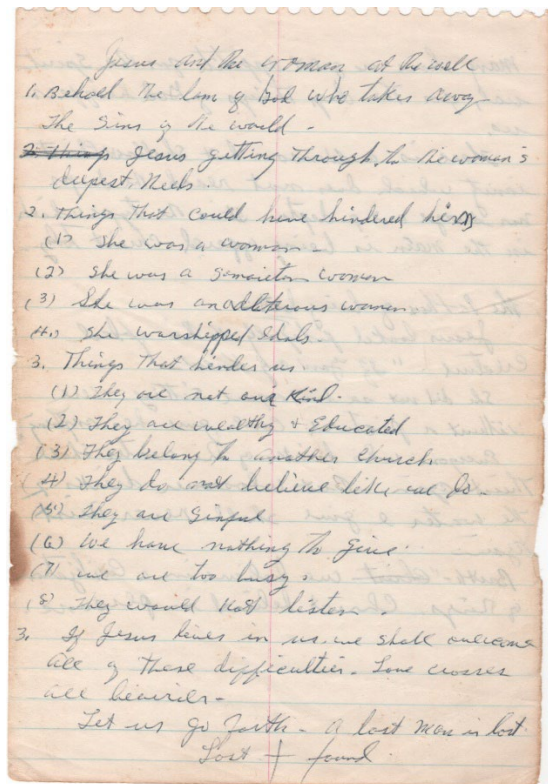
### The Price of a Revival

#### God's people

1. Humility
2. Prayer
3. Seek God's face
4. Turn from their wicked ways

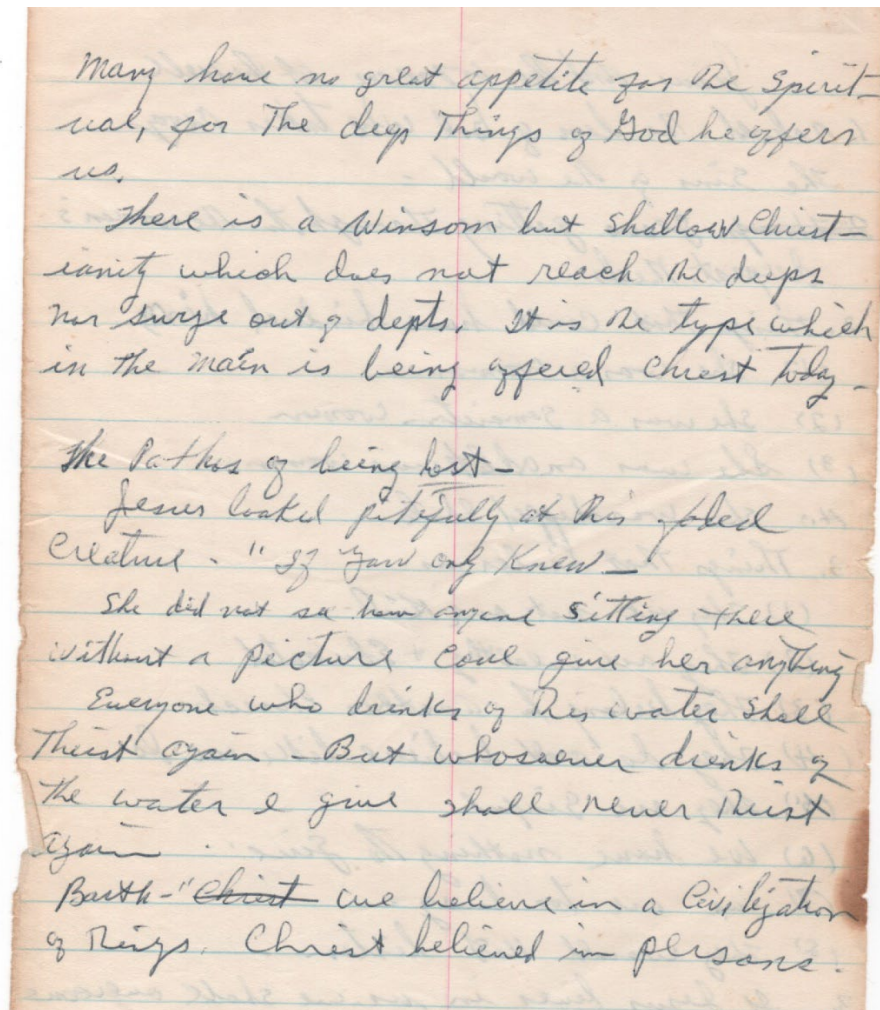
#### The temptation of modern man

- 1) To lose God out of his mind
- 2) The Cardinal sin of modern man
- 3) It seems that God has hid himself from us
- 4) Man no longer feels the need of God in His life
- 5) The worst thing that could happen to a man or woman, would be to wake up feeling the need of God, but could not find Him, because He is gone.



### Jesus and the woman at the well

1. "Behold the love of God, who takes away the sins of the world." Jesus, getting through to the woman's deepest needs.
2. Things that could have hindered him:
  - 1) She was a woman
  - 2) She was a Samaritan woman
  - 3) She was an adulterous woman
  - 4) She worshipped idols
3. Things that hinder us
  - 1) They are not our "kind"
  - 2) They are wealthy and educated
  - 3) They belong to another church
  - 4) They do not believe like we do
  - 5) They are sinful
  - 6) We have nothing to give
  - 7) We are too busy
  - 8) They would not listen
4. If Jesus lives in us, we shall overcome all of these difficulties. Love crosses all barriers  
Let us go forth. A lost man is lost. Lost, (then) "found."



Many have no great appetite for the spiritual; for the deep things of God (that) He offers us.

There is a winsome (**e.g., attractive**), but shallow, Christianity, which does not reach the deeps, nor surge out of (the) depths. It is the type which, in the main, is being offered (to) Christ today.

The pathos (**e.g., "agony"**) of being lost.

Jesus looked pitifully at this fooled (**e.g., deceived**) creature—"If you only knew..."

She did not see how anyone sitting there without a pitcher (**e.g., vessel**), could give her anything.

"Everyone who drinks of this water shall thirst again; but whosoever drinks of the water I give you, shall never thirst again."

(Karl) Barth: "We believe in a civilization of things. Christ believed in persons."



Experiencing God for ourselves

1. Personalizing God in our lives

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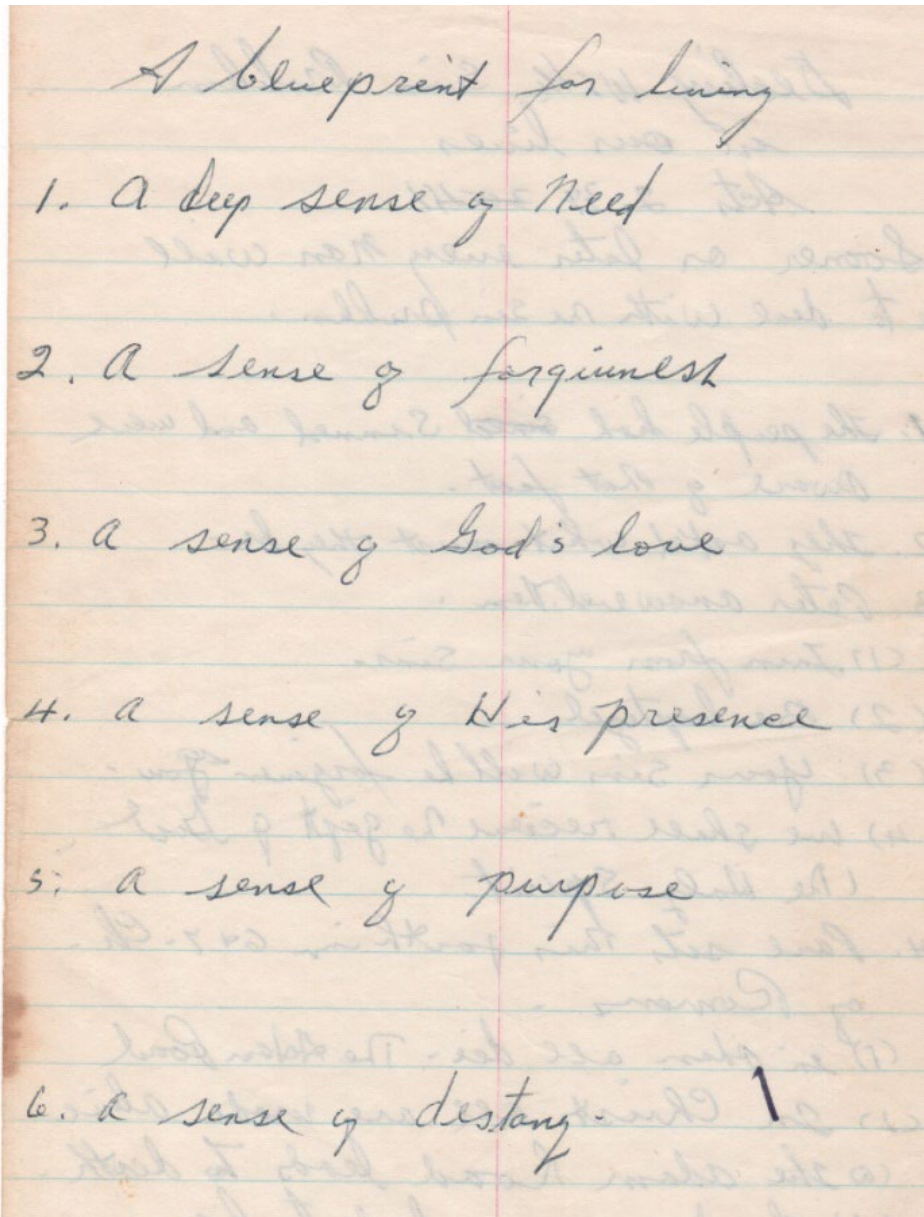
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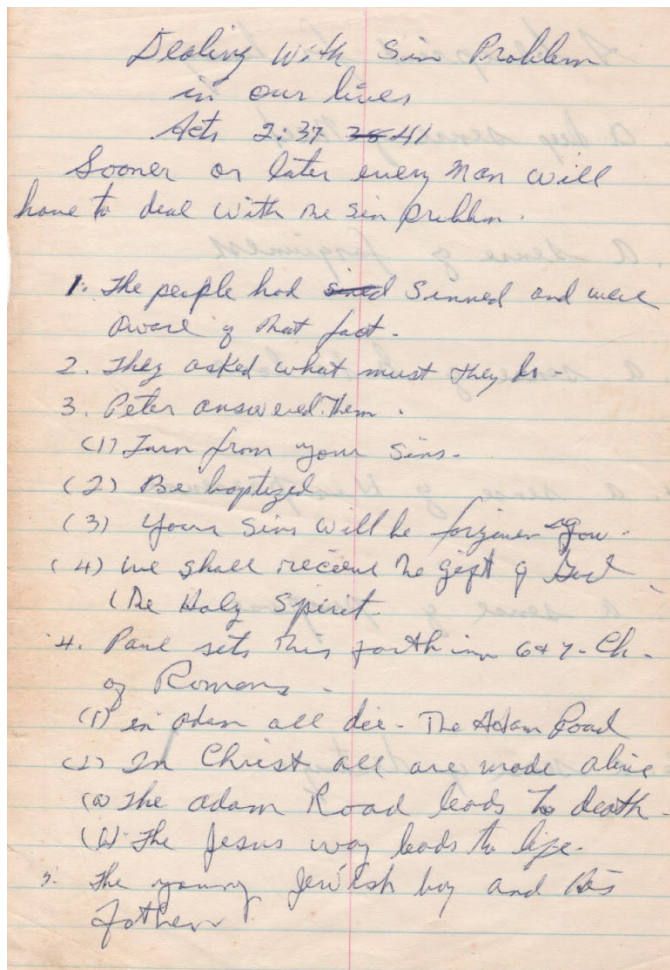
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**A blueprint for living**

1. A deep sense of need
2. A sense of forgiveness
3. A sense of God's love
4. A sense of His presence
5. A sense of purpose
6. A sense of destiny.



### Dealing with (the) sin Problem in our lives (Acts 2:37; 41)

Sooner or later, every man will have to deal with the sin problem.

1. The people had sinned, and were aware of that fact.
2. They asked what must they do.
3. Peter answered them.
  - 1) Turn from you sins
  - 2) Be baptized
  - 3) Your sins will be forgiven you.
  - 4) We shall receive the gift of God (the Holy Spirit)
4. Paul sets this forth in 6 & 7 Chapter of Romans
  - 1) In Adam, all die (the "Adam Road")
  - 2) In Christ all are made alive
    - a) The Adam Road leads to death
    - b) The Jesus way leads to life
5. The young Jewish boy and his father.

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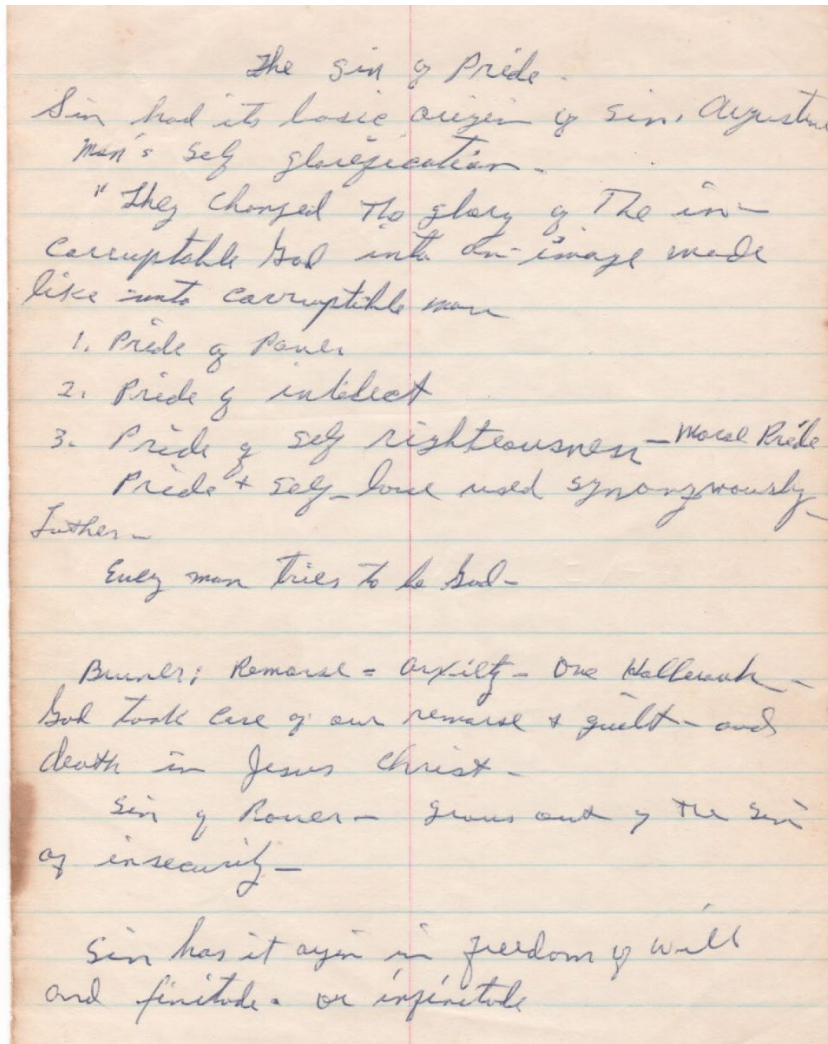
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### The Sin of Pride

Sin had its basic origin of sin. Augustine (Man's self-glorification)

"They changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made-like unto corruptible man."

1. Pride of power
2. Pride of intellect
3. Pride of self-righteousness—moral pride; pride and self-love used synonymously.

(Martin) Luther: Every man tries to be God.

(Emil) Brunner: Remorse—anxiety. One Hallelujah—God took care of our remorse and guilt—and death—in Christ Jesus.

Sin of power—grows out of the sin of insecurity.

Sin has it again in freedom of will and finitude—or infinitude.

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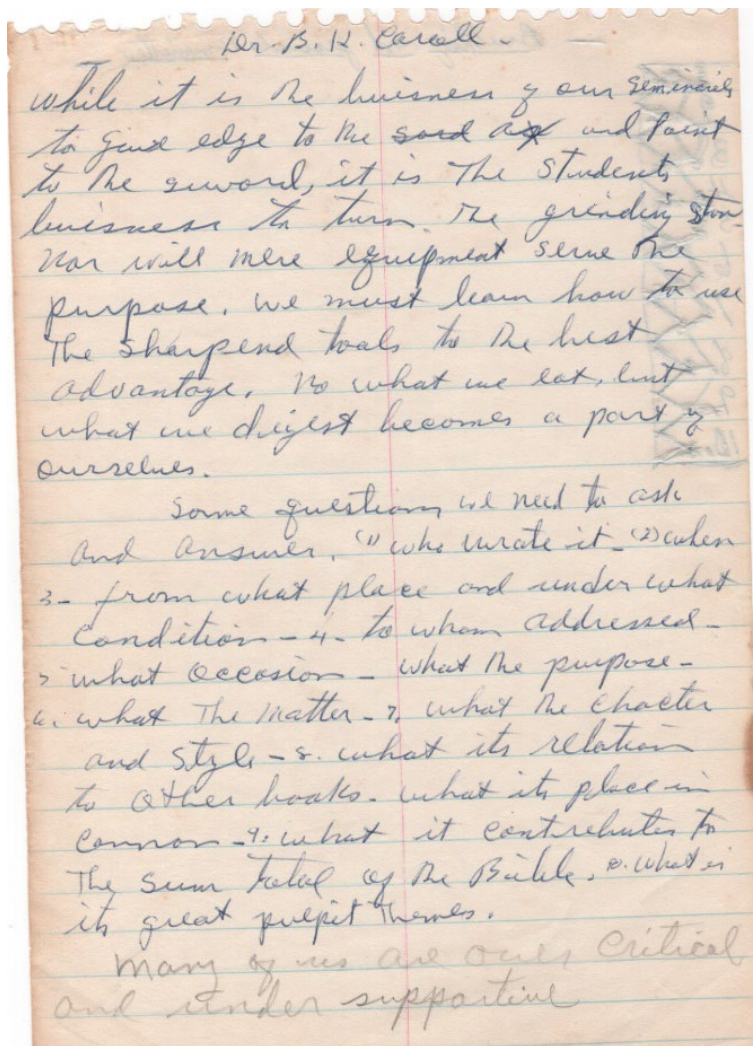
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Dr. B H. Carroll

While it is the business of our seminaries to give edge to the “Sword,” and point to the Sword, it is the students’ business to turn the grinding stone (e.g., to “sharpen”). Nor will mere equipment serve the purpose. We must learn how to use the sharpened tools to the best advantage. Not **(just)** what we eat, but what we digest, becomes a part of ourselves.

Some questions we need to ask and answer: 1) “Who wrote it; 2) when; 3) from what place and under what conditions; 4) to whom addressed; 5) what occasion—what the purpose; 6) What the matter (**e.g., “content/issues”**); 7) what the character and style; 8) what its relation to other books—what’s its place in the Canon; 9) what it contributes to the sum total of the Bible; 10) what is its great pulpit themes?

Many of us are overly critical, and under-supportive.



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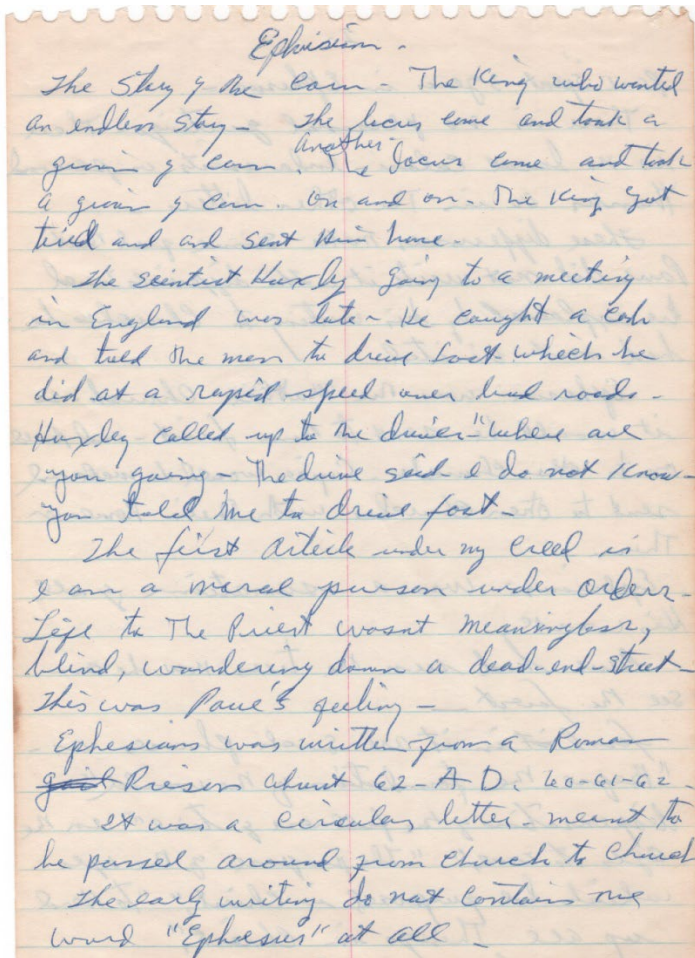
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## Ephesians

The story of the corn. The King who wanted an endless story. The locus came and took a grain of corn. Another locus came and took a grain of corn. On and on. The King got tired and sent him home. **(NOTE: I am unclear about the meaning of this "story.")**

The scientist, Huxley, going to a meeting in England, was late. He caught a cab, and told the man to drive fast, which he did at a rapid speed over level roads. Huxley called up to the driver, "Where are you going?" The driver said, "I do not know. You told me to drive fast."

The first article under my creed is, I am a moral person under orders. Life to the Priest wasn't meaningless; blind; wandering down a dead-end street. This was Paul's feeling.

Ephesians was written from a Roman prison, about 62 A.D. (60-61-62). It was a circular letter; meant to be passed around from church to church. The early writing(s) do not contain the word "Ephesus" at all.

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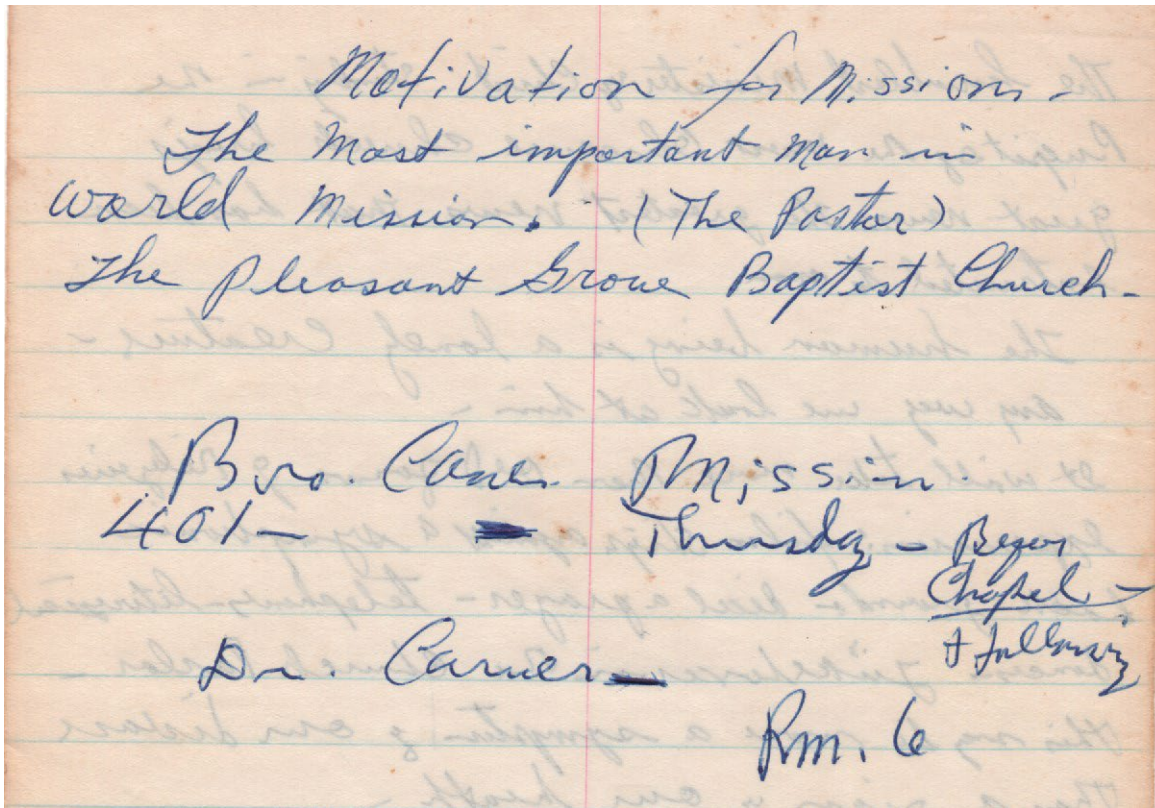
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Motivation for Missions

The most important man in world mission: (The pastor).

The Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

**( NOTE: The bottom portion on this page appears to be personal notes of some sort.)**

**Additional NOTE: "Pleasant Gove Baptist Church" was a very small, rural church in the state of Texas, where my father was part-time pastor, during his last two years at Baylor University in Waco, TX, around 1940-42. It was the church where he and my mother were married (1941), before they moved to Louisville, KY, to attend the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (before going to Nigeria in 1945).**



**Rev. McGee (above, left) and persons attending Pleasant Grove Baptist Church (the group of children on the viewer's left, may have been attending Vacation Bible School).**

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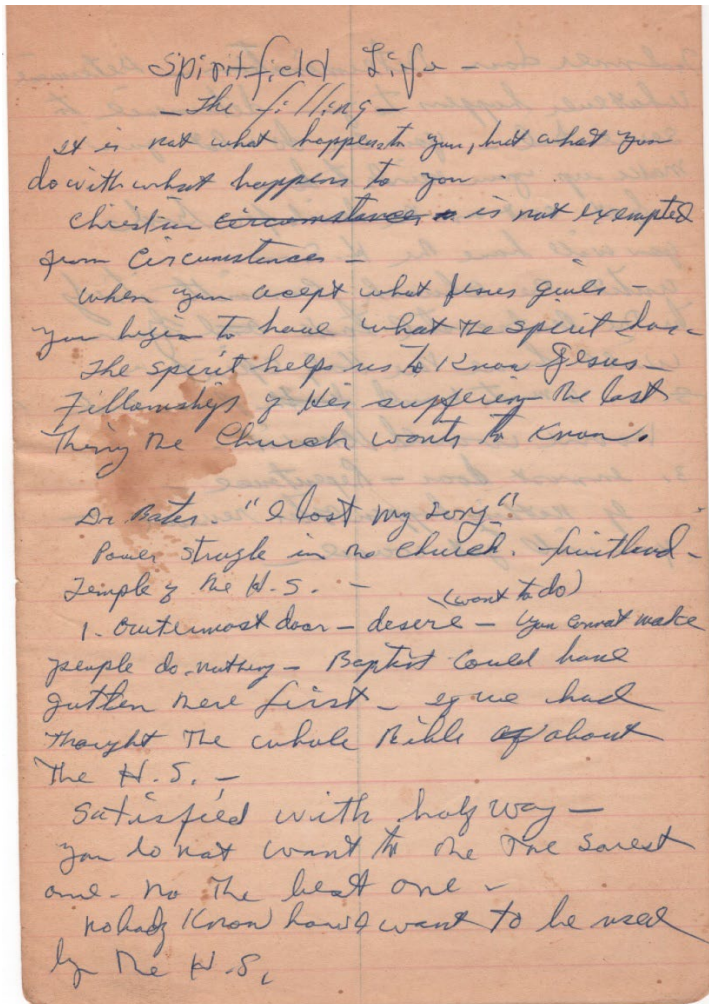
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### Spirit-filled Life (The Filling)

It is not what happened to you, but what you do with what happened to you.

Christian is not exempted from circumstances.

When you accept what Jesus gives—you begin to have what the Spirit has.

The Spirit helps us to know Jesus—(the) Fellowship of His suffering—the last thing the Church wants to know.

Dr. (Carl) Bates (**NOTE: pastor, 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC**): “I lost my song”

Paul’s struggle in the Church—firsthand—Temple of the Holy Spirit

1. “Outermost door”—desire (want to do)—you cannot make people do—nothing. Baptist could have gotten here first, if we had thought the whole Bible (is) about the Holy Spirit.

Satisfied with “half-way”—you do not want to be the (?) one. No. The best one.

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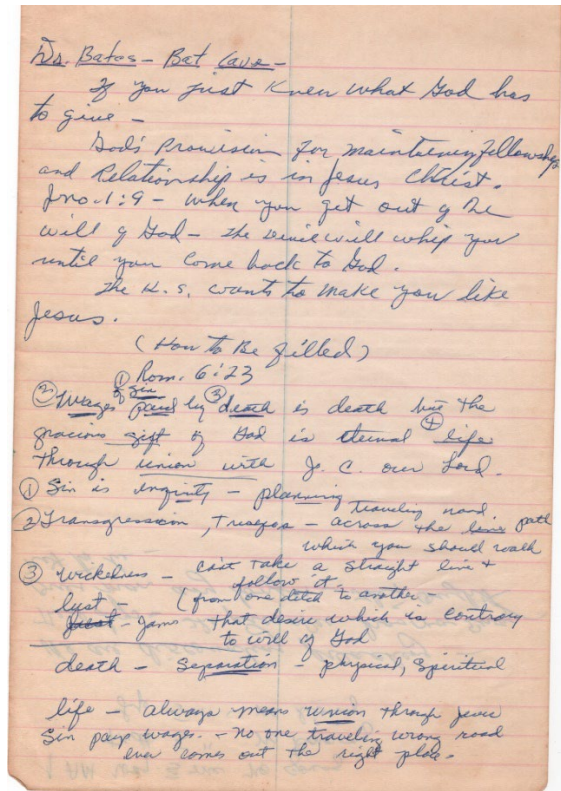
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Dr. Bates—(?)

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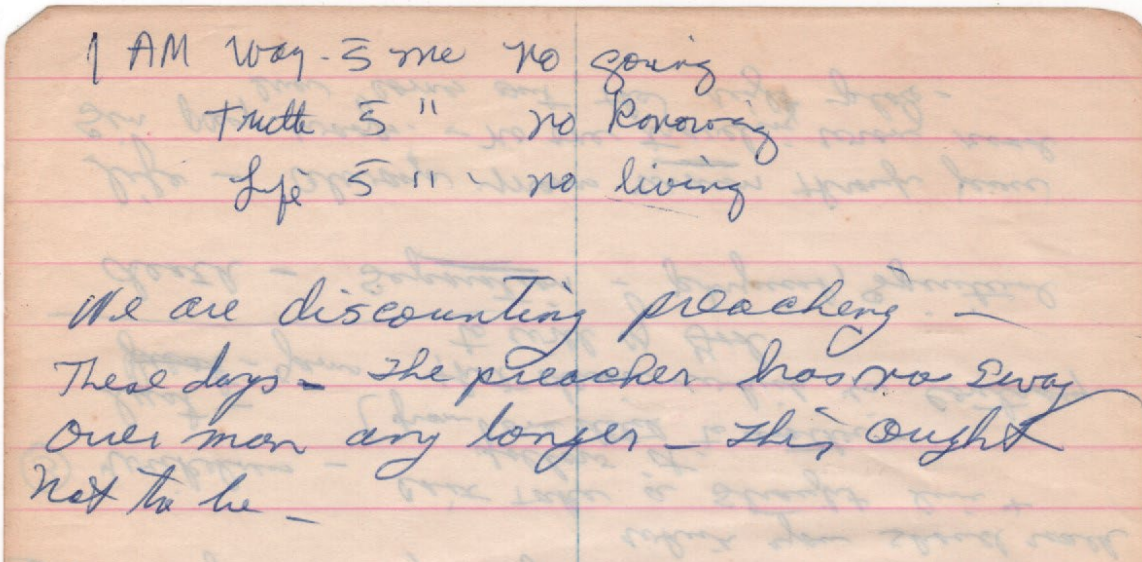
God's provision for maintaining fellowship and relationship is in Jesus Christ.  
 John 1:9 When you get out of the will of God—the Devil will whip you until you come back to God.

The Holy Spirit wants to make you like Jesus.

(How to be filled)

1. Romans 6:23
2. Wages of sin paid by
3. Death is death, but the gracious gift of God is eternal life through union with Jesus Christ our Lord.
  - 1) Sin is iniquity—planning
  - 2) Transgression –trespass—traveling (?) across the line/path which you should walk
  - 3) Wickedness—can't take a straight line and follow it; (goes) from one ditch to another  
 Lust (?) –that desire which is contrary to will of God  
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 Life—always means union through Jesus.

Sin pays wage—no one traveling wrong road ever comes out the right place.



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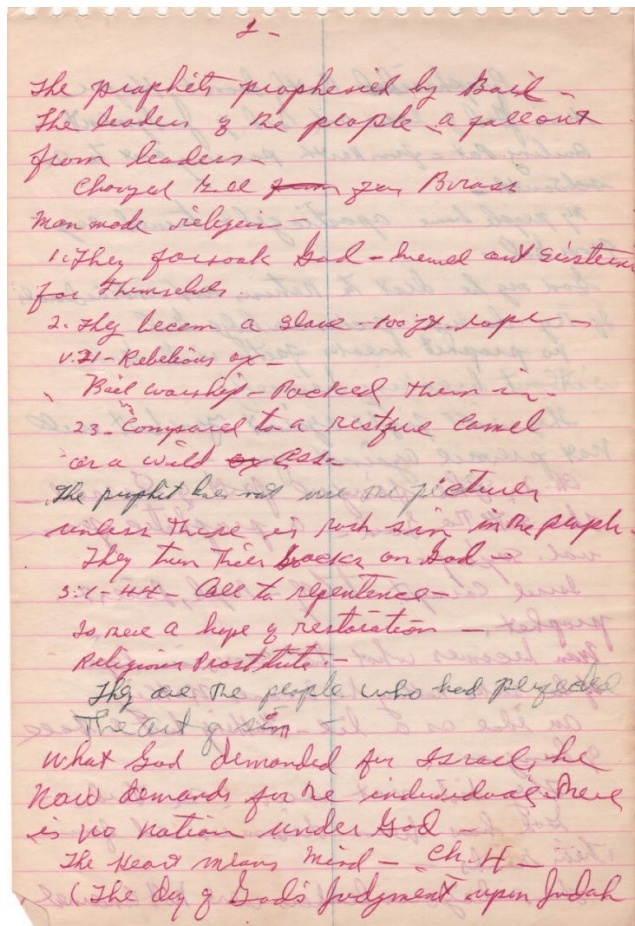
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The prophets prophesied by Baal.

The leaders of the people—a fallout from leaders.

Changed gold for brass—man made religion

1. They forsook God—hewed out sisterns (cisterns?) for themselves.

2. They became a slave—100 ft. rope

Verse 21: Rebellious—Baal worship—packed them in

Verse 23: Compared to a restful (?) camel, or a wild ass. The prophet does not use the pictures unless there is such sin in the people. They turn their backs on God.

3. 1-44: Call to repentance

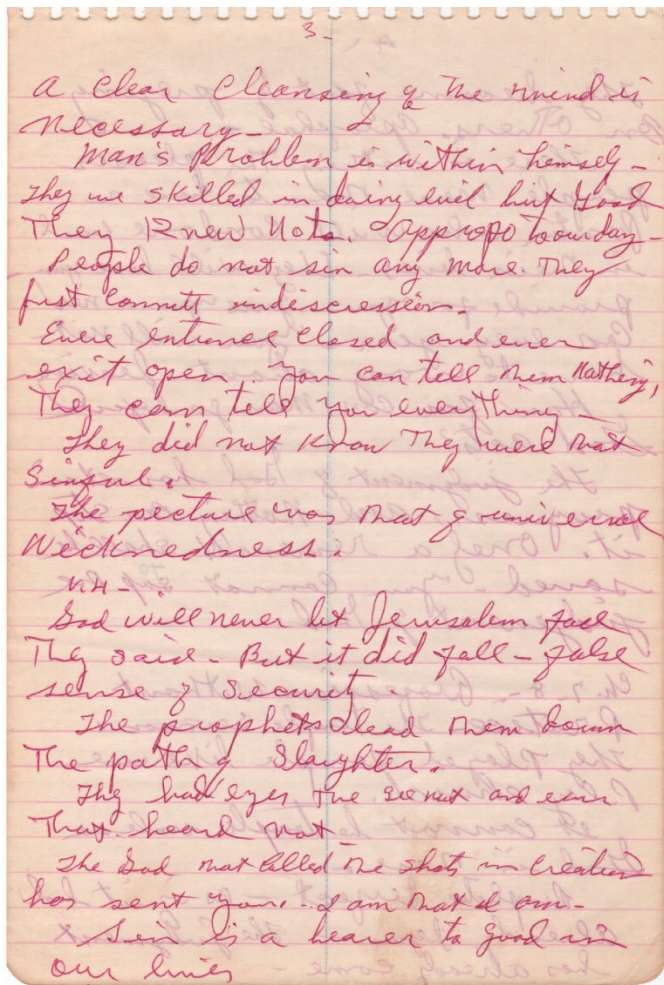
Is there a hope of restoration

Religious prostitute

They are the people who had perfected the art of sin

What God demanded for Israel, he now demands for the individual. There is no nation under God.

The heart minus (?) mind—Chapter 4 The day of God's Judgment upon Judah.



A clear cleansing of the mind is necessary

Man's problem is within himself—They are skilled in doing evil, but Good they know Not (appropo **(e.g., applies)** to our day.

People do not sin any more. They first commit indiscretion.

Every entrance closed; and every exit open. You can tell them Nothing. They can tell you everything.

They did not know they were that sinful.

The picture was that of universal wickedness.

V 4: God will never let Jerusalem fail, they said. But it did fall—false sense of security.

The prophets lead them down the path of slaughter.

They had eyes—they see not; and ears—they heard not.

The God that called the shots in Creation has sent you. "I am that I am"

Sin is a barrier to good in our lives.

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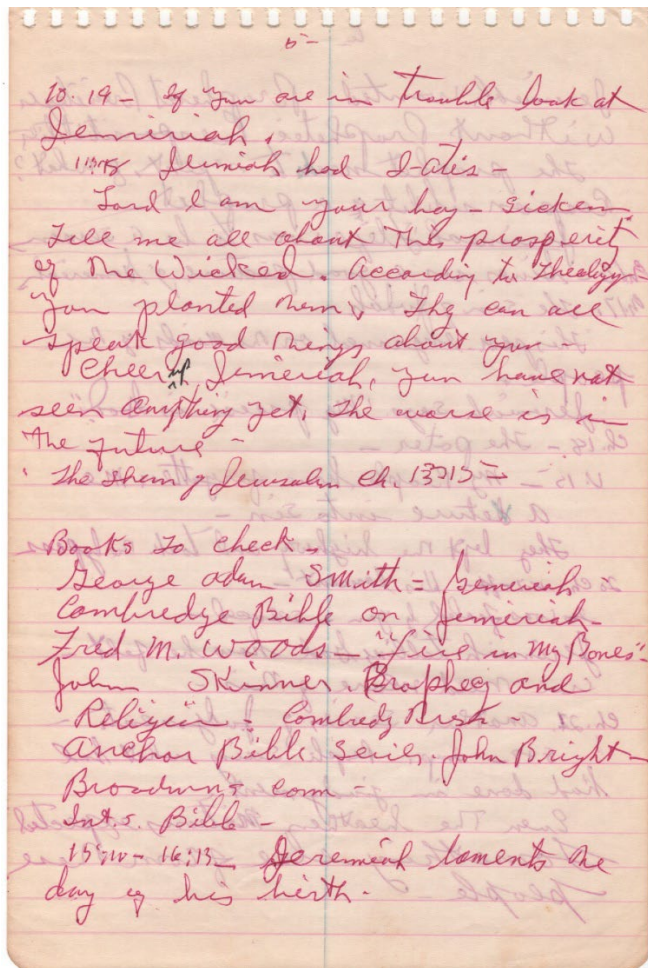
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10:19—If you are in trouble, look at Jeremiah

11:18 (?) Jeremiah had “I-atis”

Lord, I am your boy—sickness. Tell me all about the prosperity of the wicked. According to theology, you planted them. They can all speak good things about you.

Cheer up Jeremiah. You have not seen anything yet. The worse is in the future.

The shame of Jerusalem—Chapter 13 (?)

Books to check (review):

George Adam Smith: Jeremiah’

Cambridge Bible on Jeremiah

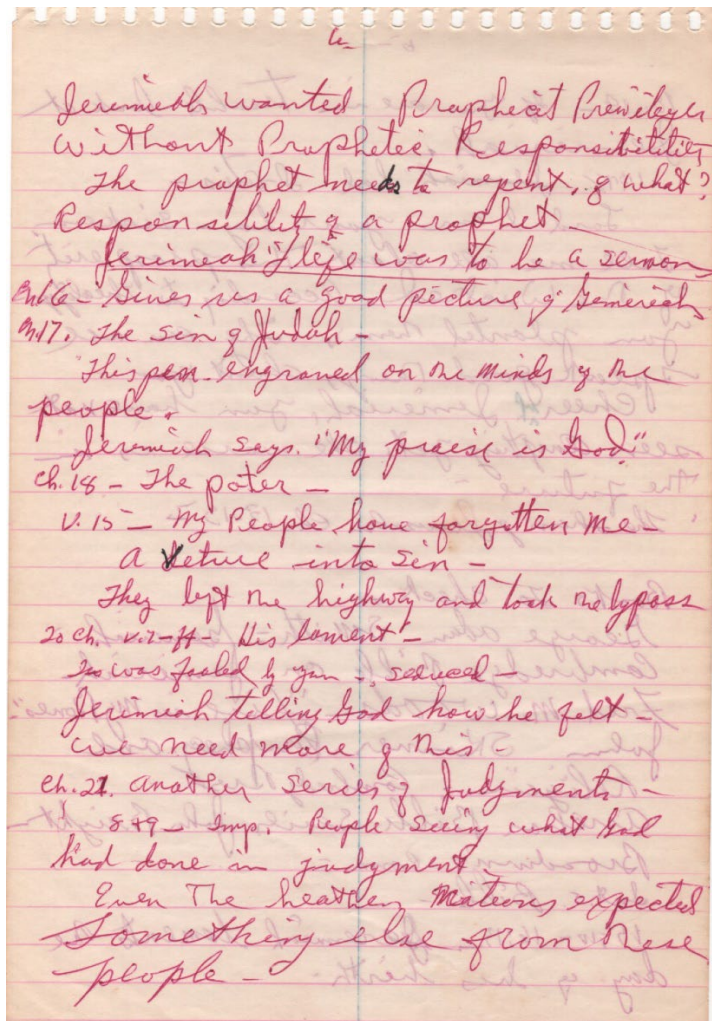
Fred M. Woods: “Fire in my Bones”

John Skinner: Prophecy and Religion (?)

Anchor Bible Series; John Bright; Broadman’s Commentary

International Study Bible

15:10—16:13: Jeremiah laments the day of his birth



Jeremiah wanted prophetic privileges without prophetic responsibilities.

The prophet needs to repent. Of what? Responsibility of a prophet.

Jeremiah's life was to be a sermon.

Chapter 16—Gives us a good picture of Jeremiah

Chapter 17—the sin of Judah This pen—engraved on the minds of the people

Jeremiah says, "My praise is God"

Chapter 18: The potter

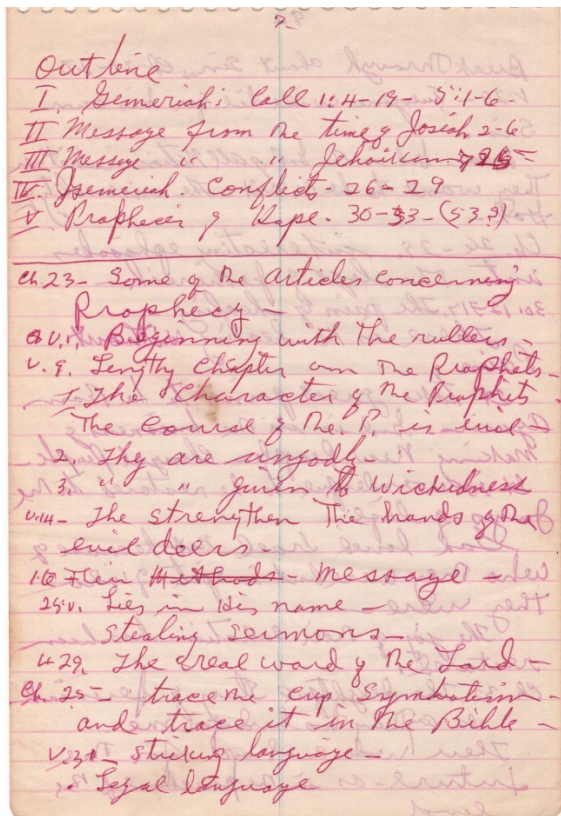
Vs. 15: My people have forgotten me; a venture into sin. They left the "highway" and took the "by-pass"

Chapter 20:7-14—His lament --(?) was fooled by you; seduced

Jeremiah telling God how he felt—we need more of this.

Chapter 21: Another series of judgments.

Vs 8-9: Important; people seeing what God had done in judgment. Even the heathen nations expected something else from these people.



**OUTLINE**

- I. Jeremiah: Call-- 1:4-19; 5:1-6
- II. Message from the time of Josiah (2:6)
- III. Message from the time of Jehoikem (25?)
- IV. Jeremiah—conflicts: 26-29
- V. Prophecies of Hope (30-33) (53?)

Chapter 23: Some of the articles concerning prophecy

V 1: Beginning with the rulers

- 1. V 9: Lengthy chapter on the prophets. The character of the prophets; the course of the prophets is evil.
- 2. They are ungodly
- 3. They are given to wickedness.

V 14: They strengthen the hands of the evildoers

V 16: Their message

V 25: Lies in His name; stealing sermons

V 29: The real word of the Lord

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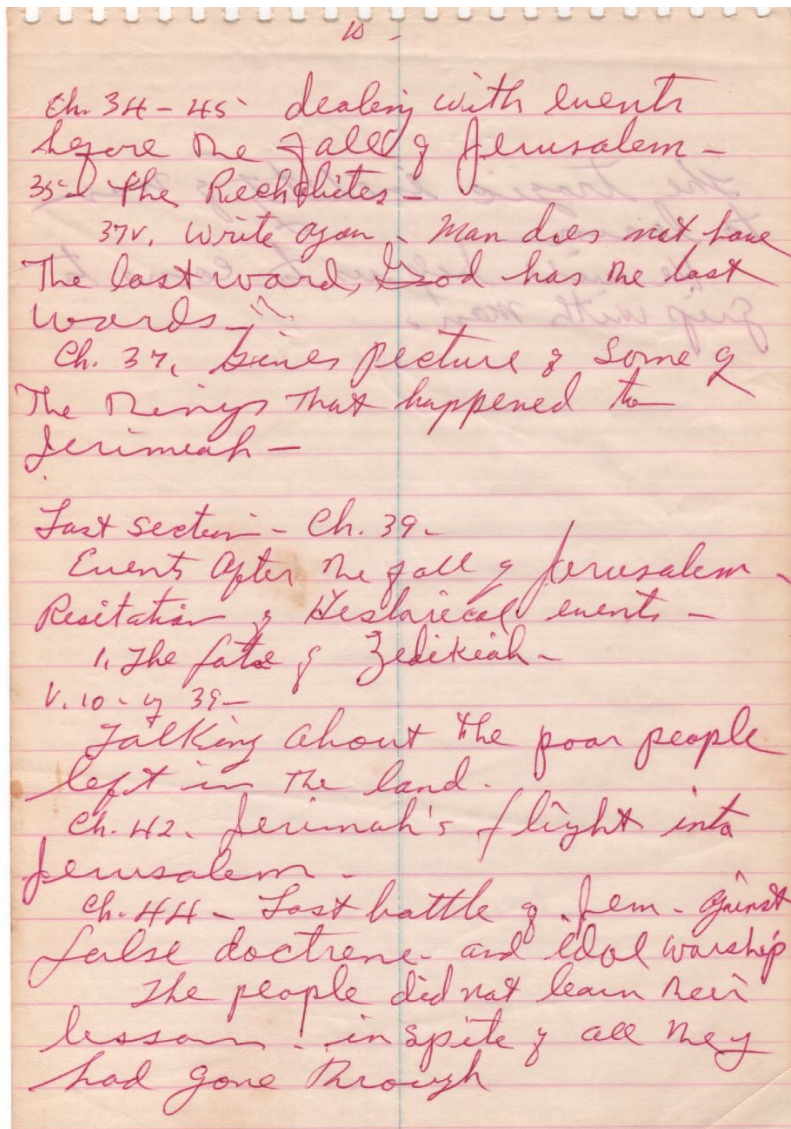
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Ch. 34—45: Dealing with events before the fall of Jerusalem.

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Ch. 37: Gives picture of some of the things that happened to Jeremiah

Last section—Ch 39

Events after the fall of Jerusalem; Recitation of historical event

1. The fate of Zedekiah

V 10: Talking about the poor people left in the land.

Ch. 42: Jeremiah's flight into Jerusalem

Ch. 44: Last battle of Jeremiah; against false doctrine—and idol worship.

The people did not learn their lesson, in spite of all they had gone through.



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Miss Bertha Smith **(NOTE: Bertha Smith passed away on June 12, 1988 at the age of 99 years old. She was a woman of prayer and one of Southern Baptist's most influential missionaries.)**

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We as Southern Baptist need the touch of the Lord. "Christ expressing himself through our personalities. A grieved Holy Spirit cannot produce the fruits of the Spirit in our lives.

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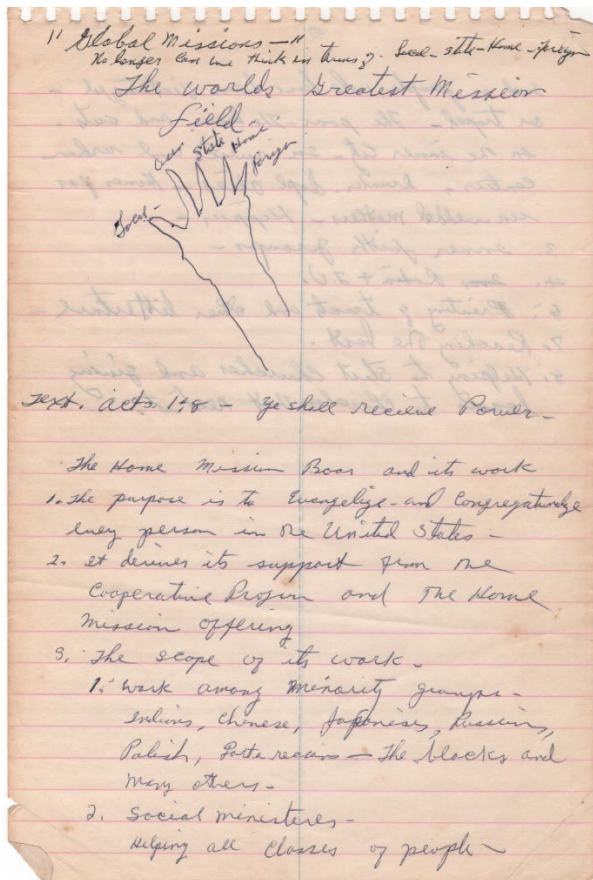
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“Global Missions” No longer can we think in terms of Local; State; Home; Foreign  
The world’s Greatest Mission Field

(Drawing of five “fingers” — Local; Association; State; Home; Foreign

Text Acts 1:8 — Ye shall receive power

The Home Mission Board and its work

1. The purpose is to evangelize—and “congregationalize” every person in the United States
2. It derives its support from the “Cooperative Program” and the Home Mission offering. **(NOTE: The “Cooperative Program” in the SBC, was developed in the early-mid 1920s, which encourages voluntary giving by each church, with a percentage of each dollar going to the five different programs, which included the various SBC programs and institutions such as seminaries; Sunday School; Training Union; publishing; etc., etc.)**
3. The scope of its work.
  - 1) Work among minority groups (Indians; Chinese; Japanese; Russians; Polish; Porto Ricans; the blacks and many others.
  - 2) Social ministries—helping all classes of people

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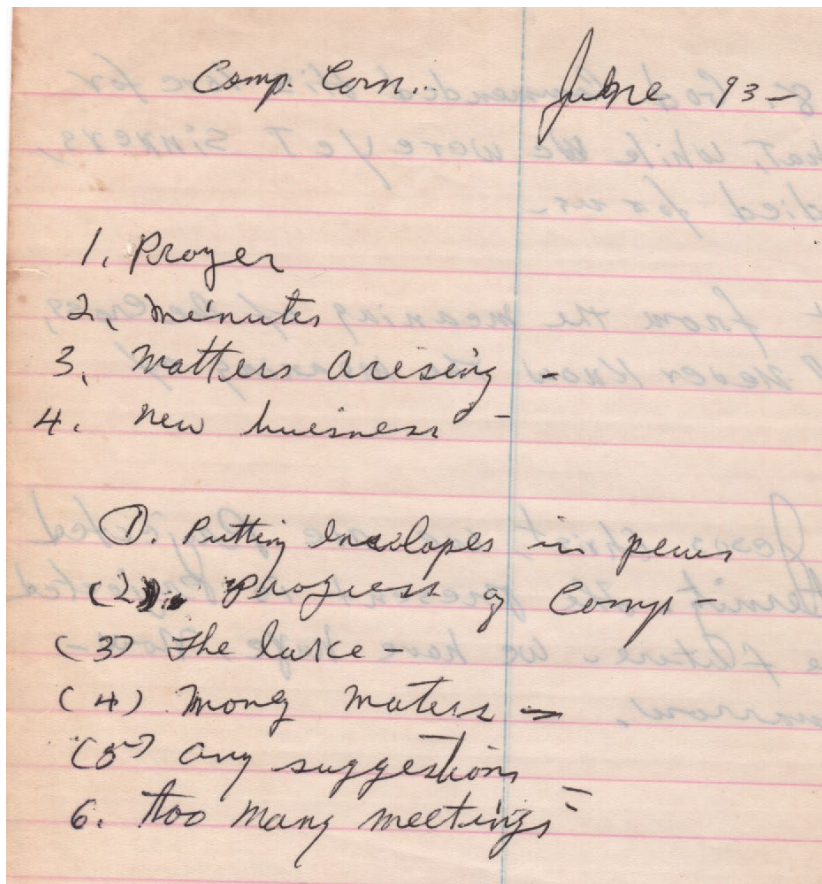
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**[Personal note (JDM): My parents, each of whom was on salary with the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, had arranged for a percentage of their pay to be kept on "savings" before they received it. In 1965, my first year of seminary, I learned that they had arranged for their savings to be used for "church-building bonds," for which they received interest when repaid. I asked my dad, "What if it doesn't get repaid?" He responded, "If it gets lost, that's HOW I would like for it to be lost!"]**



Camp Committee June, 1993

1. Prayer
2. Minutes
3. Matters arising
4. New business
  - 1) Putting envelopes in pews (**NOTE: For "camp" offerings**)
  - 2) Progress of Camp
  - 3) The lake (**NOTE: A swimming pool was built, for safer recreation**)
  - 4) Money matters
  - 5) Any suggestions?
  - 6) Too many meetings

**[NOTE: Not only did my parents have the vision for; do the building of; and manage the Nigerian Baptist Camp at "Warm Springs" Ikogosi-Ekiti (1960-74); their interest in Christian "camps" continued after their retirement in North Carolina (after returning from Nigeria in 1977). Their Western N.C., "Carolina Association," owned a struggling camp, to which my parents applied their efforts to assist. This is Dad's agenda for one of the committee meetings.]**

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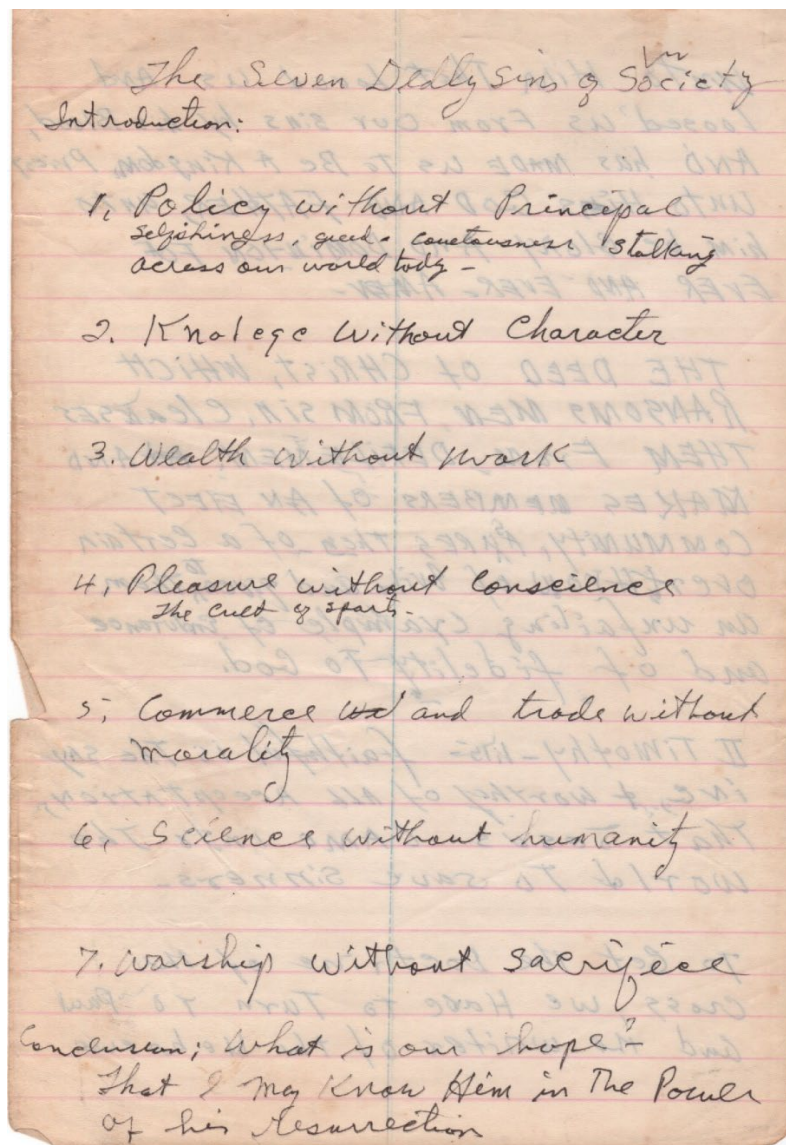
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## The Seven Deadly Sins of Society

### Introduction:

1. Policy without Principle (selfishness; greed; covetousness; (are) stalking across our world today.
2. Knowledge without character
3. Wealth without work
4. Pleasure without conscience (the "cult" of sports)
5. Commerce and trade without morality
6. Science without humanity
7. Worship without sacrifice

Conclusion: What is our hope? That I may know Him in the Power of His resurrection.



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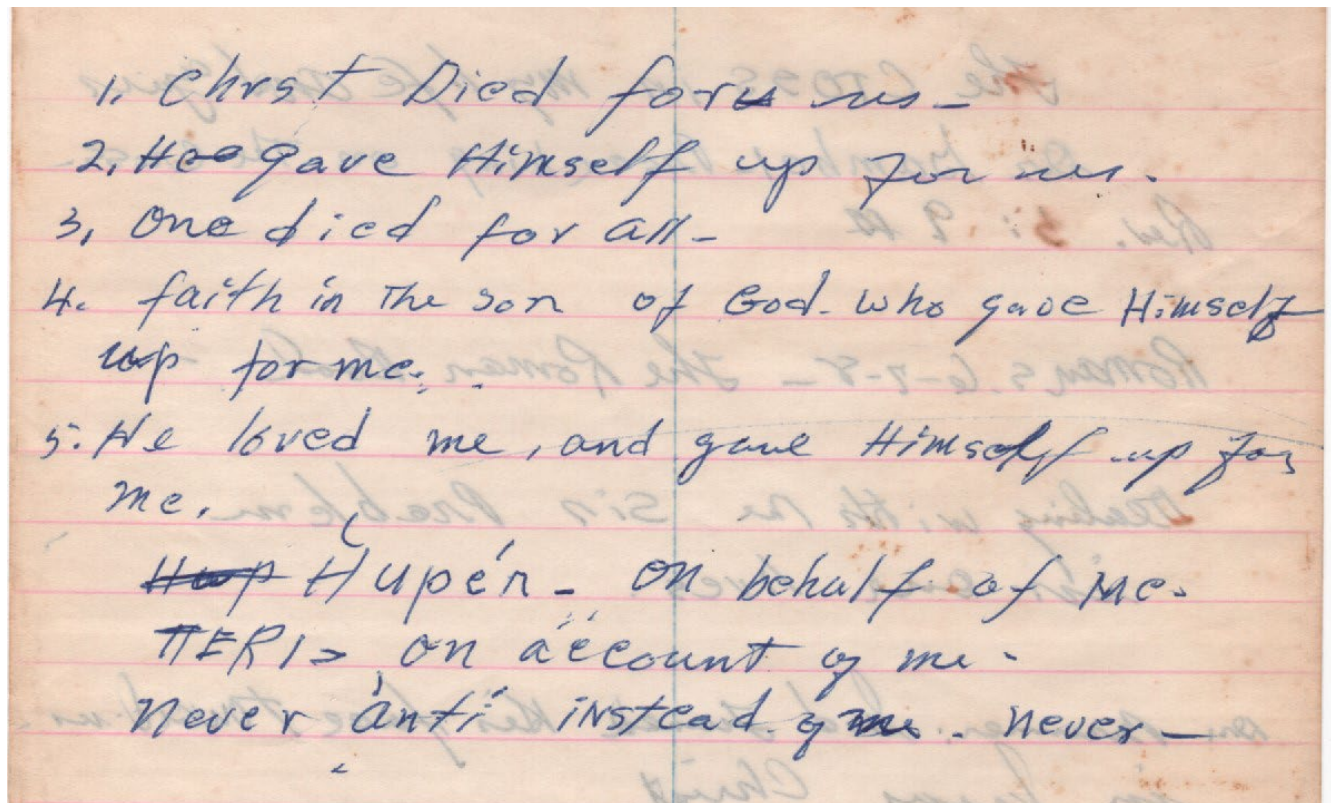
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1. Christ died for us
2. He gave Himself up for us
3. One died for all
4. Faith in the Son of God, who gave Himself up for me
5. He love me, and Himself up for me.
  - (Huper?) -on behalf of me
  - (Peri?)—on account of me (NOTE: Likely, a Greek translation)
  - Never "anti," instead of me. Never.

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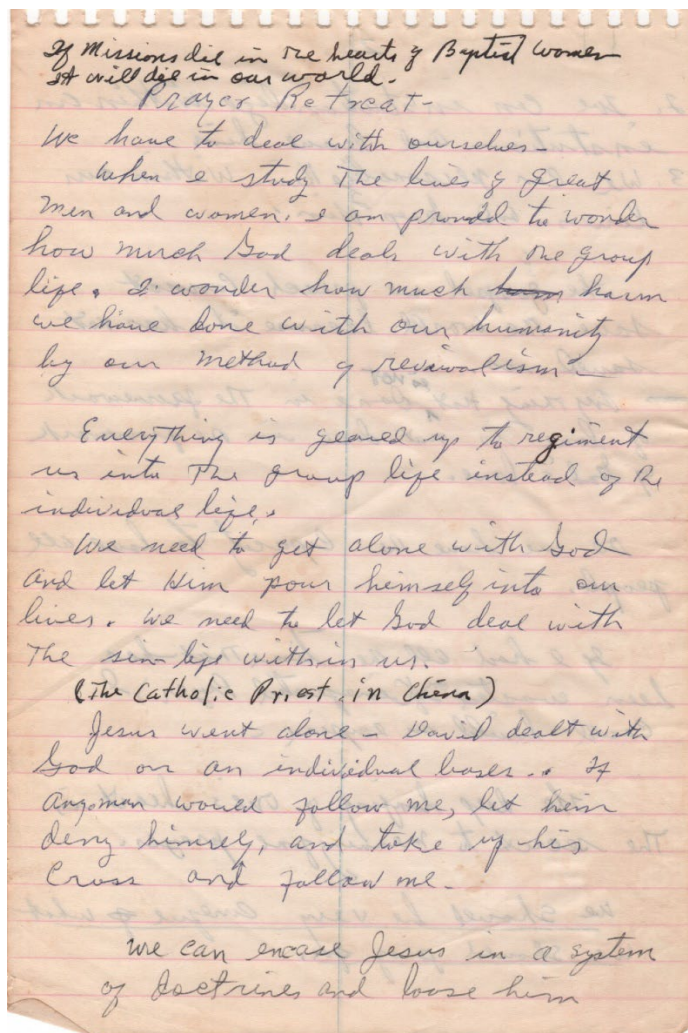
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If Missions dies in the hearts of Baptist women, it will die in our world.

### Prayer Retreat

We have to deal with ourselves.

When I study the lives of great men and women, I am prone (**e.g., likely**) to wonder how much God deals with the group life. I wonder how much harm we have done with our humanity by our method of revivalism.

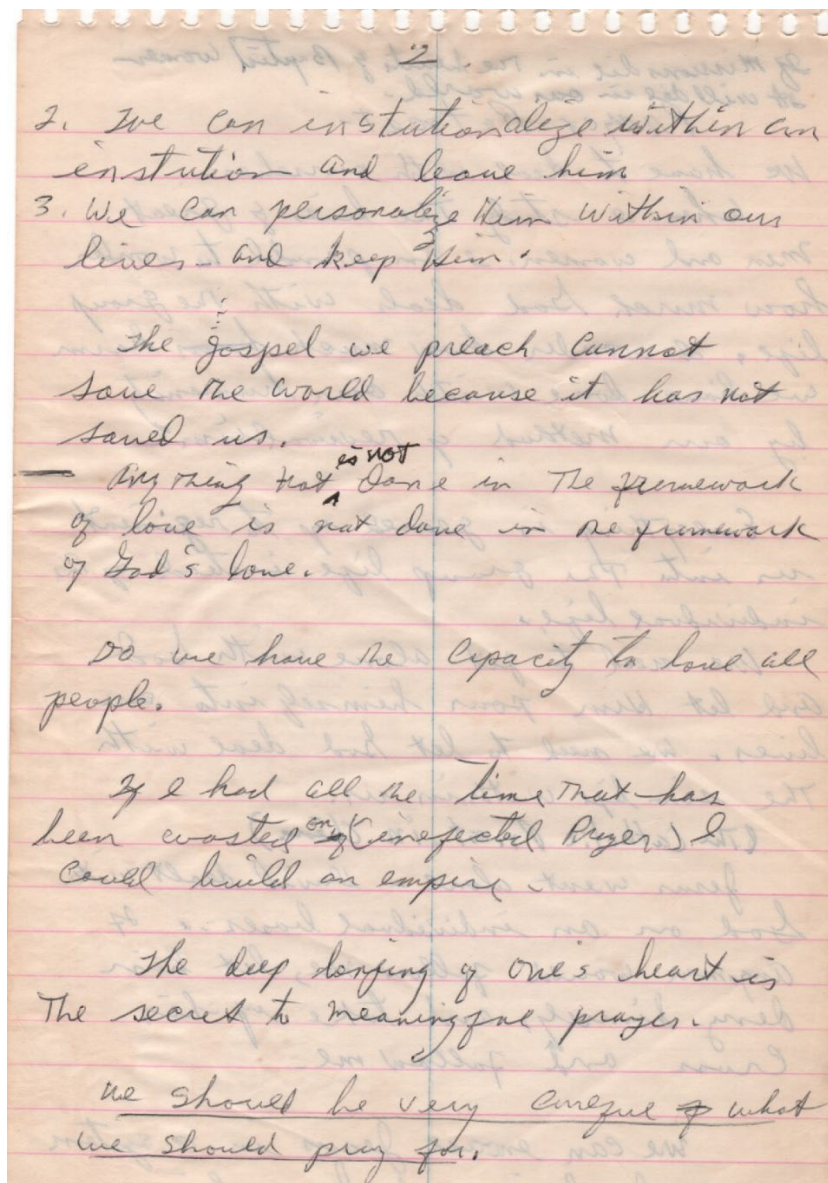
Everything is geared up to regiment us into the group life instead of the individual life.

We need to get alone with God and let Him pour Himself into our lives. We need to let God deal with the sin-life within us.

(Example) (The Catholic Priest in China)

Jesus went along—David dealt with God on an individual basis. “If any man would follow me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.”

We can encase (**e.g., “enclose”**) Jesus in a system of doctrine, and lose Him.



We can institutionalize within an institution, and leave Him.

We can personalize Him within our lives—and keep Him.

The Gospel we preach cannot save the world, because it has not saved us.

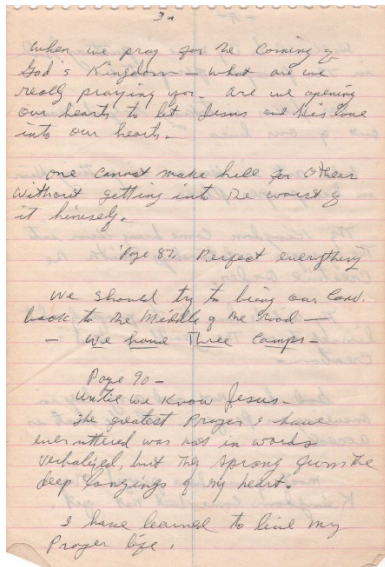
Anything that is not done in the framework of love, is not done in the framework of God's love.

Do we have the capacity to love all people.

If I had all the time that has been wasted on ineffectual prayer, I could build an empire.

The deep longing of one's heart is the secret to meaningful prayer.

We should be very careful of what we should pray for.



When we pray for the coming of God's Kingdom—what are we really praying for? Are we opening our hearts to let Jesus and His love into our hearts?

One cannot make hell for others without getting into the worst of it himself.

Page 87, "Perfect Everything." **[NOTE: This is the title of a book by J. Rufus Moseley, a Christian "mystic," who my father met before ever going to Nigeria (1945). At the age of nine, in 1952, during our furlough in the States, I met him when my dad took me to a service where Moseley spoke. I have this book from my dad, autographed, October 15, 1949. In its introduction, my dad wrote, "I never wanted to be J. R. Moseley, but I have always wanted what Moseley had. J.S.M." Page 87: "But we come back to Jesus as the example and inspiration of Perfect Prayer and Praying. He prayed and taught His disciples and still teaches the prayer and prayers of Perfect Love, Perfect Wisdom, Perfect Faith and Perfect Power. In the Sermon on the Mount, He taught His disciples and He is still teaching them to pray for God's perfect will of limitless love and good-will and good sense to triumph on earth as they have already triumphed in the heaven."]**

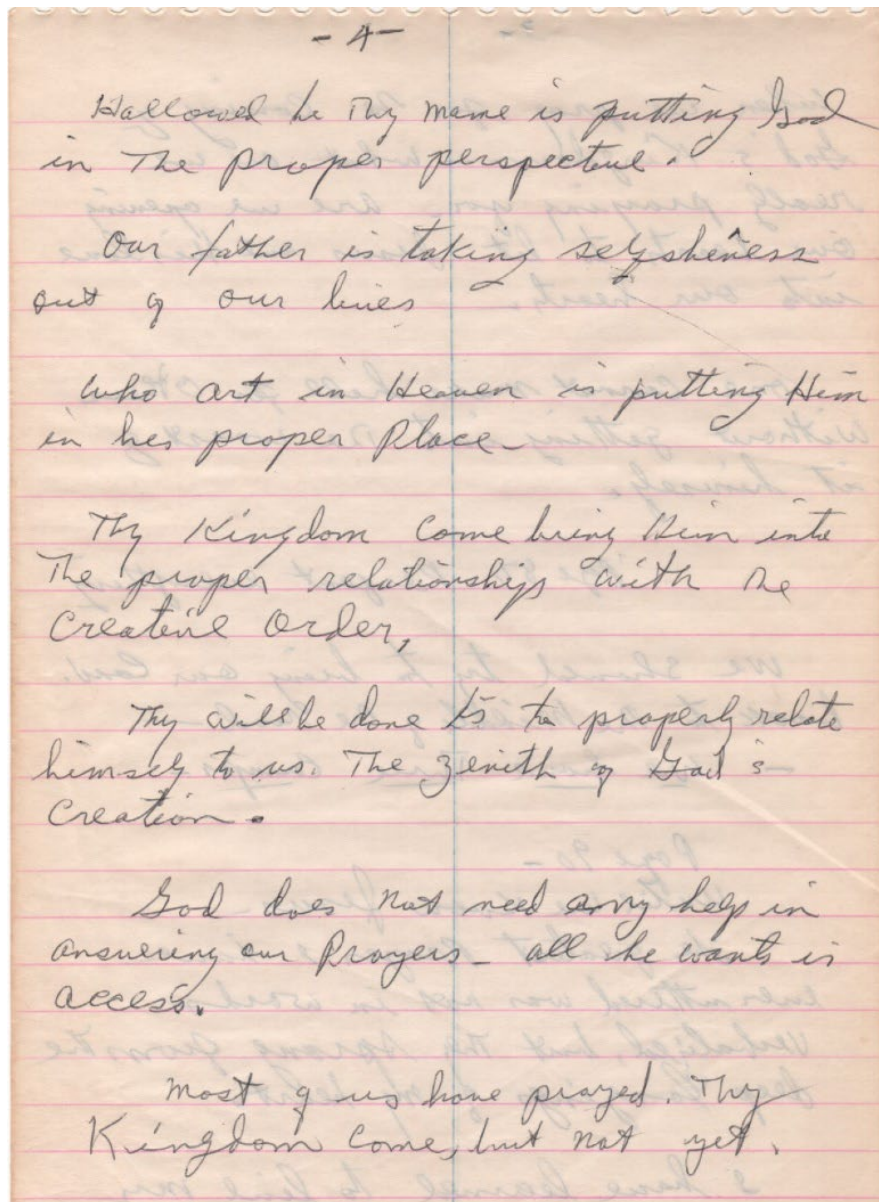
We should try to bring our conv(ersation?) back to the middle of the road. We have three camps.

Page 90: Until we know Jesus—the greatest prayer I have ever uttered was not in words verbalized, but they sprang from the deep longings of my heart.

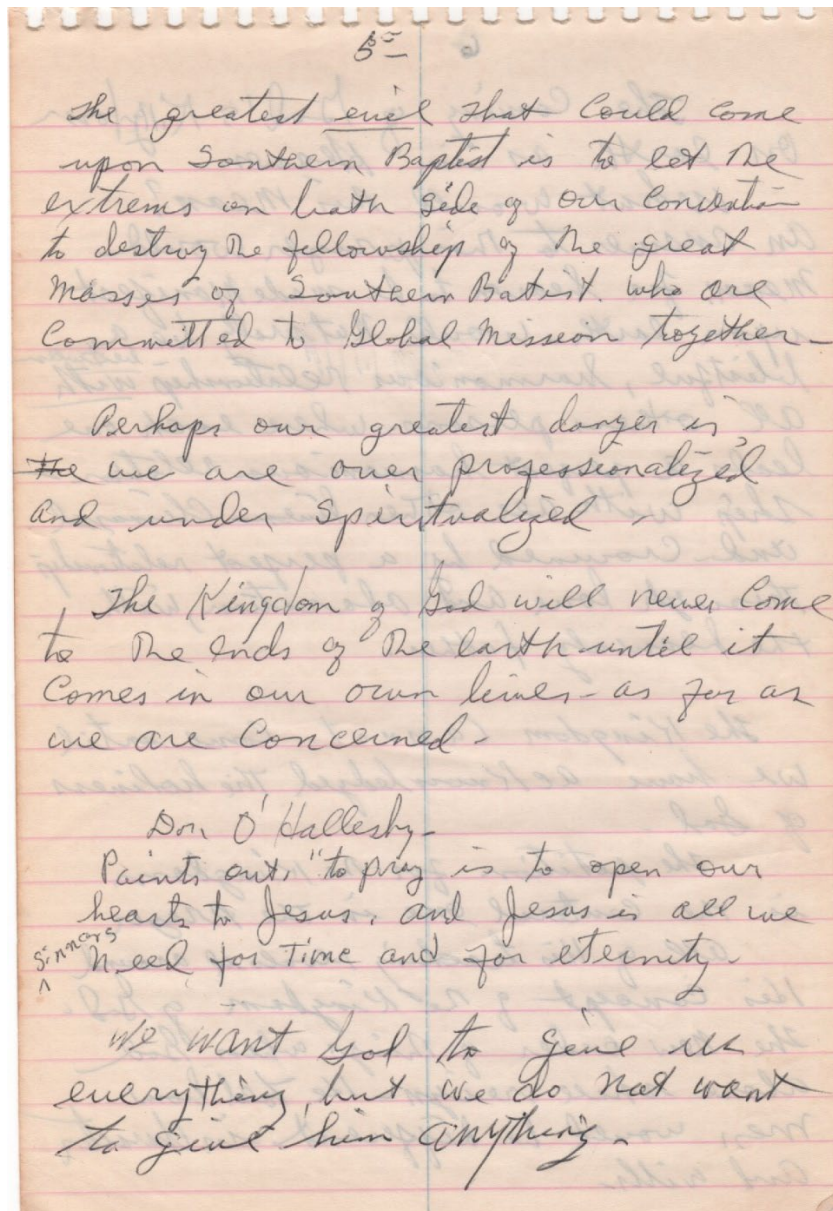
I have learned to live my prayer life.

**(NOTE: Page 90: "We do not get our prayers answered because we attach to them the empty phrase "in the name of Jesus," but because we are His and are seeking to live and pray and do everything in His spirit and in His love and under His leadership.")**





- “Hallowed by thy name,” is putting God in the proper perspective.
- “Our Father,” is taking selfishness out of our lives.
- “Who art in Heaven,” is putting Him in his proper place.
- “Thy Kingdom come,” brings Him into the proper relationship with the creative order.
- “Thy will be done,” is to properly relate Himself to us—the zenith (**e.g., height**) of God’s creation.
- God does not need any help in answering our prayers. All He wants is access.
- Most of us have prayed, “Thy Kingdom come, but not yet!”



The greatest evil that could come upon Southern Baptists is to let the extremes on both sides of our Convention, to destroy the fellowship of the great masses of Southern Baptists who are committed to Global Missions together.

Perhaps our greatest danger is that we are over-professionalized and under-spiritualized.

The Kingdom of God will never come to the ends of the earth, until it comes in our own lives—as far as we are concerned.

Dr. O'Hallesby: Points out, "...to pray is to open our hearts to Jesus, and Jesus is all we sinners need for time and for eternity.

We want God to give us everything, but we do not want to give Him anything.

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The Coming of God's Kingdom  
on earth as in Heaven.

What would this mean?

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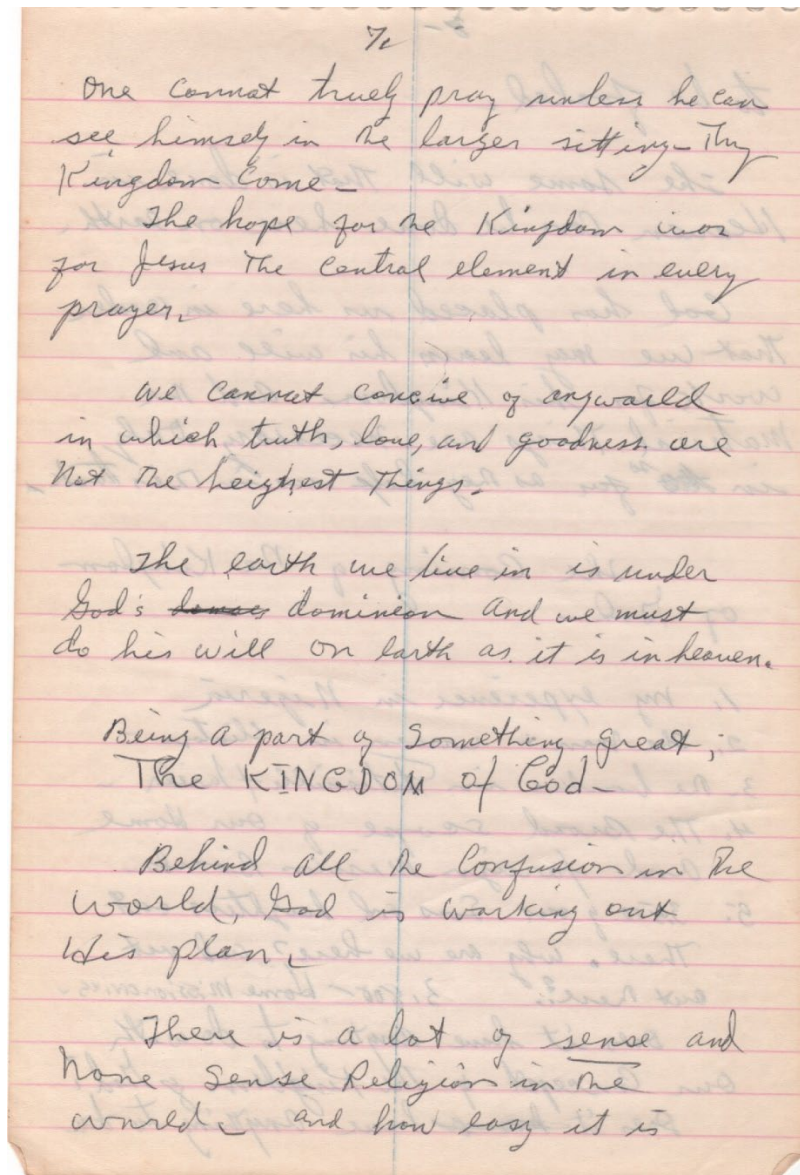
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The earth we live in is under God's dominion, and we must do His will on earth, as it is in heaven.

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3. The banker in Titusville, Florida -
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S.B. Convention-

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Southern Baptist Convention—It is not to see how close we can come to the cliff (**e.g., before falling over the edge**), but how far we can get from it.

Get thee behind me, Satan—and push (**Note: sarcasm**)

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Bring us not into temptation is not  
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C. S. Lewis in *Screwtape  
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(**Example**) C. S. Lewis in, "**Screwtape Letters**"

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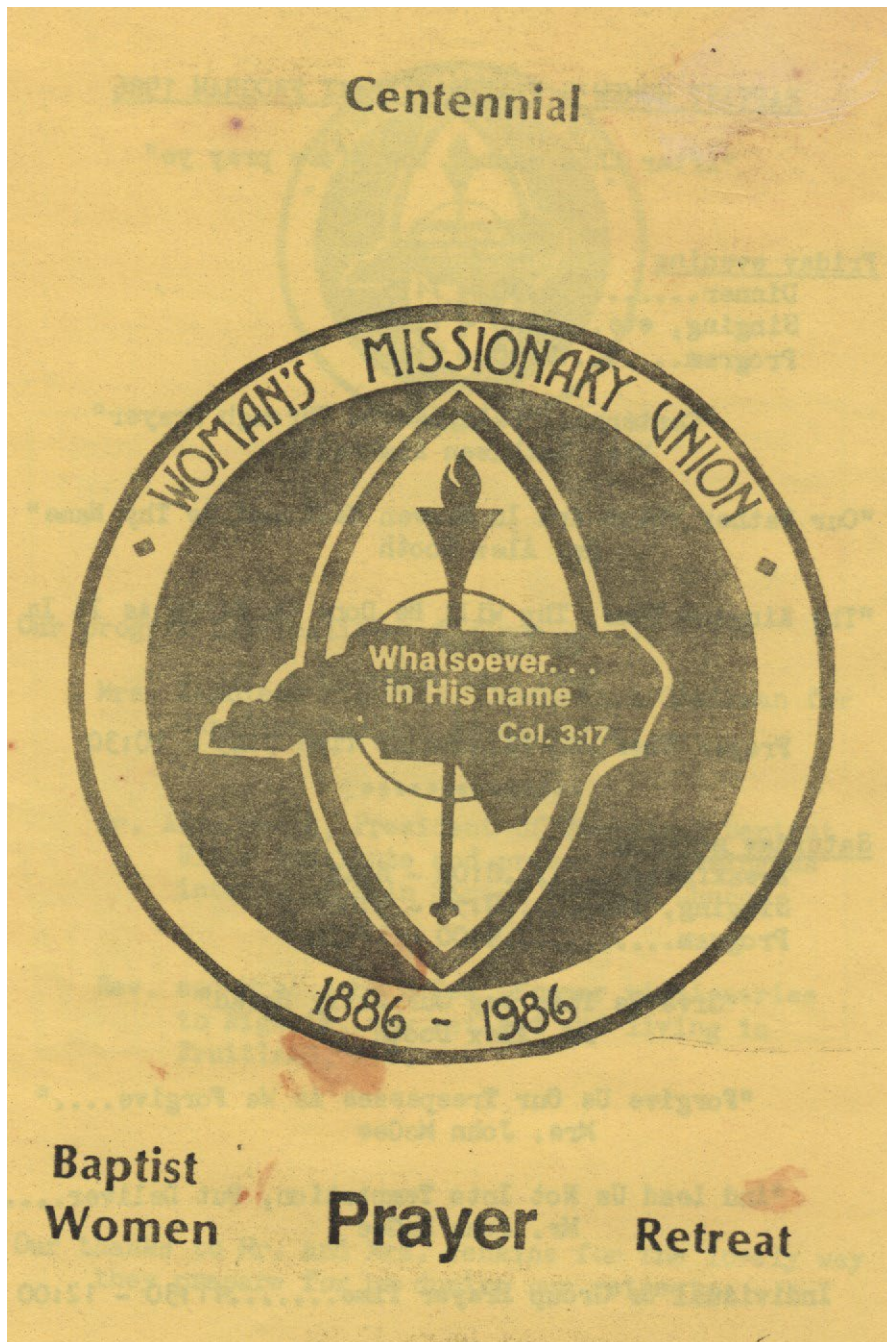
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(NOTE: This, and the following page, are a bulletin (service program) from a W. M. U. program (1986), which features (see next page) two devotional presentations from my father, for which he likely had been preparing in the several pages of notes prior to this.)

BAPTIST WOMEN'S PRAYER RETREAT PROGRAM 1986

"After this manner therefore pray ye"

Friday evening

Dinner.....6:30 - 7:15  
Singing, etc...7:20 - 7:30  
Program.....7:30 - 9:45

"Centennial Celebration Through Prayer"  
Mrs. Kathleen Kimbrell

"Our Father Which Art In Heaven Hallowed Be Thy Name"  
Dr. Alex Booth

"Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done On Earth As It Is  
In Heaven"  
Rev. John McGee

Prayer Time and Fellowship Time 9:45 - 10:30

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Saturday morning

Breakfast;.....8:00 - 8:45  
Singing, etc.....8:50 - 9:00  
Program.....9:00 - 11:30

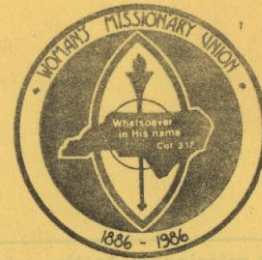
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Dr. Alex Booth

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"And Lead Us Not Into Temptation, But Deliver...."  
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Individual or Group Prayer Time.....11:30 - 12:00

Lunch and Leave 12:00



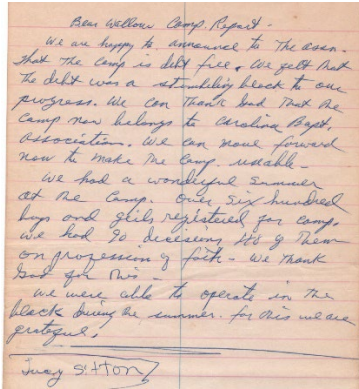
Our program personalities include.....

Mrs. Kathleen Kimbrell, Centennial Chairman for  
Carolina Baptist Association.

Dr. Alex Booth, President of Fruitland Baptist  
Bible Institute and presently serving as  
interim of Main Street Baptist Church.

Rev. and Mrs. John McGee, former missionaries  
to Nigeria, now retired and living in  
Fruitland, N.C.

Our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins for the lovely way  
they prepare for us during our retreats.



**Bear Wallow Camp Report**

**(NOTE: "Bear Wallow" was the name of the Baptist Association camp, which my parents were attempting to help develop. The name "wallow" comes from: (chiefly of large mammals) roll about or lie relaxed in mud or water, especially to keep cool, avoid biting insects, or spread scent ).**

We are happy to announce to the Association that the camp is debt free. We felt that the debt was a stumbling block to our progress. We can thank God that the camp now belongs to the Carolina Baptist Association. We can move forward now to make the camp useable.

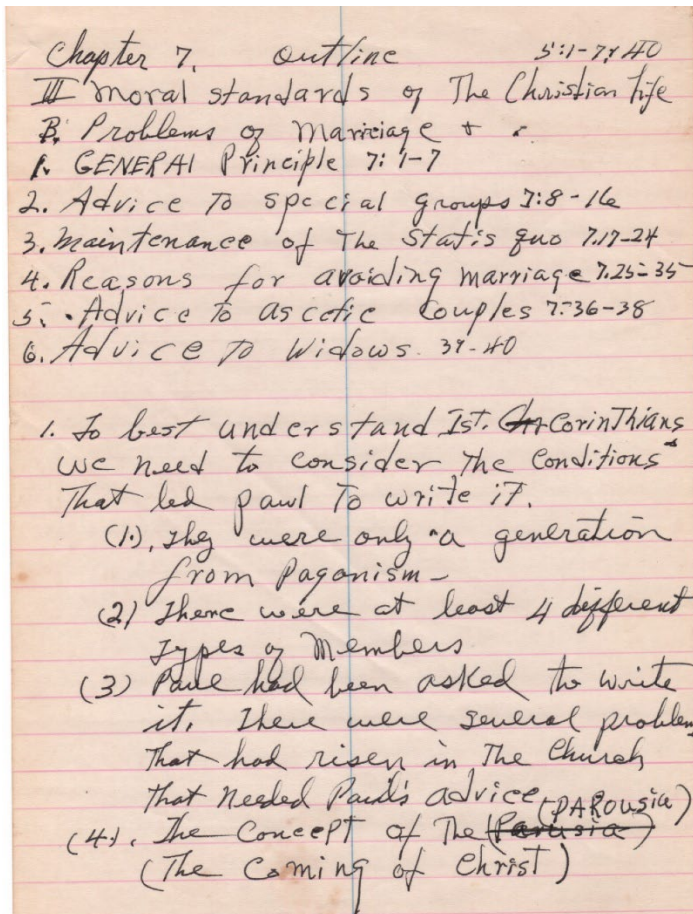
We had a wonderful summer at the camp. Over six-hundred boys and girls registered for camp. We had 90 decisions; 40 of them on profession of faith. We thank God for this. We were able to operate in the black (e.g., without debt) during the summer. For this we are grateful.

Lucy Sitton (Note: someone's name)

**[Personal Note (JDM): The way the camp became "debt free," was that 25 acres of undeveloped land was sold to raise money. To avoid the land being lost to the camp, my parents purchased it, with the idea that if the camp endured, they would sell back the land to the Association, if needed. For the following years, my dad used it to make a second garden (he always loved to "farm"); and cut the dead/dying trees, which they used for firewood, to help heat their house during the cold, winter months.]**



My father, working his garden at Baptist Mission, Igede-Ekiti



## Chapter 7 Outline First Corinthians, Chapters 5:1—7: 40

### III Moral standards of the Christian Life

#### B. Problems of marriage

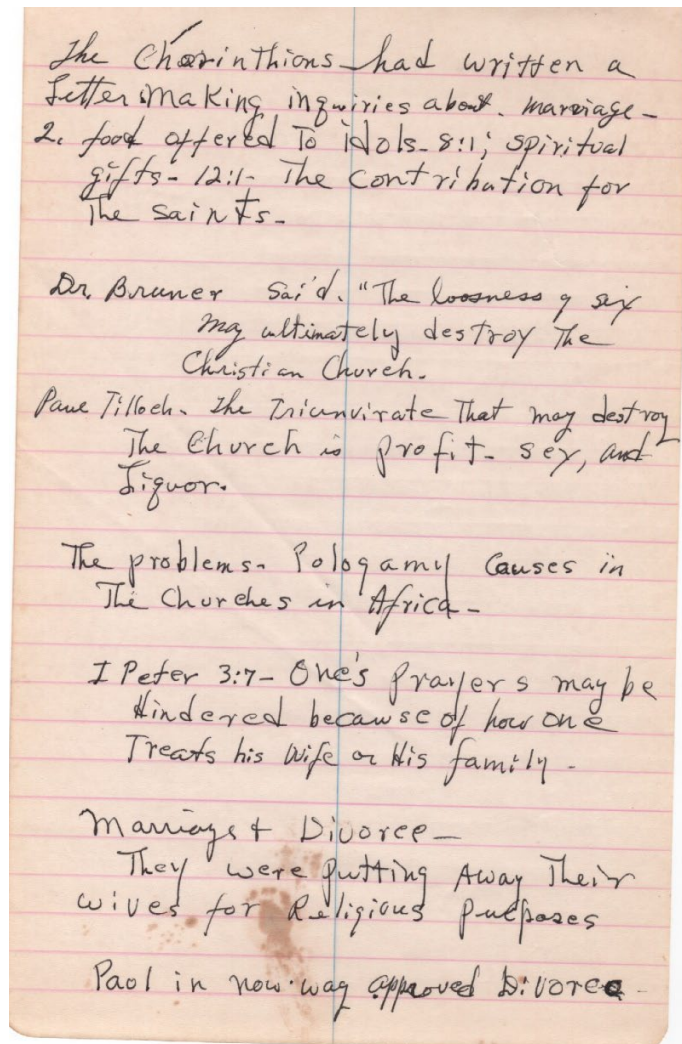
1. General Principles 7:1-7
2. Advice to special groups &: 8-16
3. Maintenance of the status quo 7:17-24
4. Reasons for avoiding marriage 7:25-35
5. Advice to ascetic couples 7:36-38
6. Advice to widows 37-40

1. To best understand 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, we need to consider the conditions that led Paul to write it.

- 1) They were only a generation from paganism
- 2) There were at least four (4) different types of members
- 3) Paul had been asked to write it. There were several problems that had arisen in the church, that needed Paul's advice.

4) The concept of "Parousia" (**Greek word, referring to**) The Coming of Christ





The Corinthians had written a letter making inquiries about:

1. Marriage
2. Food, offered to idols (8:1); spiritual gifts (12:1); and, the contribution for the **saints (NOTE: In support of the church at Jerusalem, which was struggling).**

Dr. (Emil) Bruner said, "The looseness of sex may ultimately destroy the Christian church."

Paul Tillich: The "triumvirate" that may destroy the church is profit; sex, and liquor.

The problems polygamy causes in the churches in Africa.

1 Peter 3:7: One's prayers may be hindered because of how one treats his wife or his family.

Marriage and divorce: They were putting away their wives for religious purposes.

Paul in no way approved divorce.

Divorce may not be the worst thing -  
What caused it may be the worst -  
What about mixed marriage?  
Should a person marry an unbeliever -

Paul did not discourage marriages or did he discourage Celibacy -  
He did however consider Celibacy marriage a second best.

If Celibacy is a gift well and good.

If one does not have this gift let him or her marry.

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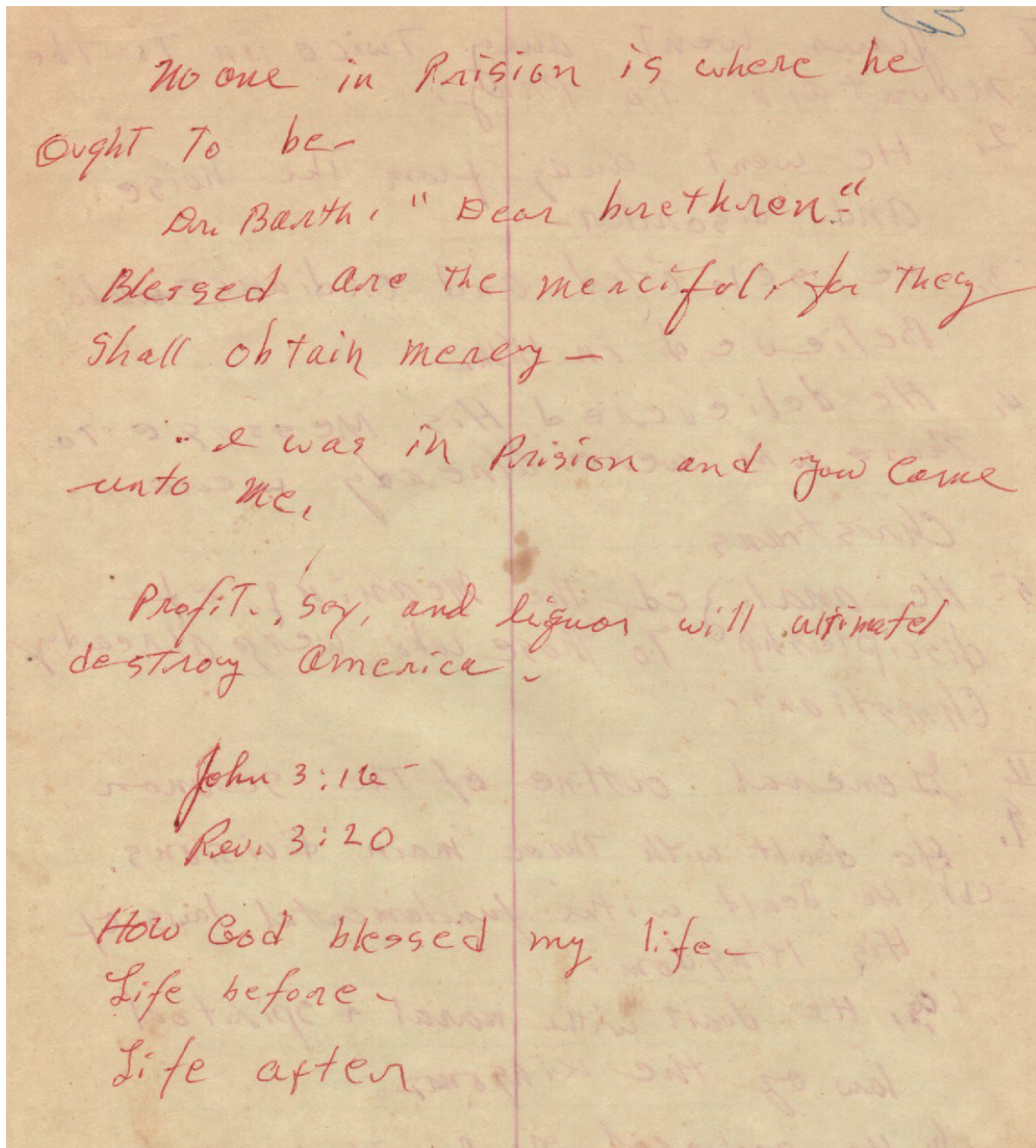
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NO one in prison is where he ought to be.

Dr. (Karl) Barth: "Dear Brethren" Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

"I was in prison, and you came unto me."

Profit, sex, and liquor will ultimately destroy America.

John 3:16

Revelation 3:20

How God blessed my life. Life before; life after.

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2. He went away from the noise and disorder.
3. He selected and ordained those who believed in Him.
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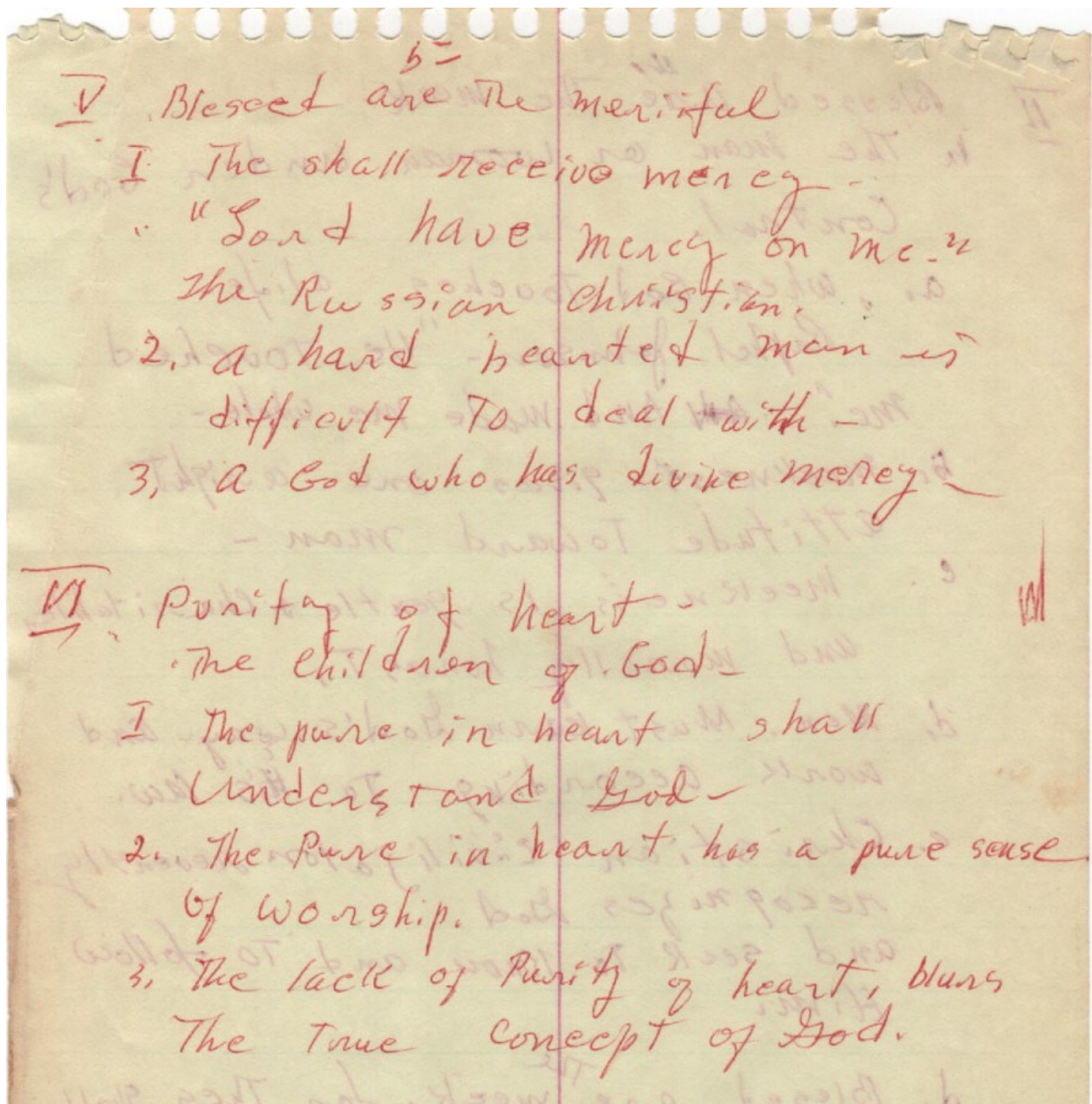
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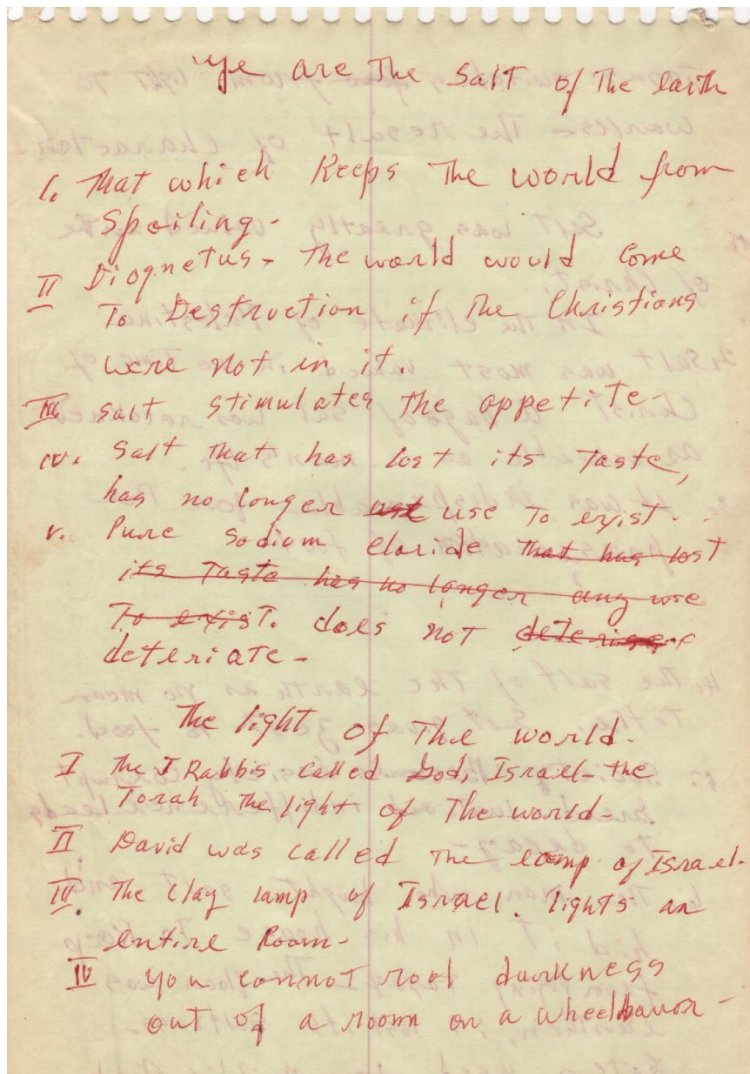
V Blessed are the merciful

1. They shall receive mercy. "Lord have mercy on me" The Russian Christian.
2. A hard-hearted man is difficult to deal with.
3. A God who has divine mercy.

VI. Purity of heart: The children of God

1. The pure in heart shall understand God
2. The pure in heart have a pure sense of worship
3. The lack of purity of heart blurs the true concept of God.





### Ye are the Salt of the Earth

1. That which keeps the world from spoiling.
- II Diognetus—The world would come to destruction if the Christians were not in it.
- III. Salt stimulates the appetite
- IV. Salt that has lost its taste, has no longer use to exist.
- V. Pure Sodium Chloride does not deteriorate.

### The Light of the world

- I. The Jewish rabbis called God (for) Israel, the Torah as the light of the world.
- II. David (**Note: Second King of Israel**) was called the “lamp” of Israel.
- III. The clay lamp of Israel lights an entire room
- IV. You cannot roll drunkenness out of a room on a wheelbarrow

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4. Society becomes easily corrupt; greed; lust and indifference lead to decay.
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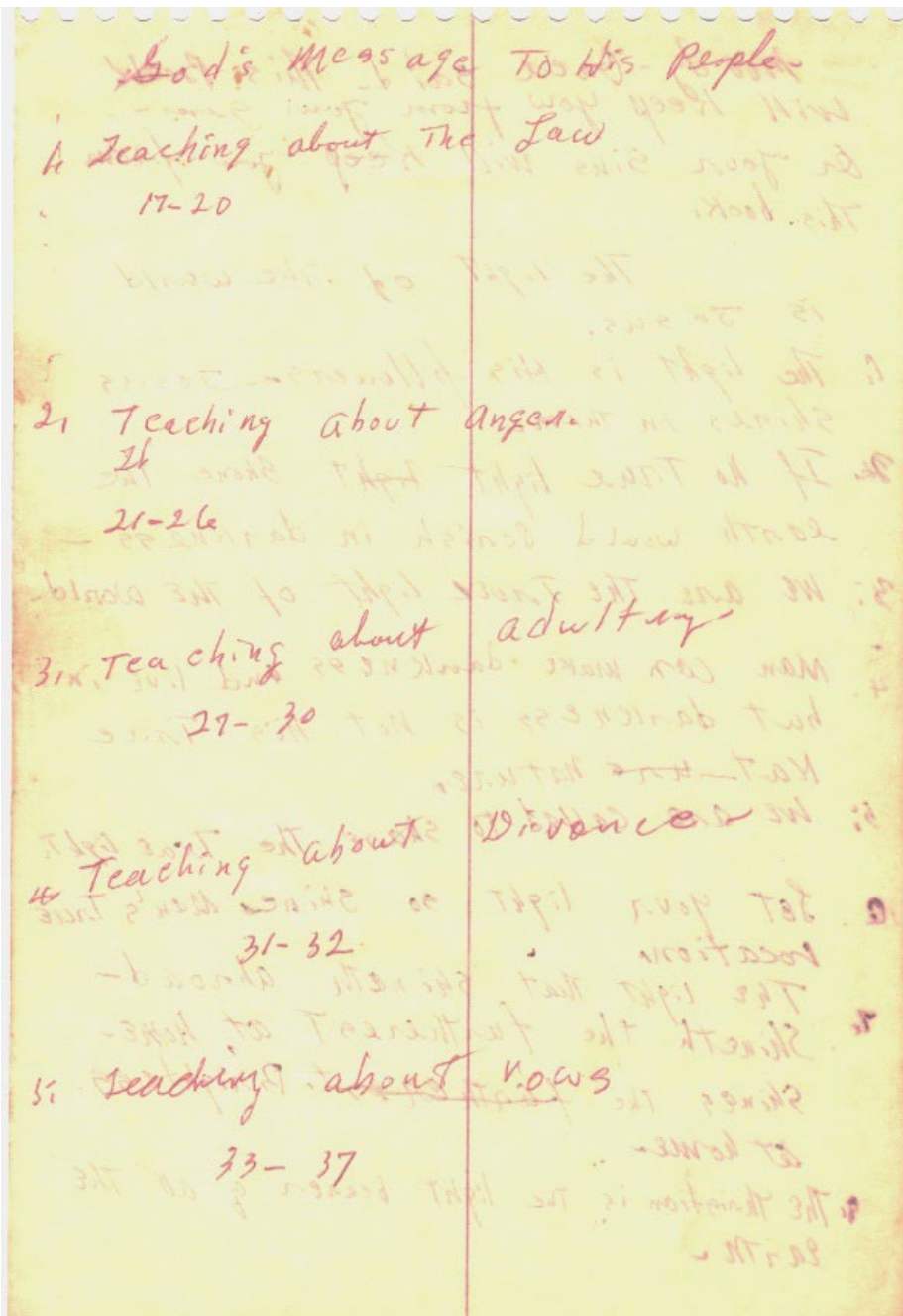
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but darkness is not his true  
nature.
5. We are called to share the true light.
6. Let your light so shine - man's true  
vocation.  
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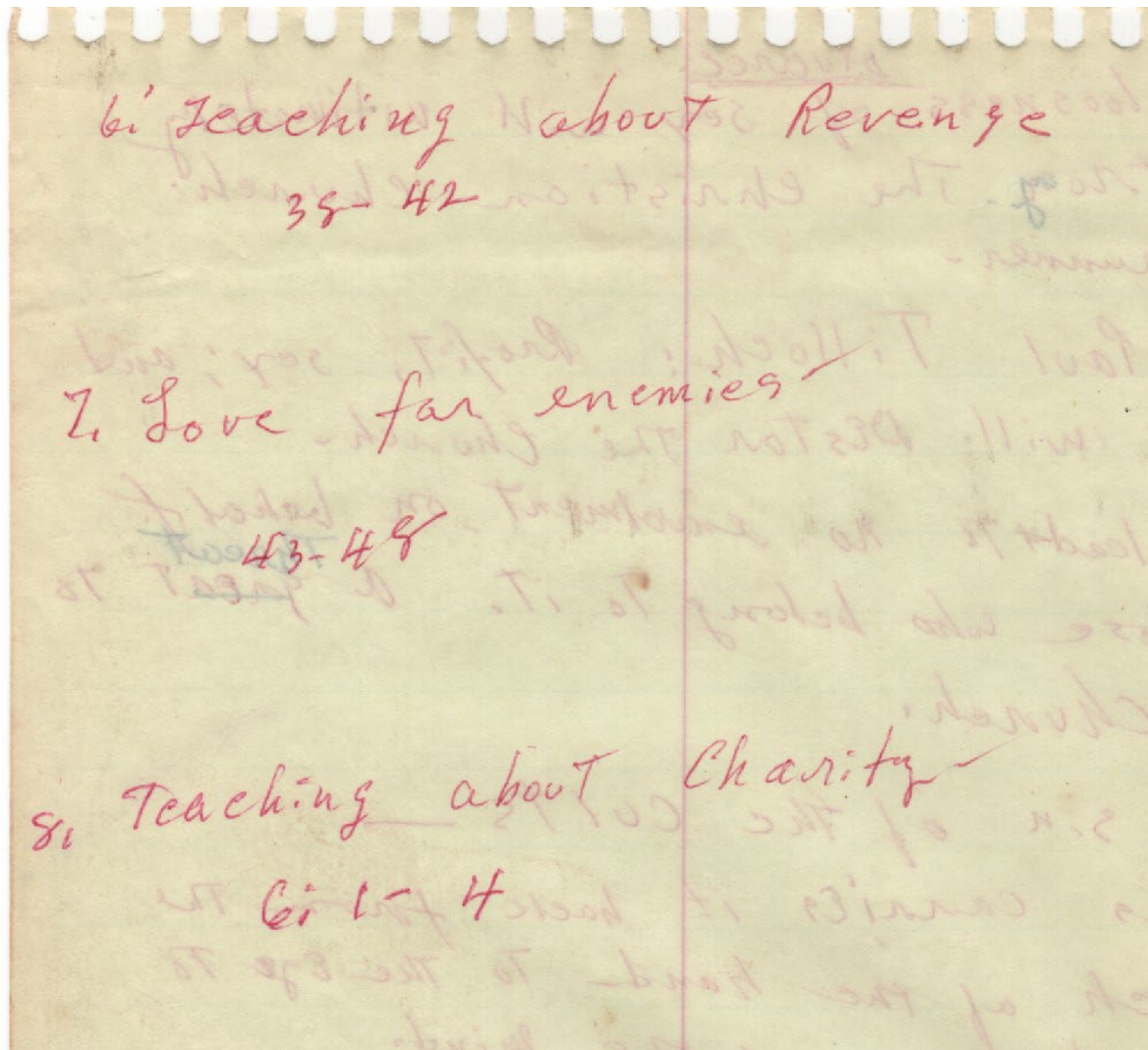
(Dwight L.) Moody (**NOTE: American evangelist**) once said, "This book will keep you from your sins, or your sins will keep you from this book."

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- God's message to His people
- Teaching about the Law (Matthew, Chapter 5): 17-20
  - Teaching about anger (vs. 21-26)
  - Teaching about adultery (vs. 27-30)
  - Teaching about Divorce (vs. 31-32)
  - Teaching about vows (vs. 33-37)



(Continued)

7. Teaching about Revenge (vs. 38-42)
8. Love for enemies (vs. 43-48)
9. Teaching about charity (6: 1-4)

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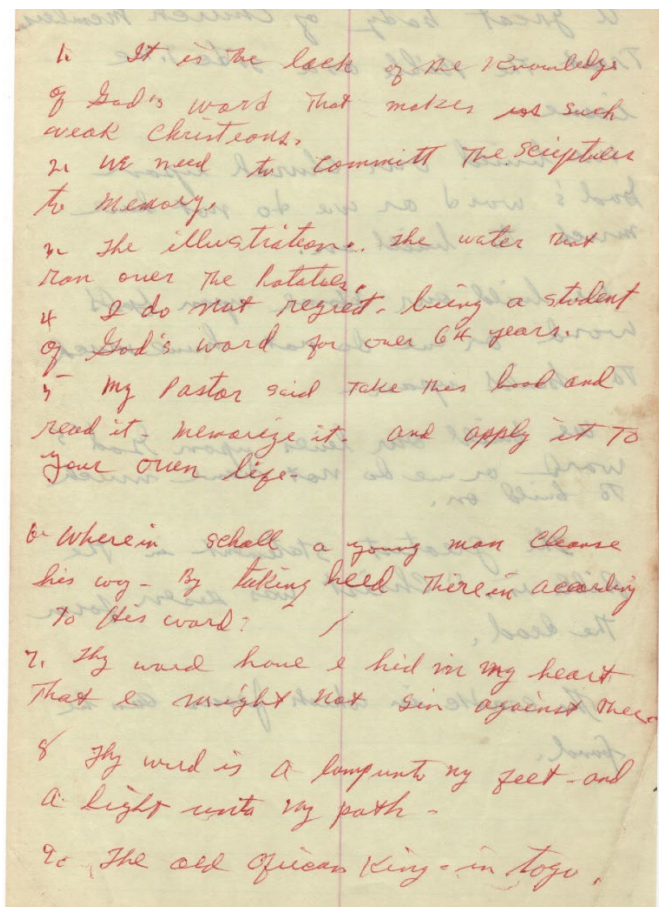
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1. It is the lack of the knowledge of God's word that makes us such weak Christians.
2. We need to commit the Scripture to memory.
3. The illustrations: The water than ran over the (?)
4. I do not regret being a student of God's word for over 64 years.
5. My pastor said (to) take this book and read it; memorize it; and apply it to your own life.
6. Wherein shall a young man choose his way? By taking heed therein, according to His word.
7. "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee."
8. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."
9. The old African king in Togo. **[NOTE: Perhaps an example from my parents' summer in Togo (1985), as part of a group from the North Carolina Baptist Convention, who were helping in a "deep well" digging project in various villages.]**



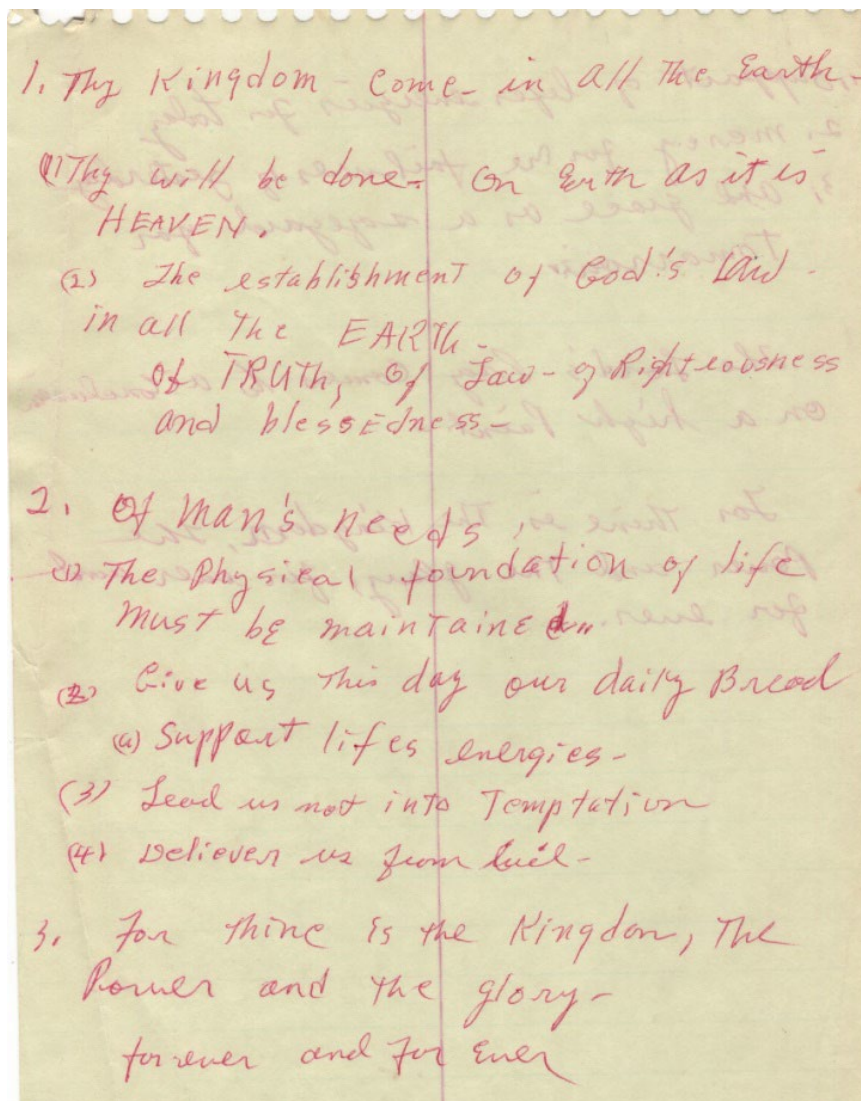
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1. Thy Kingdom come—in all the earth.
  - 1) “Thy will be done—on earth as it is in Heaven.”
  - 2) The establishment of God’s Law in all the earth; of truth; of Law; of righteousness; and blessedness.
  - 3) Of Man’s needs:
    - a) The physical foundation of life must be maintained
    - b) “Give us this day our daily bread”—support life’s energies
    - c) “Lead us not into temptation”
    - d) “Deliver us from evil”
    - e) “For thine is the Kingdom; the Power; and the Glory; for ever and ever.”

1. Support of life's energies for today  
2. mercy for the failures of yesterday  
3. and grace as a safeguard for  
tomorrow

The Lord's Prayer comes to a conclusion  
on a high point -

For Thine is The Kingdom, The  
Power and The glory, for ever and  
for ever.

The sins of the spirit is translated  
into the sins of the flesh.

You do not steal or commit adultery  
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- Grave side service - 4:00 PM -  
visitation. 7-9 Tuesday -  
Meet at Home 3:30  
Psalms - 1 -  
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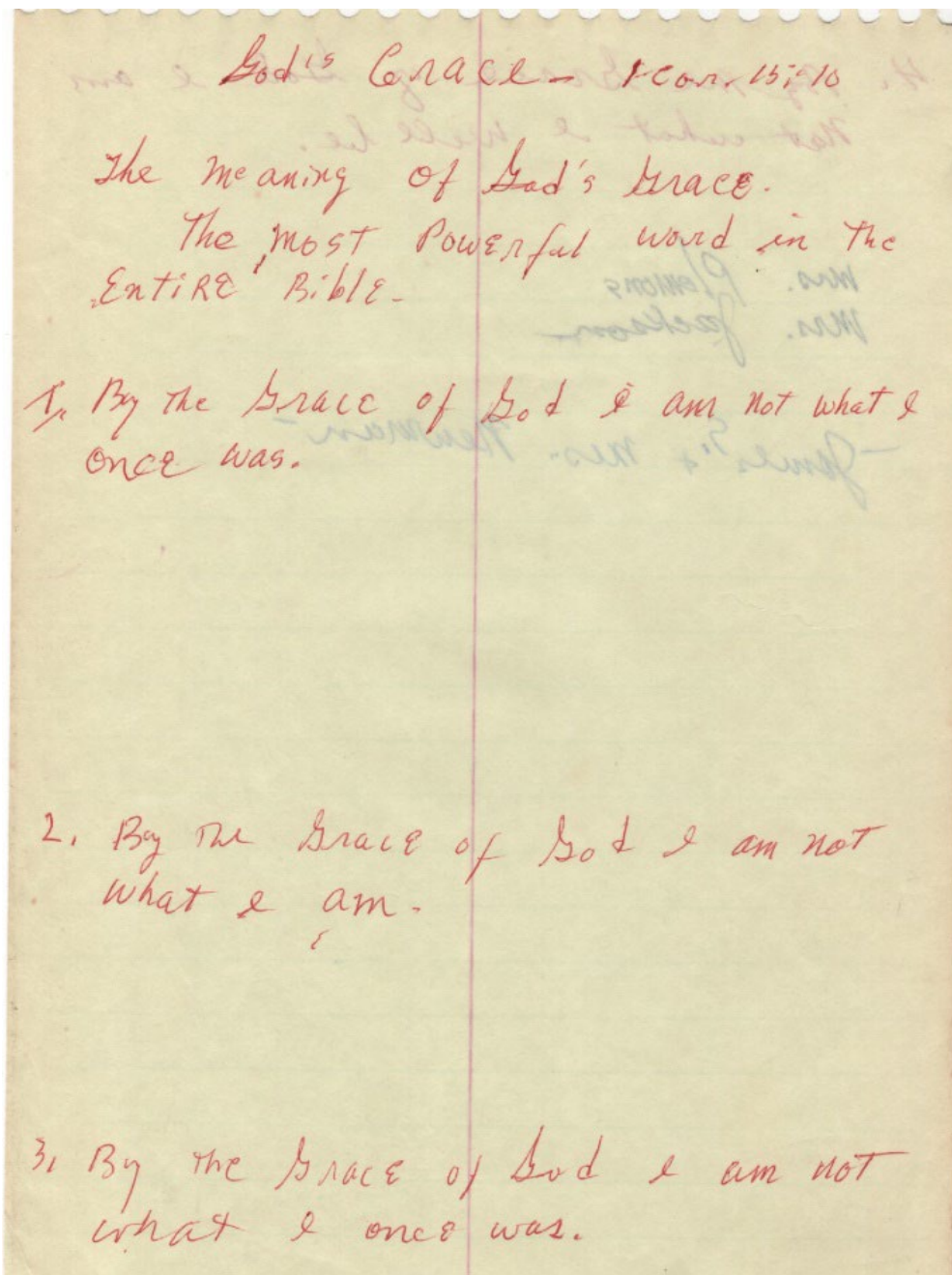
**(NOTE: These are notes for a funeral over which my father was presiding.)**

The seven sayings on the Cross

1. Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing
2. Assuredly I say unto you, this day shalt thou be with me in Paradise
- 3 - Woman behold your son - Son behold your mother
- 4 I Thirst
5. Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani  
my God, my God, why has thou forsaken me -
- 6 father into your hands I commend my spirit
- 7 It is finished

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God's Grace                      I Corinthians 15:10

The meaning of God's grace; the most powerful word in the entire Bible.

- I.      By the grace of God, I am not what I once was.
- II.     By the grace of God, I am not what I am.
- III.    By the grace of God, I am not what I once was.

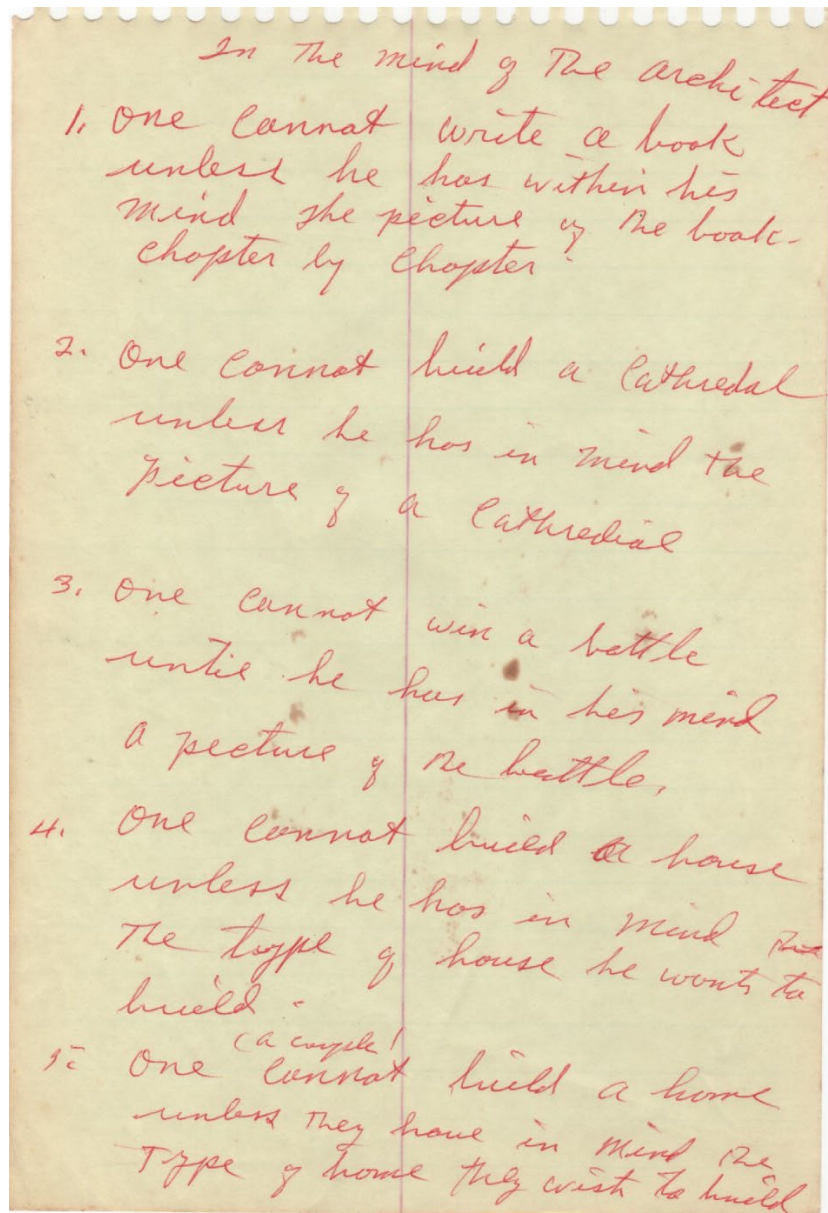
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Not what I will be.

## The Grace of God

1. By The grace of God,  
I am ~~what I am~~ not what I  
Once was
2. By the grace of God = am what I  
am.
3. By the Grace of God I am  
not what I want to be
4. By the Grace of God - I am  
not what I will be.

By the Grace of God, I am not what I will (would??) be.

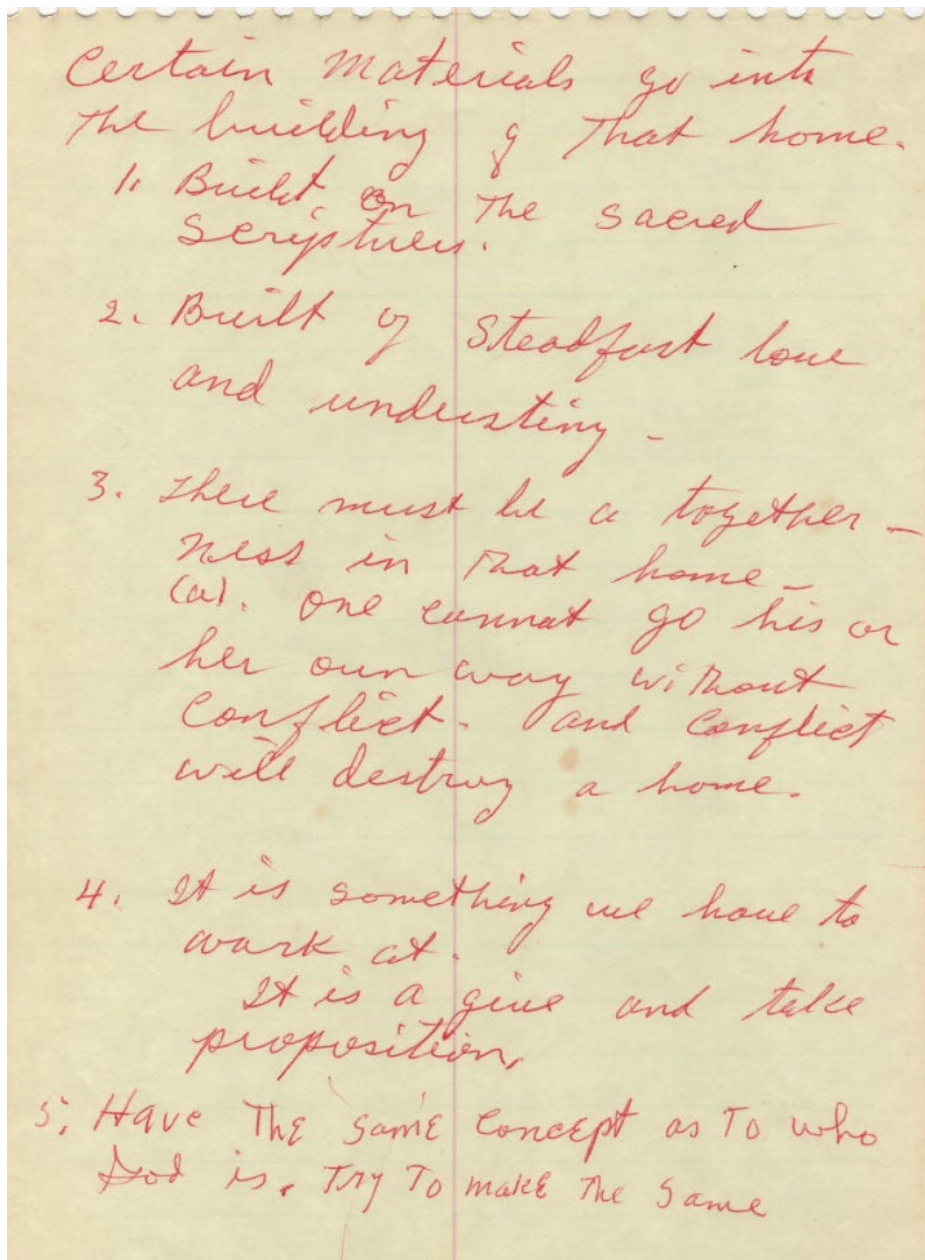
1. By the grace of God, I am not what I once was.
2. By the grace of God, (I) am what I am.
3. By the Grace of God, I am not what I want (ordinarily?) to be.
4. By the Grace of God, I am not what I will (would?) be (otherwise?)



### In the mind of the architect

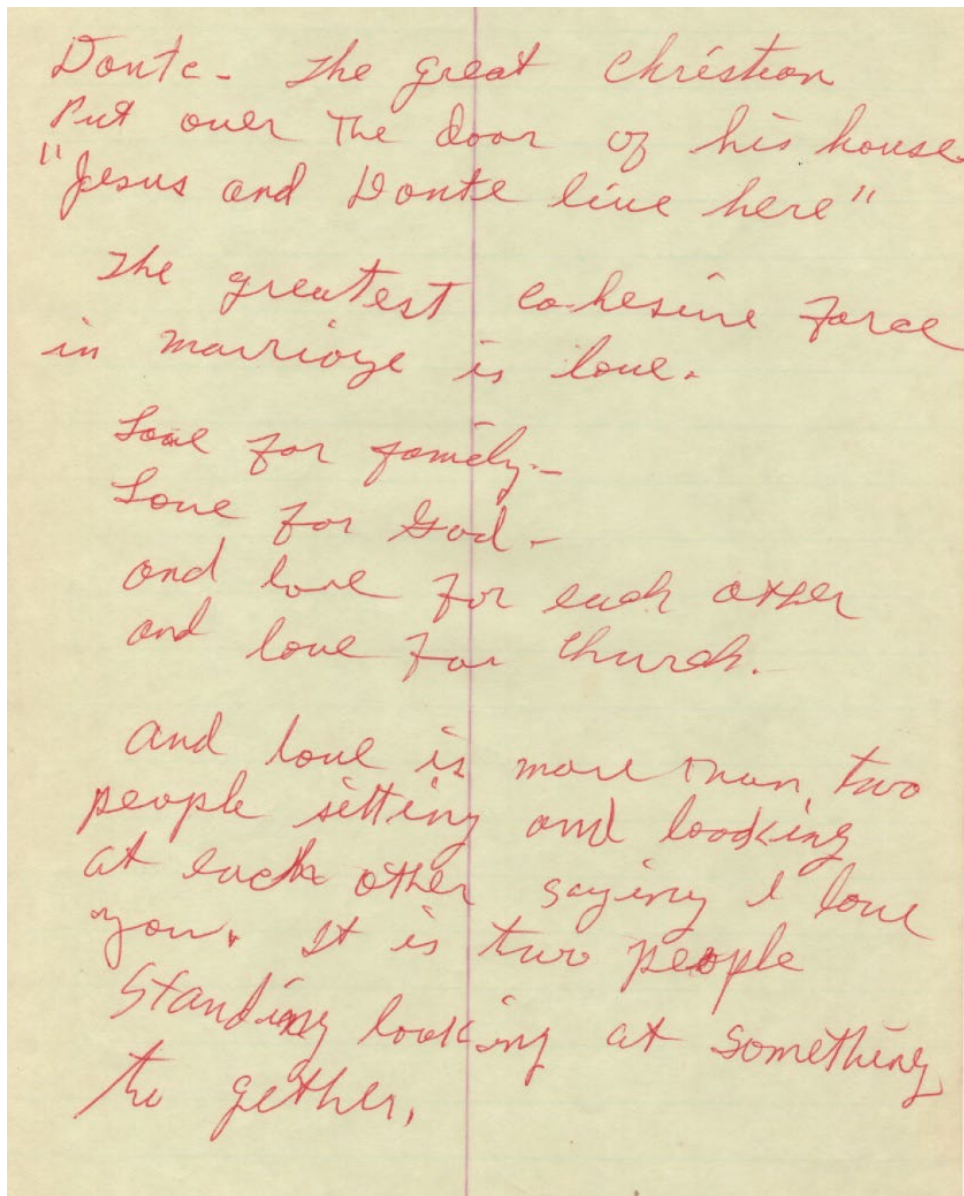
1. One cannot write a book unless he has within his mind the picture of the book, chapter by chapter.
2. One cannot build a cathedral, unless he has in mind the picture of the cathedral.
3. One cannot win a battle, until he has in his mind a picture of the battle.
4. One cannot build a house, unless he has in mind the type of house he wants to build.
5. One cannot build a home unless they have in mind the type of home they wish to build.





Certain materials go into the building of that home.

1. Built on the sacred Scriptures
2. Built of steadfast love and understanding
3. There must be a togetherness in that home:
  - a) One cannot go his or her own way, without conflict; and conflict will destroy a home.
4. It is something we have to work at. It is a give and take proposition.
5. Have the same concept as to who God is. Try to make the same



Dante—the great Christian—put over the door of his house, “Jesus and Dante live here.”

The greatest cohesive force in marriage is love.

Love for family

Love for God

And, love for each other

And, love for Church

And, love is more than two people sitting and looking at each other saying, “I love you.” It is two people standing, looking at something together.

Two People living under one  
roof with different ideas will  
destroy that home.

Grow old along with me  
The best of life is yet to be.  
Youth sees but part, Trust  
God and see the whole.

Two people living under one roof, with different ideas, will destroy that home.  
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to me - were Mrs. Shaw and Mr.  
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manage to get along. She never  
fired me but once. General of  
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straws. I rigged the thing and  
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in for dinner. Mrs. Shaw was  
sitting on the kitchen. I went  
in and sat down on the arm  
of her chair. She said "Clipper  
where were you?" "You are  
fired." I said well I'll have  
to go home. I ran the

bakery and made the Mayonnaise;  
So she ran out of <sup>(check spelling)</sup> Mayonnaise

NOTE: This, and the following page, are transcribed (with background information) on page 198.

So Monday afternoon she sent for  
me, and asked me to make mayonaisse.  
So I came in and made the mayonaisse.  
I took it up stairs, she tasted  
it and said "This is the best you  
have ever made." That day she made  
a special cake. She told me to  
come into the office, she had cut  
the cake and had a big piece of  
it on a plate, she said to me  
There is not another person in this  
College I would give this to.  
I knew this then I was back in.

(NOTE: See page 198)

(Background note: As Dad finished his last two years of high school, and his first two years of college (until 1964, Mars Hill College was a "Junior," two-year college), he was able to pay his school fees by working on the campus. His job was working in the bakery of the school's cafeteria, under the direction and supervision of Mrs. Shaw, who managed it. On a more personal note, Dad would tell us how he made the best "cinnamon buns" for the cafeteria and, although we believed him, he never made any in "our" kitchen, to my knowledge!)

**"The two people who meant so much to me were Mrs. Shaw and Dr. R. L. Moore. Not everyone like Mrs. Shaw. Somehow she and I managed to get along. She never fired me but once.**

**Several of us had to come in on Sunday afternoon to prepare dinner. It was my Sunday to come in, but I had a date with Doris; so about four of us drew straws. I rigged the thing and won. At dinner time I came in for dinner. Mrs. Shaw was sitting in the kitchen. I went in and sat down of the arm of her chair. She said, "Clipper, where were you?" You are fired. I said, "Well, I'll have to go home."**

**I ran the bakery, and made the mayonnaise. So, she ran out of mayonnaise. So, Monday afternoon she sent for me, and asked me to make mayonnaise. So, I came in and made the mayonnaise. I took it up stairs. She tasted it, and said, "This is the best you have ever made."**

**That day she made a special cake. She told me to come into the office (where) she had cut the cake and had a big piece of it on a plate. She said to me, "There is not another person in this college I would give this to.**

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Geometry

Dr. Moore was among the great as far as I was concerned. I took Greek, Latin, and business spelling and <sup>check for SP</sup> ~~Geometry~~ - under him. He put about a dozen problems on me board, and called about a dozen of us to come up and work them out. The more I looked at the problem the worse it got: so I went back to my seat. He went around grading them. He came to mine. He said to me, "where is this yours?" I said "yes". He said to me, "young man stick to the bush." I would from that day on, I would never go back to my seat. The only thing that would cause me would be the hell,

(NOTE: This page is transcribed (with background information) on the following page (200).

(PERSONAL NOTE: My parents and I both attended Mars Hill College, in Mars Hill, NC. Because Mars Hill was a "Junior" college when they attended (middle 1930s), first my dad, and then the following year, my mother, transferred to Baylor University (Waco, Texas), where they both graduated (were married before my mother's senior year); and then proceeded to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Louisville, KY), for seminary training. I graduated from Mars Hill College (now University) in 1964, as part of its first (four-year) graduating class, so I am familiar with the school, which at the time I was there still had staff and faculty members who knew my parents. Dr. Moore was president for forty (40) years, until 1938, which included the time both my parents were at Mars Hill College.)

(From Mars Hill College "history")

***A turning point was reached in 1897 when Dr. Robert L. Moore became president and launched a period of stability. His personal faith and integrity became widely known and attracted students whose parents wanted them to come under the influence of such an inspirational leader.***

(Dad's story)

**"Dr. Moore was among the "great," as far as I was concerned. I took Greek; business spelling; and geometry under him. He put about a dozen problems on the (black) board, and called about a dozen of us to come up and work them out.**

**The more I looked at the problem, the worse it got. So, I went back to my seat.**

**He went around grading them. He came to mine. He said to me, "McGee, is this yours?"**

**I said, "Yes."**

**He said to me, "Young man, stick to the task!"**

**I vowed from that day on, I would never go back to my seat. The only thing that would save me would be the bell" (signaling the end of class!).**



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Breaking a social law -  
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boys together and suggested that  
Sunday night we get our girl  
friends and sit together, and that  
we didn't but we were not allowed

(NOTE: This, and the following page (202), are transcribed on page 203.

To walk them home from church.  
Bronks and I were dating the two  
girls who worked at the infirmary.  
We decided to walk them home  
one night. We got nearly to the  
infirmary when Miss Collins called  
out. "Is that you John?" I said  
yes mam. Bronks ran and ran  
into the Tennis Court fence  
and came right tearing it down -  
but we got the job done. From  
then on boys and girls got together  
in church.

(NOTE: See page, 203)

(A Mars Hill College memory)

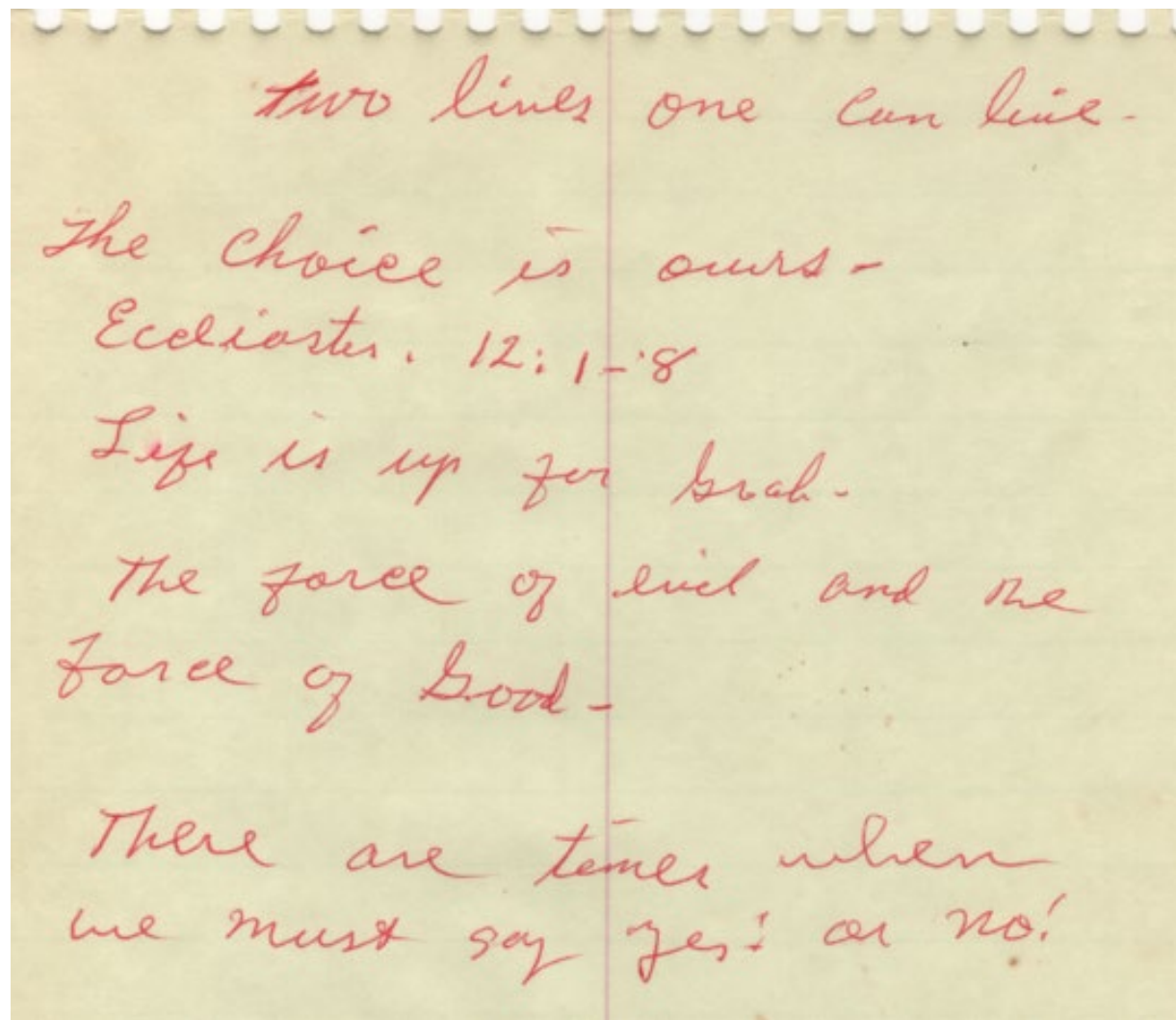
**“ (I) did most of my eating in the kitchen, or down in the bakery.**

**Breaking a “social law.”**

The rules that regulated boys and girls on the campus were very strict. We had a rule in the church, that boys and girls could not sit together in church. The girls sat on one side of the building and the boys on the other, facing each other. We did not get a thing out of what the preacher said. I was the college church President; so I got a few of the boys together and suggested that Sunday night we get our girl friends and sit together. And, that we did, but we were not allowed to walk them home from church.

Bronks and I were dating the two girls who worked at the infirmary. We decided to walk them home one night. We got nearly to the infirmary when Miss Colling called out, “Is that you, John?” I said, “Yes, Mam.” Bronk ran, and ran into the tennis court fence, and came nigh tearing it down, but we got the job done. From then on, boys and girls sat together in church.”

[Personal note: Social “rules” were still very strict during my years at Mars Hill College (1960-64). Male students were allowed to walk their “dates” to the women’s dorms on “girls’ hill,” (men’s dorms were on the opposite side of campus); however, ALL the males were required to be “gone” by 7:15 pm. The most commonly known “rule” was the “six-inch rule,” which required couples to be at least six-inches apart from each other. During my sophomore year (’61-’62), my good buddy, Ralph Halliwell, and his fiancé (whom he later married), Juanda Hamrick, were holding hands as they were walking to their next class, when they were confronted by an older faculty member (who will remain unnamed), who asked them, “What are you saving for marriage?” Allegedly, their answer was, “The other hand!”]



Two lives (that) one can live

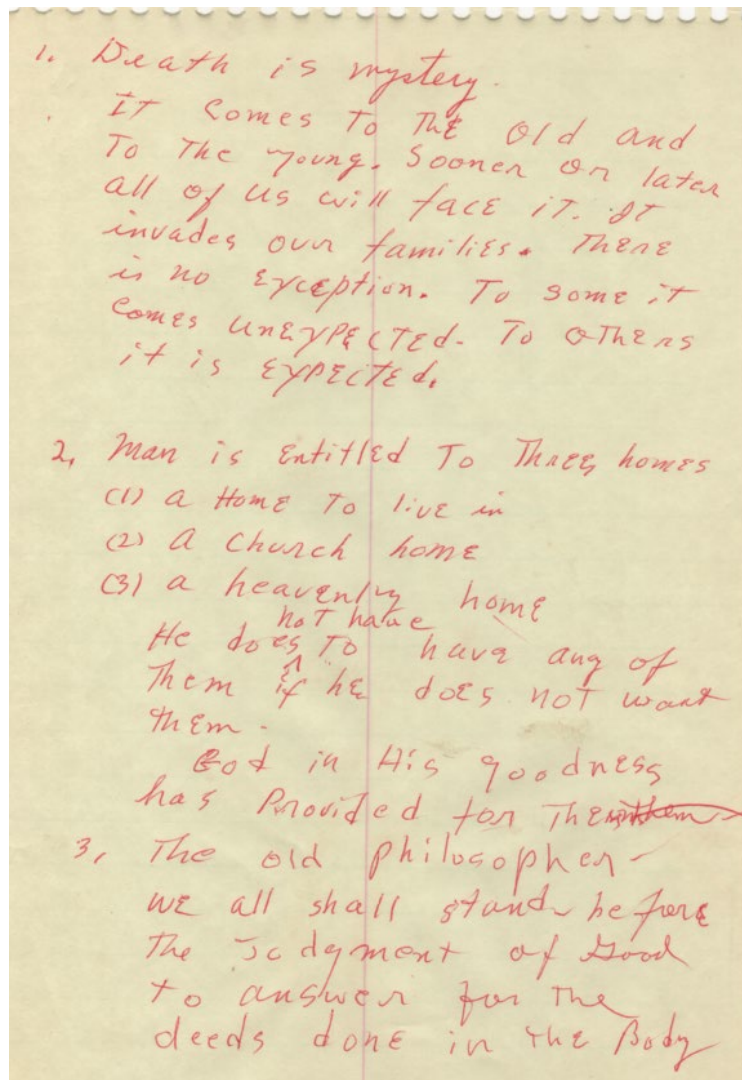
The choice is ours:

Ecclesiastes 12: 1-8

Life is up for grabs (**e.g., to be seized**)

The force of evil and the force of Good

There are times when we must say "Yes," or "No."



### Death is mystery

It comes to the old and to the young. Sooner or later all of us will face it. It invades our families. There is no exception. To some, it comes unexpected. To others, it is expected.

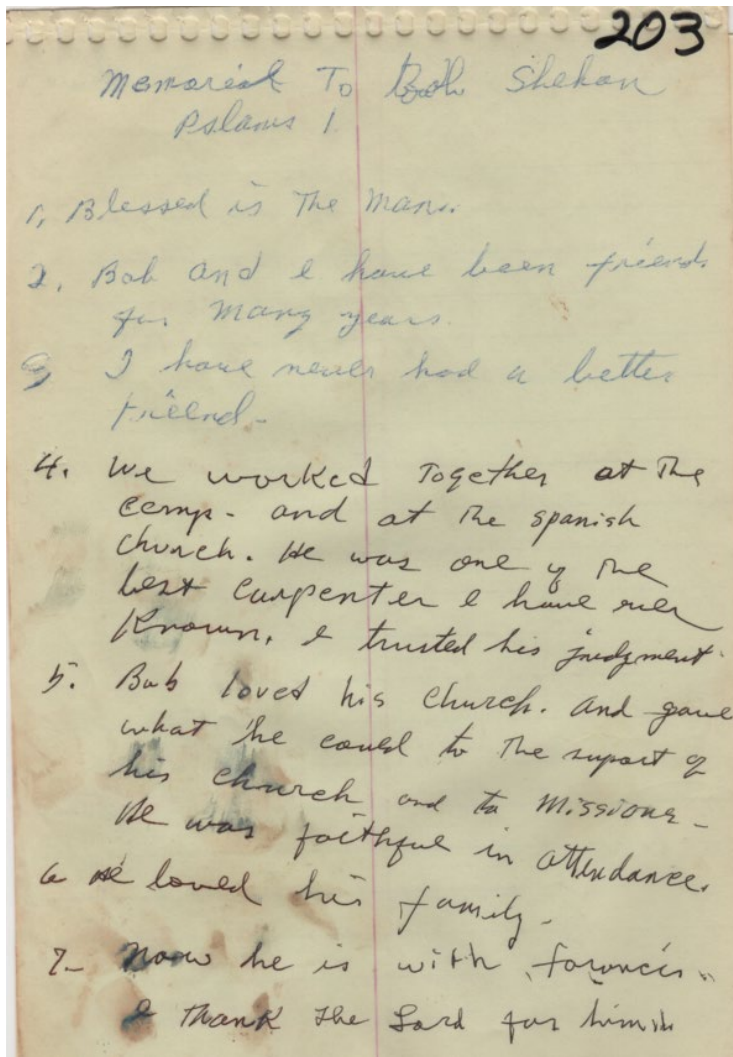
Man is entitled to three homes:

- 1) A home to live in
- 2) A church home
- 3) A heavenly home

He does not have to have any of them, if he does not want them.

God in His goodness has provided for them.

The old philosopher—We all shall stand—before the judgment of God, to answer for the deeds done in the body.



Memorial to Bob Sheehan

Psalms, Chapter 1

1. Blessed is the man
2. Bob and I have been friends for many years
3. I have never had a better friend
4. We worked together at the (**Bear Wallow**) camp, and at the church (**NOTE: Fruitland Baptist Church**). He was one of the best carpenters I have ever known. I trusted his judgment.
5. Bob loved his church, and gave what he could to the support of his church and to missions. He was faithful in attendance.
6. He loved his family.
7. Now he is with Frances (Bob's deceased spouse).

I thank the Lord for him.

(NOTE: Bob Sheehan was a neighbor of my parents, during their retirement in Fruitland, NC.)

Robert Shehan		
In Memorium		
July 30, 1994		
Fruitland Baptist Church		
Prelude		Mrs. Anne Pressley
Call to Worship		
Hymn 141	<i>The Old Rugged Cross</i>	Congregation
Prayer		Rev. Michael Smith
Hymn 330	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Congregation
Eulogy		Rev. John McGee
Hymn 426	<i>Victory in Jesus</i>	Congregation
Message		Rev. Michael Smith
Prayer of Benediction		Rev. John McGee
Postlude		Mrs. Anne Pressley

(NOTE: Rev. Michael Smith was pastor at my parents' church, for several years prior to their deaths in 1998 and 1999. In the photo below (2011), he is seen with (4) photo displays of their work in Nigeria.)



4 July 1994

Ordination Council!

Chaired by John

Meeting was opened by Ray gave his conversion experience: age 10 at revival in Charlotte.

Navy - Pearl Harbor

Rededicated Jan 23, 1980.

Call - Experience at home church - Read 1 Tim & realized his call.

God prepared him through his job.

- Lordship - dying to self - Lord's will is his will (Pete)

Word - Infallible - everything we need - (Graylan)

Todd - Could you be happy doing anything else.

No - God's calling me to be a pastor, and preaching is part of it. (Todd Freeman)

Church - What do you see in how the Church is run.

Run by Christ. We are the Church. (Graylan)

One head (Christ) we are the body

Pete - What do you see your role as (Pete)

Mission as being there to build a solid foundation - getting the people

4 July, 1994

Ordination Council, Chaired by John (McGee)

Meeting opened: Ray gave his conversion experience; age 10; at revival in Charlotte (NC)

Navy—Pearl Harbor (**NOTE: Apparently, he served during World War II**)

Rededicated—Jan. 23, 1980

Call (**to ministry**)—Experience at home church

Read (1 Tim?)—realized his call

God prepared him through his job

Lordship—dying to self—Lord's will is his will (?)

Word—Infallible—everything we need (?)

Todd – Could you be happy doing anything else (?). “No. God’s calling me to be a pastor, and preaching is part of it.” (Todd Freeman)

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Pete—What do you see your role as (?) Mission as being there to build a solid foundation—getting the people.

**(NOTE: This and following several pages are notes made during this meeting.)**



To love each other (Wilburn)  
 Discipleship - What role? Supportive for  
 growing in the Lord - Mandate from  
 The Lord (Bob Dutton)  
 (Disciples aren't born they are made.)  
 Ministry - What's your view on gifts (yours).  
 View of Scriptures - using Christ as  
 an example. Strengths - caring - able to  
 discuss problems - empathetic. Administrative  
 & leadership background. (Todd Freeman)  
 Views - Virgin birth - resurrection. They happened.  
 Relate as to as pastor - preach from pulpit.  
 Give Scriptures, help them to believe (Graylan).  
 one of the most important events in history.  
 ground level events.  
 Letter: when you write a letter how do you date  
 it? with the year? (John)  
 Read - If the church is more relevant in  
 today's society? How do we make it w/o the  
 local church? (Bob Dutton)  
 What's the difference between the Church & the body.  
 Christ's Church is all believers local churches  
 are a small body of believers to minister in  
 a community. (Paul)

(continued) to love each other. (Wilburn)

Discipleship—Which role? Supportive for growing in the Lord—Mandate from the Lord (Bob Dutton) (Disciples aren't born; they are made.)

Ministry(?)—What's your view on "gifts" (yours); View of Scriptures—using Christ as an example. Strengths—caring—able to discuss problems—empathetic; administrative and leadership background (Todd Freeman)

View (of) virgin birth—resurrection. They happened. Relate(?) as to a pastor—preach from pulpit; give Scriptures; help them to believe (Graylan); one of the more important events in history—ground level event.

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Read(?) If the church is more relevant in today's society? How do we make it without the local church (Bob Dutton)

What's the difference between the Church and the "body?" Christ's Church is all believers; local churches are a small body of believers to minister in a community (Paul).

**(NOTE: The notes from this meeting were taken by someone; perhaps a secretary, etc.)**

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 Wife is in total support. Daughter wrote note  
 saying she is proud of being a PK. (Graylan)  
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 get them involved (Alfred).  
 What's the difference between a dictator & a  
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 connection to the Holy Spirit needs to be  
 flexible. (John)  
 Should a church have a say? Different  
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 of the church is important. All things need to  
 be considered. (Arthur)  
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 (Bob Dutton)  
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(Continued) To glorify God and meet needs.

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What’s the difference between a dictator and a leader? “Dictator”-- (“My way, or the highway”) (**NOTE: Meaning to do things MY way, or LEAVE!**).

“Leadership”—The ability to have vision and be aware that he doesn’t have the only connection to the Holy Spirit; needs to be flexible (John)

Should a church have a say? Different situations require different stands (**e.g., positions**). The voice of the church is important. All things need to be considered (Arthur?)

Relationship between servant and leadership? Can’t be an effective leader without being a servant. Use Jesus as an example (Bob Dutton)

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**(NOTE: The above are a series of questions asked, and answers given.)**

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 to pray for pastor. Need communication and  
 openness. Deacons support pastor.  
 Deacons are servants. A body, not a board.  
 To the people of the Church. Delegated  
 by the congregation. (Paul Chandler)  
 What's the Gospel? 1 Cor 15:4-5. How Christ  
 was born, died according to the Scriptures (Paul  
 Chandler)  
 What do we mean when we say that Christ died  
 for our sins? He was the substitute and through  
 His blood we are saved. He was the sacrifice  
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 How would you lead someone to the LORD?  
 Take them to the Bible. Romans 3:23; (help them  
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 John 1:12; We can count on Jesus.  
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What do we mean when we say that Christ died for our sins? He was the substitute, and through His blood we are saved. He was the sacrifice for our sins; the Atonement.

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Roy - J. Roy Monitz

Sat. 5:00. This week

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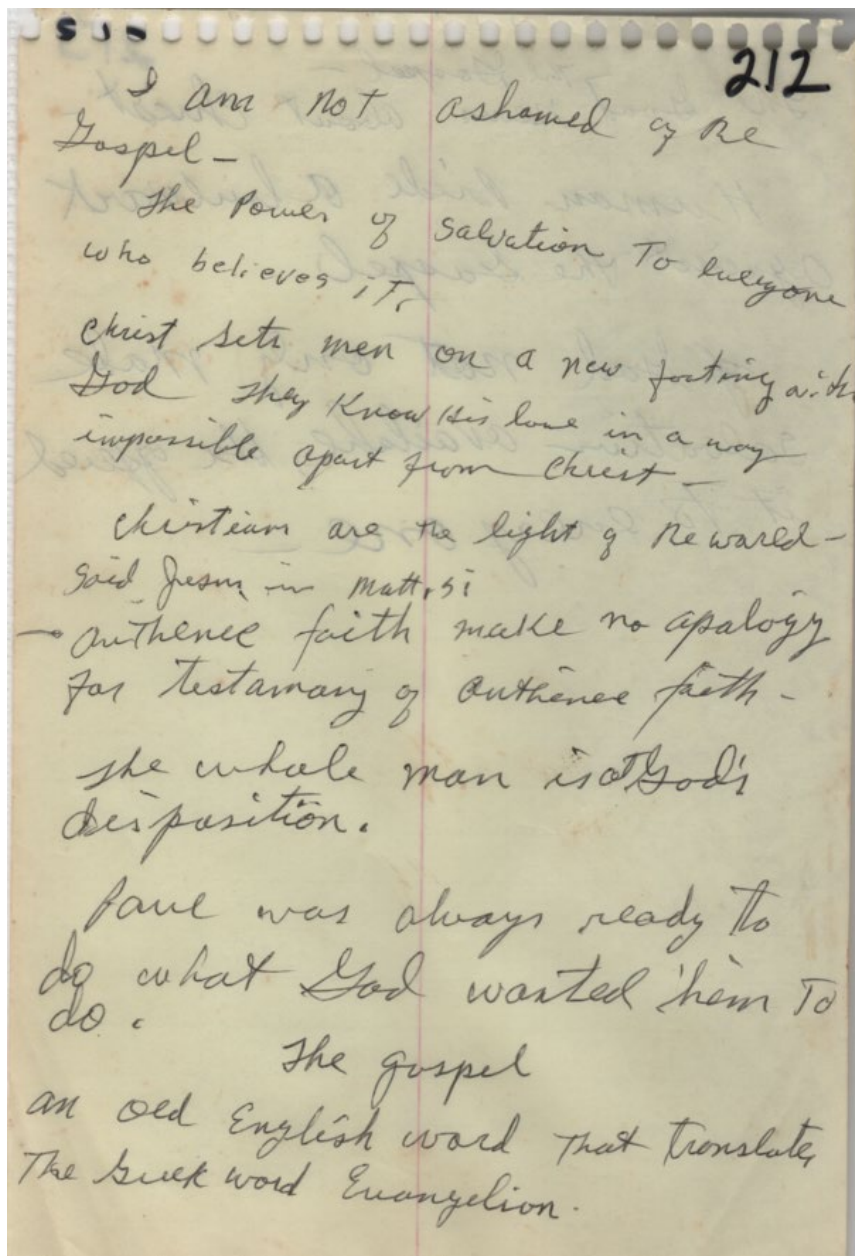
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**(NOTE: End of ordination council notes)**

Encasing Him in a system of doctrines; Institutionalizing Him in an institution; Personalizing Him in our lives. **(J.S. McGee)**



I am not ashamed of the Gospel—The power of salvation to everyone who believes it.

Christ sets men on a new footing with God. They know His love, impossible apart from Christ.

Christians are the “light of the world,” said Jesus in Matthew, Chapter 5. Authentic faith makes no apology for testimony of authentic faith. The whole man is at God’s disposition. Paul was always ready to do what God wanted him to do.

The “Gospel,” (is) an old English word that translates the Greek word “evangelism” (“**Good News**”).

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for it is the Power of God unto Salvation  
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Dr. Brunner. Living in the past  
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Dr. (Emil) Brunner: (Living in the past; the present; and the future)

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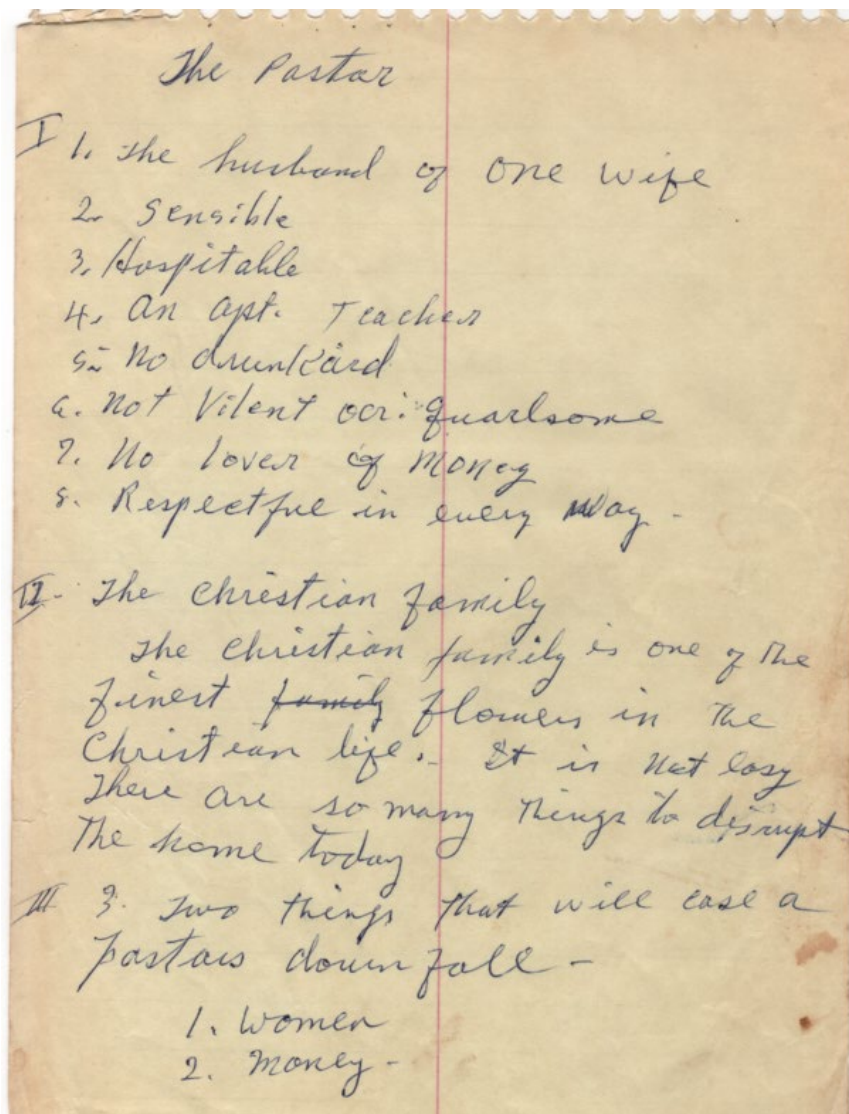
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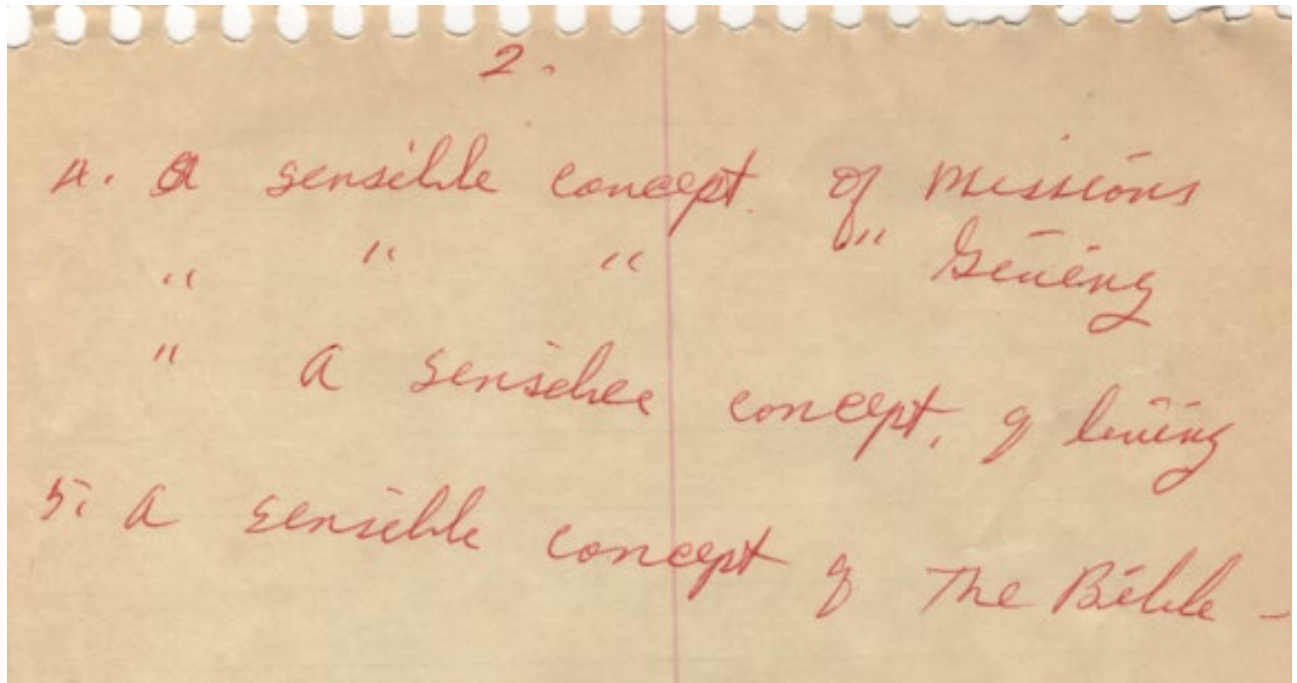
### The Pastor

1. The husband of one wife
2. Sensible
3. Hospitable
4. An apt (*e.g.*, "**capable**") teacher
5. No drunkard
6. Not violent or quarrelsome
7. No lover of money
8. Respectful in every way

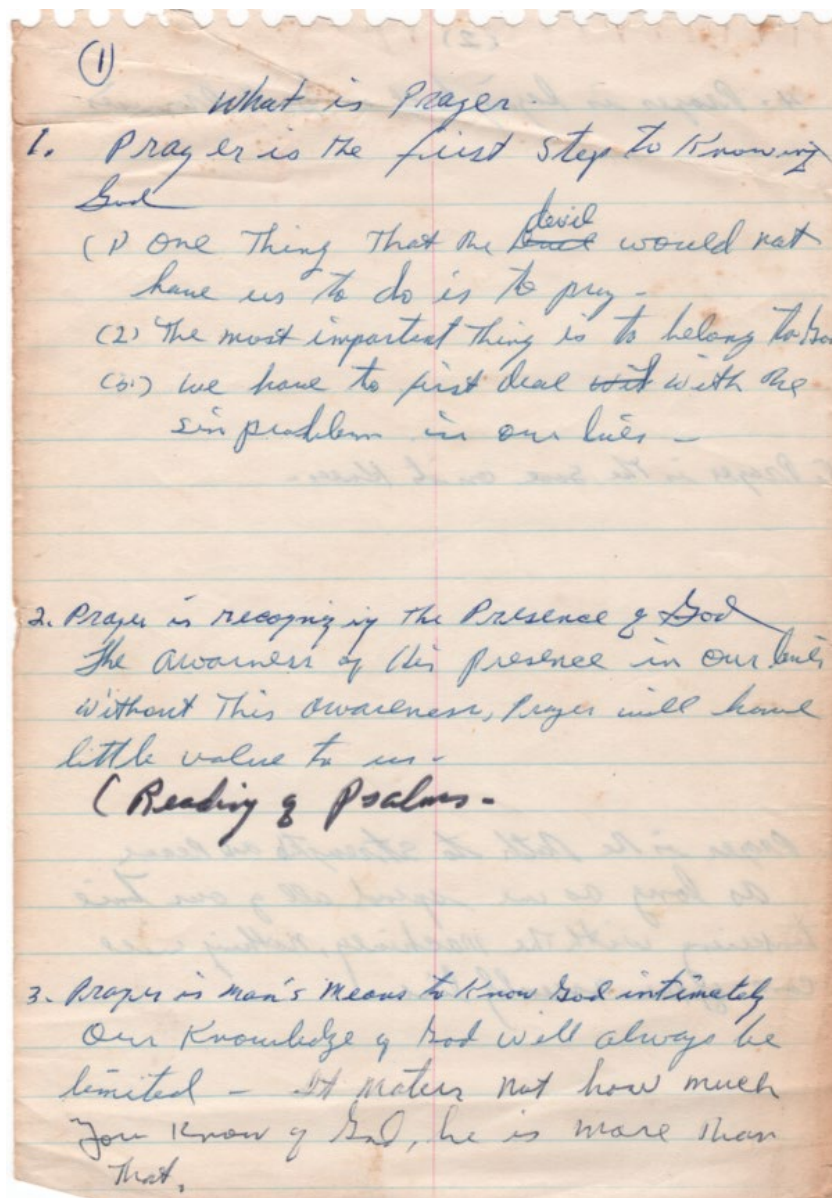
### The Christian family

The Christian family is one of the finest flowers in the Christian life. It is not lazy. There are so many things to disrupt the home today.

Two things that will cause a pastor's downfall: 1. Women 2. Money



- 4 A sensible concept of Missions
- A sensible concept of giving
- A sensible concept of living
- 5 A sensible concept of the Bible



### What is Prayer

1. Prayer is the first step to knowing God
  - 1) One thing that the devil would not have us to do is to pray
  - 2) The most important thing is to belong to God
  - 3) We have to first deal with the sin problem in our lives
2. Prayer is recognizing the presence of God; the awareness of His presence in our lives. Without this awareness, prayer will have little value to us.  
(Reading of Psalms)
3. Prayer is man's means to know God intimately. Our knowledge of God will always be limited. It matters not how much you know of God; He is more than that.

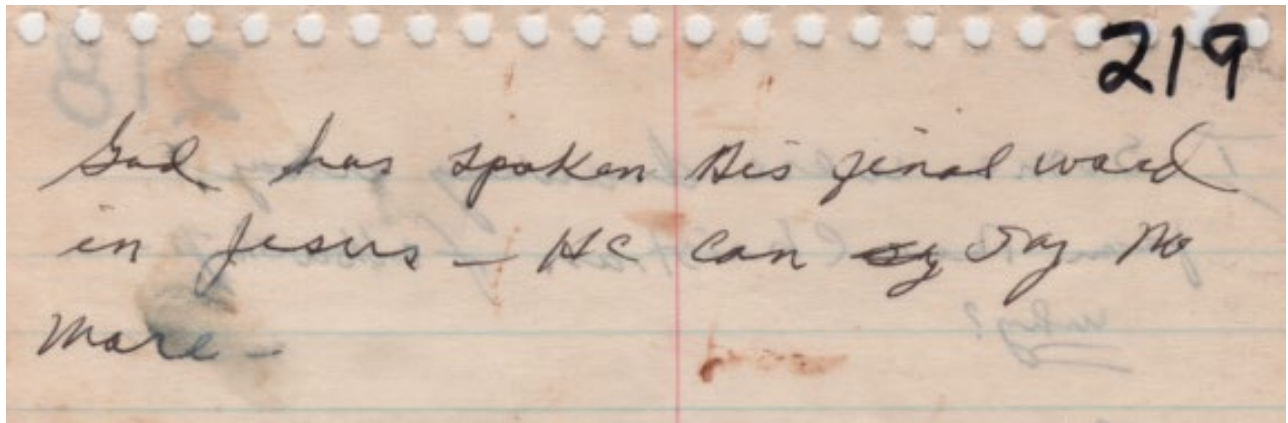
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4. Apostasy—In Old Testament; in the New (Testament): Leaving God and going out after an idol.



God has spoken His final word in Jesus—He can say no more.

Dear A. <sup>1960</sup>Awolokun -  
My son in the Lord,  
We were deeply grateful for the beautiful clothes that you sent us. We are very thankful to you -  
You and your family mean so much to all of us. You were such a blessing to Erin. I felt so much at ease when she was in Lagos, for I knew you would take care of ~~her~~ her. She will complete her school in May and get married in June. Wish you could be there. I send her best regards to you.  
I was glad to hear that you have been made chief in Aramoko. That is wonderful, and you and your wife are worthy of it.  
We thank God for you, you are a joy to us. God's richest blessings upon you -  
Until we meet again -  
Baba J. S. McGee

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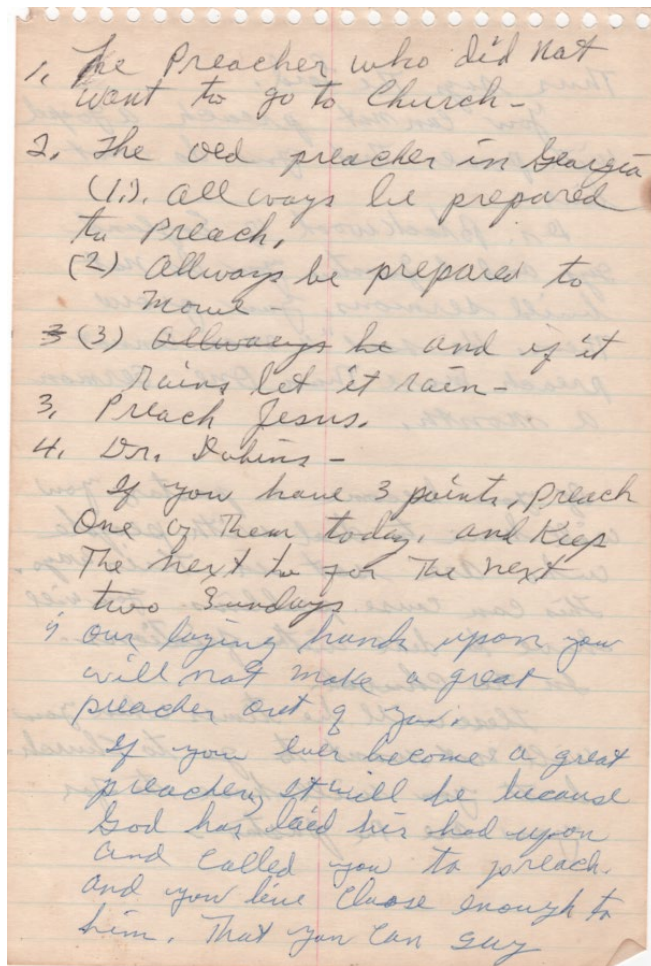
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**[NOTE: Chief Olanrewaju Awolokun (native of Igede-Ekiti, and Chief at Igede, and at Aramoko, along with his wife, Emi), was in the first year class (1956) of the new Baptist High School at Igede. A life-long friend, and greatly loved by my parents, he and his family hosted my daughter, Erin McGee Ferrell, in the spring of 1993, during her college, student-exchange program in Nigeria (Lagos and Ogbomosho). He made it possible for her to travel to Igede, for the first-ever (and only) meeting of the Nigerian Baptist Convention there. Fifty years after Lanre and I had met (1956), we met again in S. Florida, when we were invited to visit Nigeria, which we did in July, 2009, when they hosted us. He made possible the printing in Nigeria, of the book I wrote about my parent's work in Nigeria, *The Reminiscence—Personal reflections and contributions by Rev. and Mrs. John S. McGee, to the development of Baptist Mission Work in Western Nigeria.*]**

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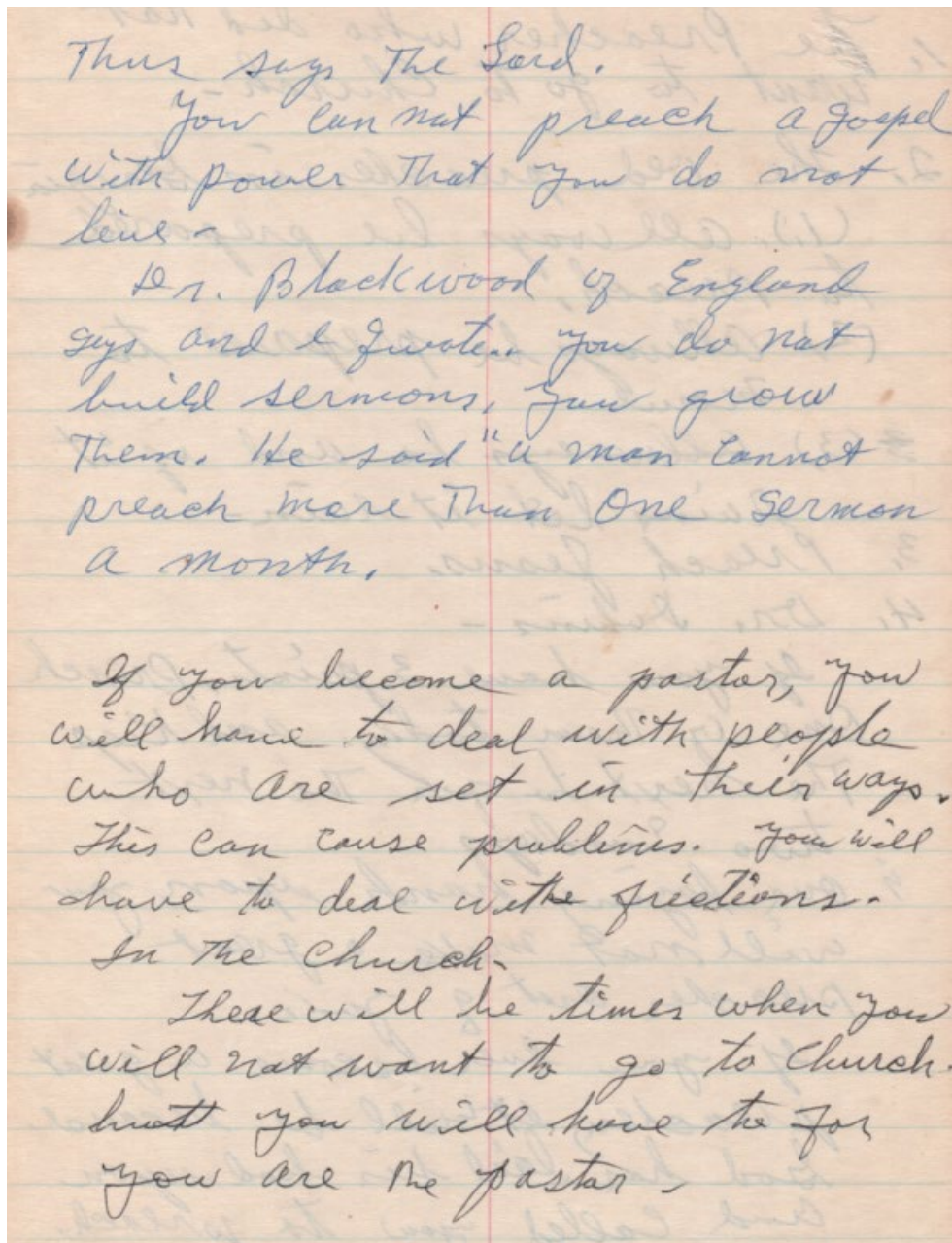


1. The preacher who did not want to go to church
2. The old preacher in Georgia
  - 1) Always be prepared to preach
  - 2) Always be prepared to move (**e.g. relocate**)
  - 3) And, if it rains, let it rain
3. Preach Jesus
4. Dr. Dobins (**Dr. Gains Dobbins, professor at SBTS, during the time my parents attended**)

“If you have three (3) points, preach one of them today; and keep the next (**e.g., others**) to preach for the next two Sundays.”
5. Our “laying hands” upon you (**e.g., at ordination**) will not make a great preacher out of you.

If you ever become a great preacher, it will be because God has Laid His hand upon you, and called you to preach; and, you live close enough to Him. That (then?) you can say...(continued)





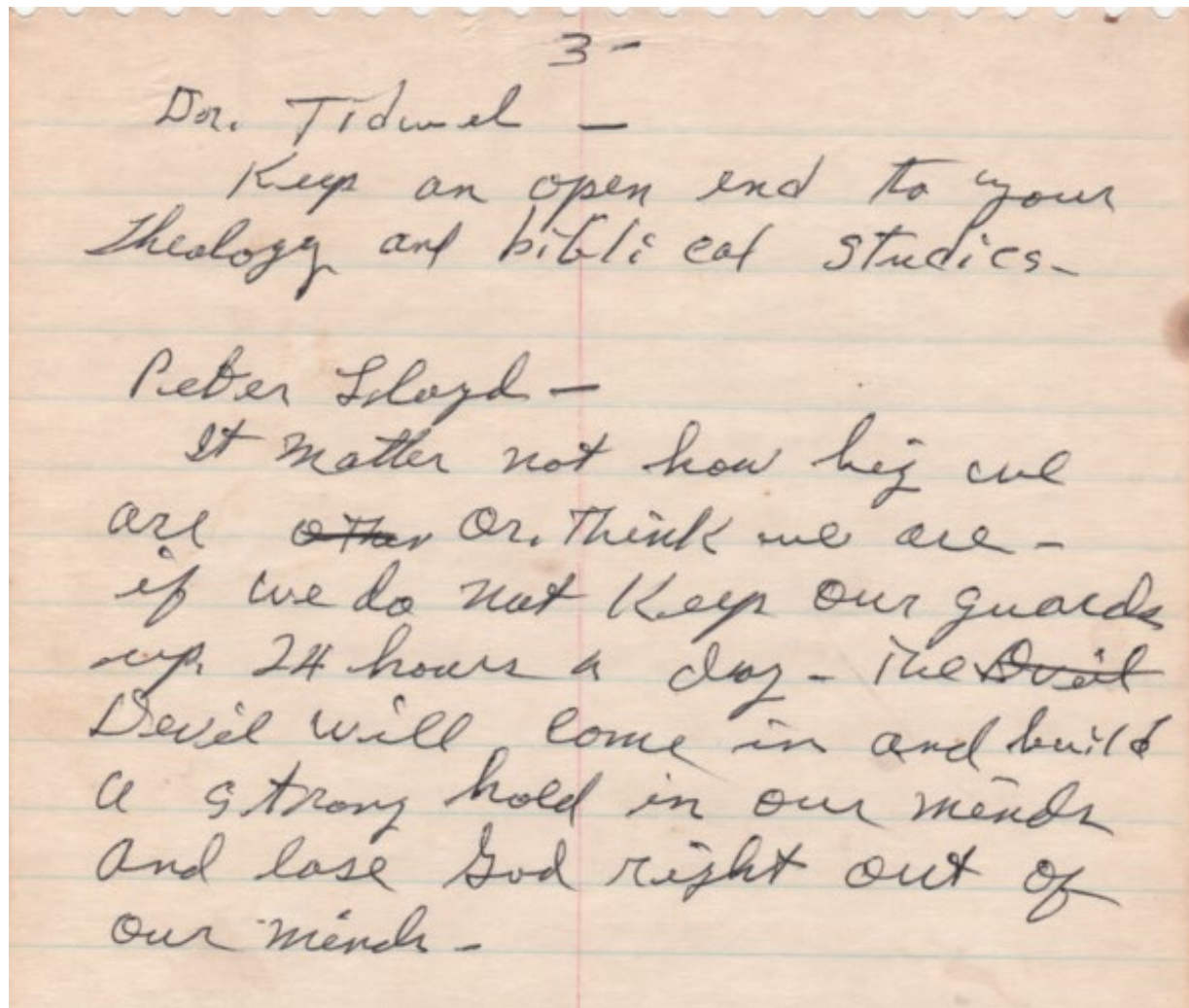
(continued)... "Thus says the Lord."

You cannot preach a gospel with power that you do not live.

Dr. Blackwood of England says, and I quote: "You do not build sermons; you grow them." He said, "A man cannot preach more than one sermon a month."

If you become a pastor, you will have to deal with people, who are set in their ways. This can cause problems. You will have to deal with frictions in the church.

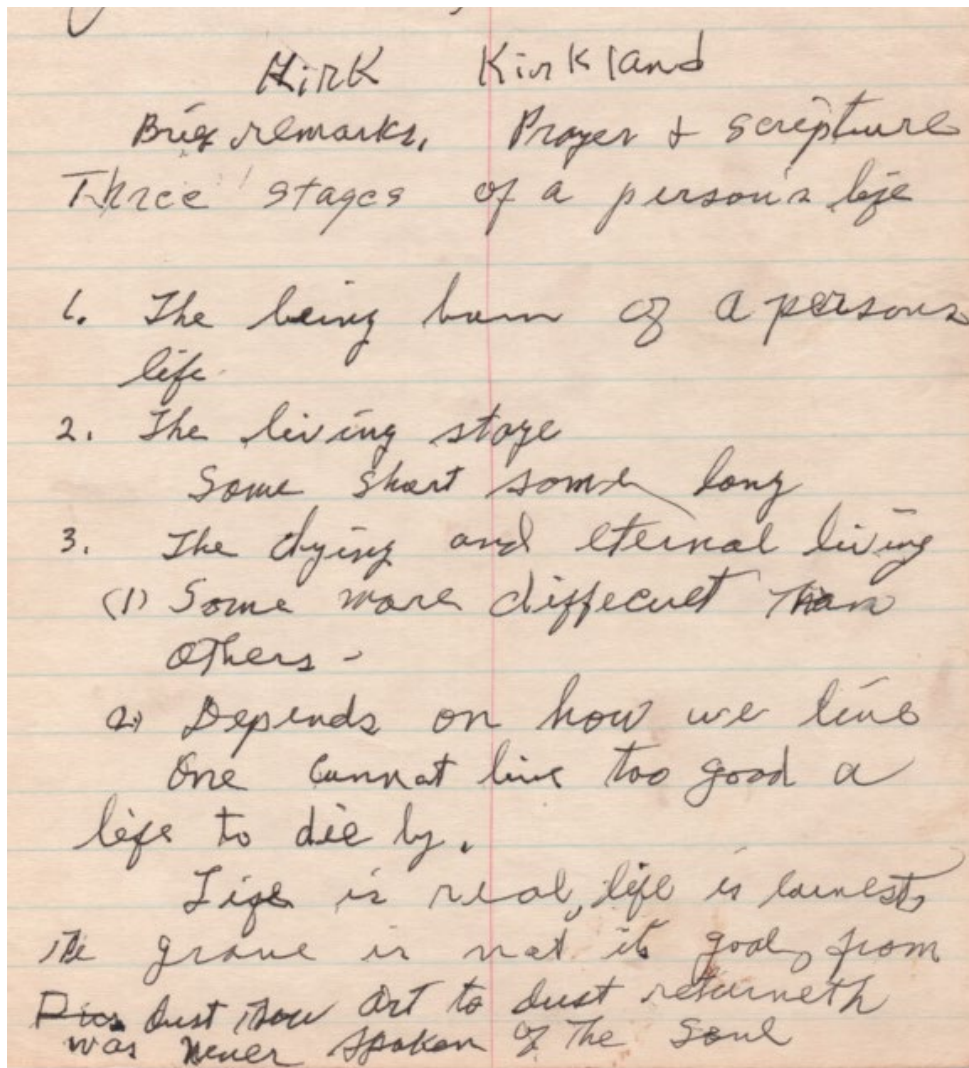
There will be time when you will not want to go to church, but you will have to (go), for you are the pastor.



Dr. Tidwell (Charles A. Tidwell, professor of administration at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary—Fort Worth, Texas-- from 1965-1995)

Keep an “open end” to your theology and Biblical studies (**e.g., encouragement to keep growing**).

Peter Lloyd: It matters not how big we are, or think we are, if we do not keep our guard up twenty-four (24) hours a day. The Devil will come in and build a strong hold in our minds, and lose God right out of our minds.



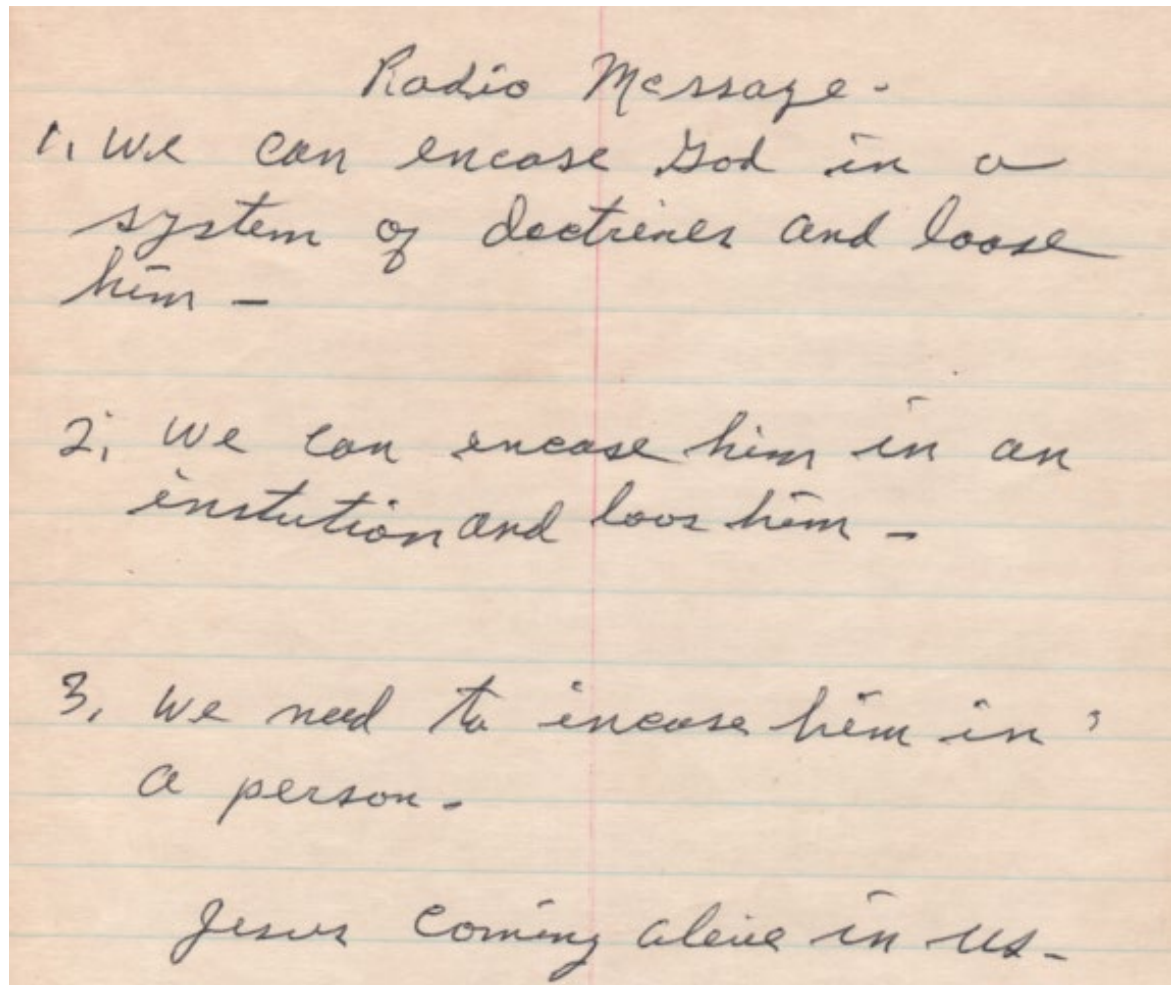
Kirk Kirkland

Brief remarks. Prayer and Scripture

Three stages of a person's life

1. The being born of a person's life
2. The living stage  
Some short; some long
3. The dying and eternal living
  - 1) Some more difficult than others
  - 2) Depends on how we live; one cannot live too good a life to die by.  
Life is real; life is earnest; The grave is not its goal. "From dust thou art, to dust returneth," was never spoken of the soul.

**(NOTE: This appears to have been in regard to a funeral my father conducted.)**

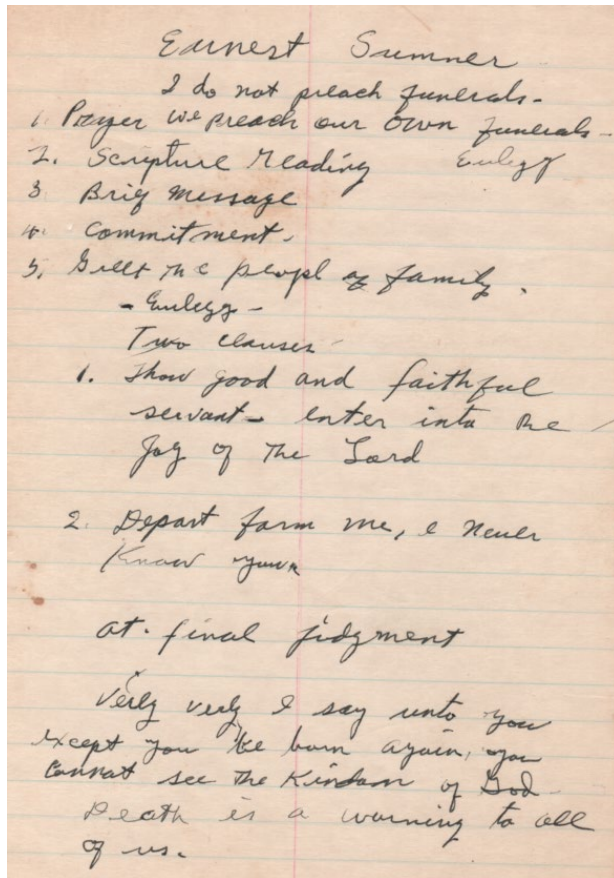


#### Radio message

1. We can encase God in a system of doctrines, and lose Him.
2. We can encase Him in an institution, and lose Him.
3. We need to encase Him in a person

Jesus coming alive in us

**(NOTE: It is unclear for when or where these notes were prepared for a radio "message.")**



### Ernest Sumner

I do not preach funerals. We preach our own funerals.

1. Prayer
2. Scripture reading Eulogy
3. Brief message
4. Commitment
5. Greet the people of (the) family

Eulogy—Two clauses

- 1) "Thou good and faithful servant—enter into the joy of the Lord"
- 2) "Depart from me; I never knew you."

At final judgment

"Verily, verily I say unto you, except you be born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.

Death is a warning to all of us.

**(NOTE: I am aware that on occasion, my father was asked to conduct the funeral of an "unchurched" person in the community. This may have been one of those times.) (See following page)**

## Ernest Sumner, 90

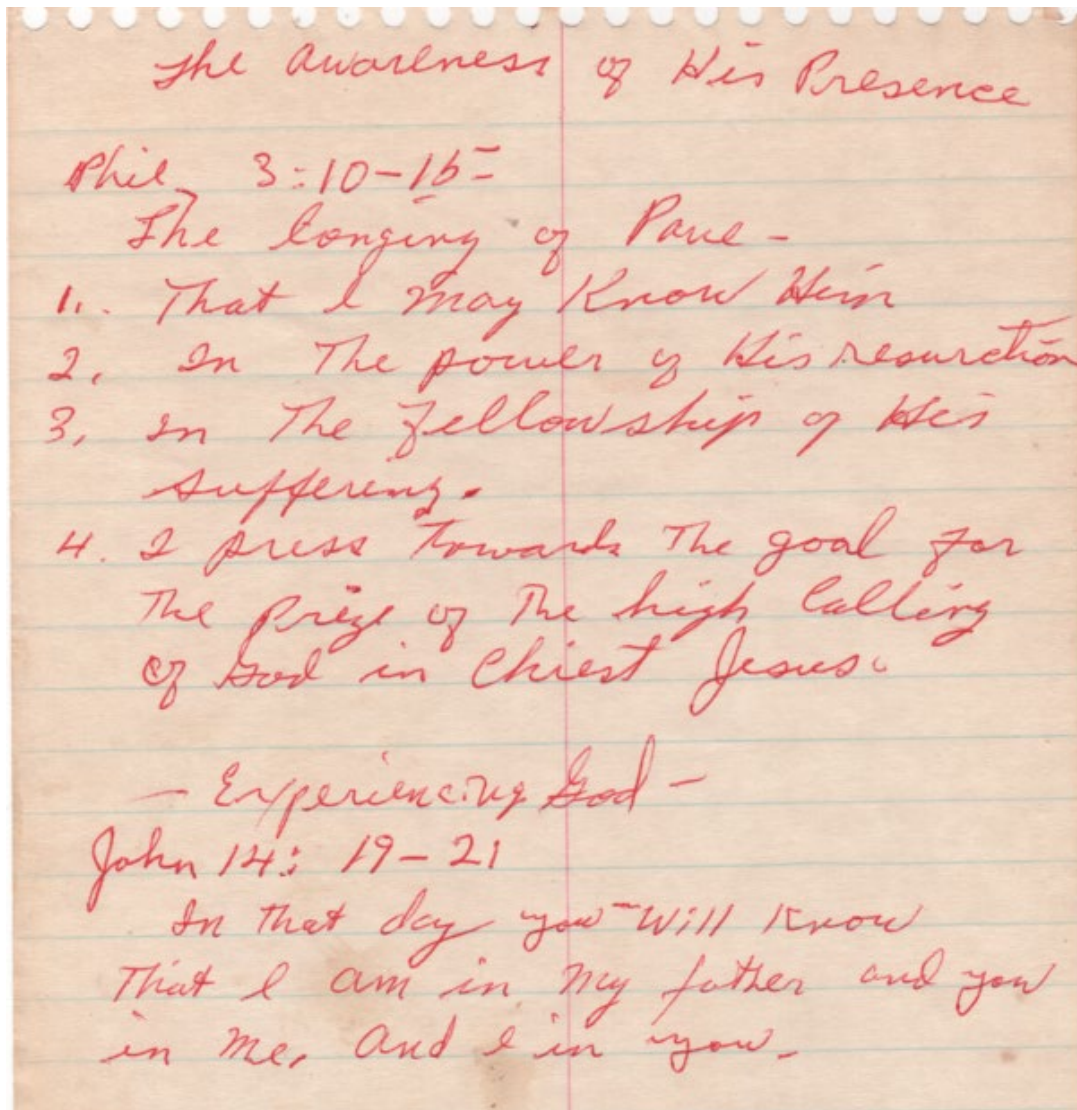
Ernest Sumner, 90, of Hendersonville, died Tuesday, Aug. 19, 1997, at Park Ridge Hospital.

He was a native and lifelong resident of Henderson County. He was a son of the late Solomon and Carrie Huntley Sumner. He was a lifetime member of United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners of America Local Union 312. He was also a lifetime member of the Edneyville Volunteer Fire Department.

He is survived by his wife, Beatrice Garren Sumner; a foster son, Keith C. Thomas and his wife Rachel M. Thomas of Hendersonville; a foster daughter, Jean T. Rhodes of Hendersonville; a brother, W. Frank Sumner of Hendersonville; two sisters, Susan Smith of Columbus and Lillie S. Jones of Hendersonville; two grandsons; four great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Shepherd Memorial Park. The Rev. John McGee will officiate. Family will receive

*[NOTE: This news article is related to my dad's notes on the previous page. I am not aware of how he knew this man, or how the family knew my father. At the bottom, it indicates that the service was held at what appears to be a grave-side location. The last sentence in the second paragraph refers to Mr. Sumner as a "life-time member of the Edneyville Volunteer Fire Department." Both Edneyville and Fruitland (where my parents lived) were VERY small communities, about ten miles outside of Hendersonville, NC; rural areas, which depended on community "volunteer" groups to provide emergency services to residents. When my mother lost consciousness at their house (mid-July, 1998), at the very time I was driving into their yard for a visit, it was this volunteer group which arrived minutes later, to transport her to the hospital in Hendersonville. From there, she was taken by medical helicopter to Mission Hospital in Asheville, twenty miles distant, where she died about two days later.]*



### The Awareness of His presence

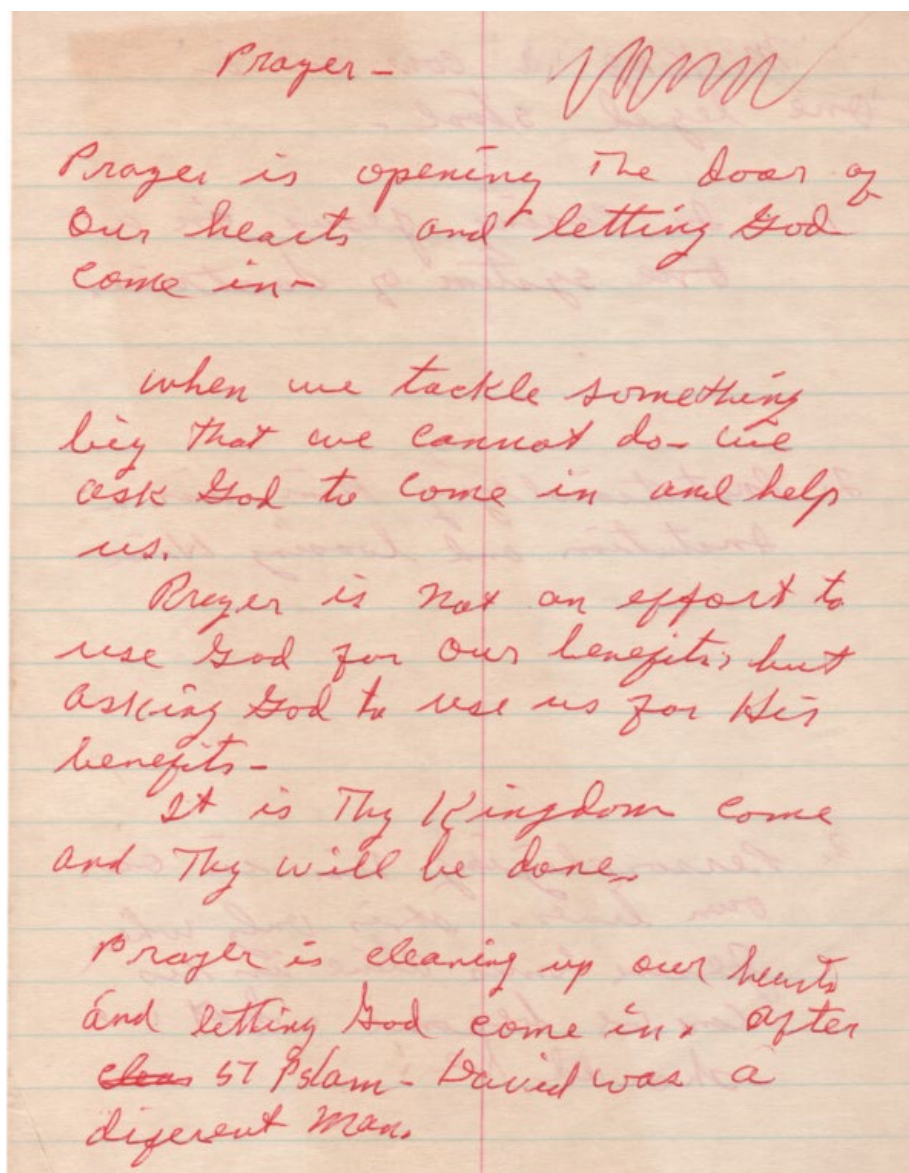
Phillippians 3: 10-15 The longing of Paul

1. That I may know Him
2. In the power of His resurrection
3. In the Fellowship of His suffering
4. I press towards the goal for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

### Experiencing God

John 14: 19-21

"In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you and me, and I in you."



### Prayer

Prayer is opening the door of our hearts and letting God come in.

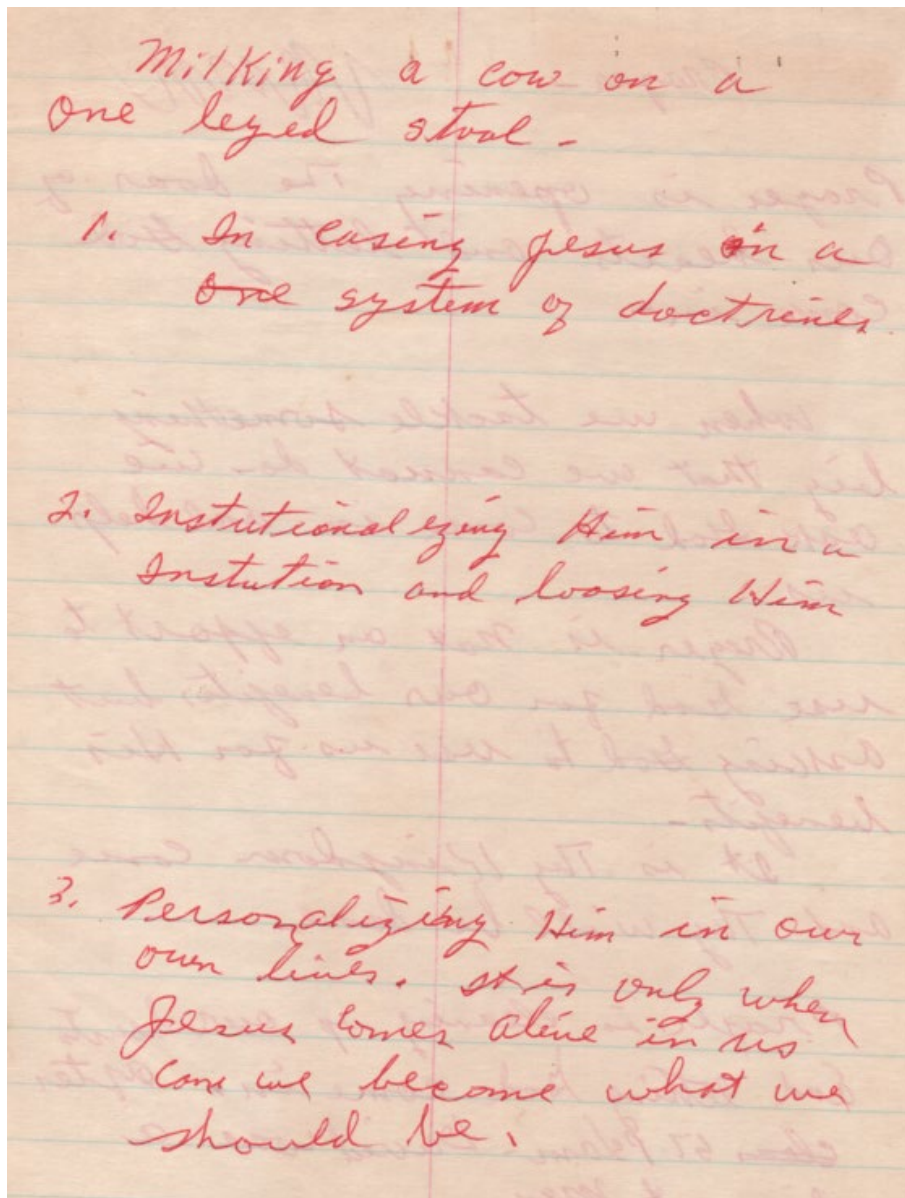
When we tackle (**e.g., attempt**) something big that we cannot do, we ask God to come in and help us.

Prayer is not an effort to use God for our benefits, but asking God to use us for His benefits.

It is Thy Kingdom come, and Thy will be done.

Prayer is cleaning up our hearts and letting God come in. After Psalm 57, David was a different man.





Milking a cow on a one-legged stool.

1. Encasing (**e.g., containing**) Jesus in a one-system of doctrine.
2. Institutionalizing Him in an institution, and losing Him.
3. Personalizing Him in our own lives. It is only when Jesus comes alive in us, can we become what we should be.

**(NOTE: My dad grew up on a farm, where his father was a tenant farmer (working crops on land that someone else owned). So he was very familiar with farm animals, and the related tasks, including the milking of a cow. Seating stools have at least three "legs," if not four. Sitting on a one-legged stool cannot be done, which is the point here.)**

1. Three questions we will have eternity to answer them in.

1st Peter 3:17-18

Hebrews 2:3

2. How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation

Jesus came, He lived, He suffered at the hands of people who thought they had a better way.

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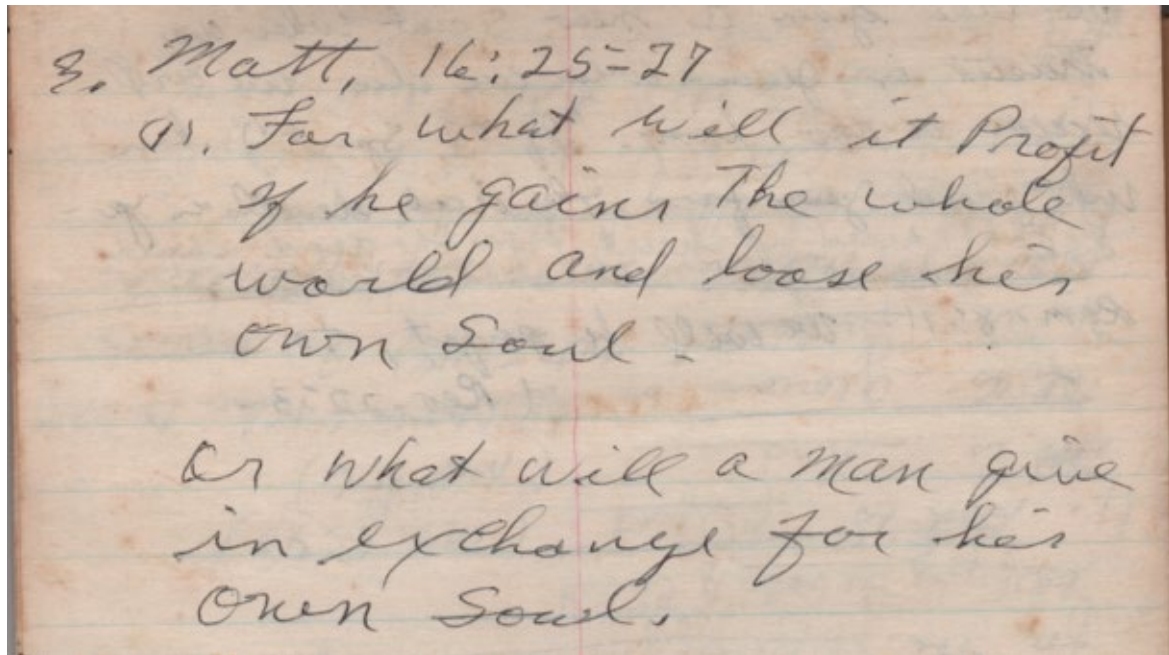
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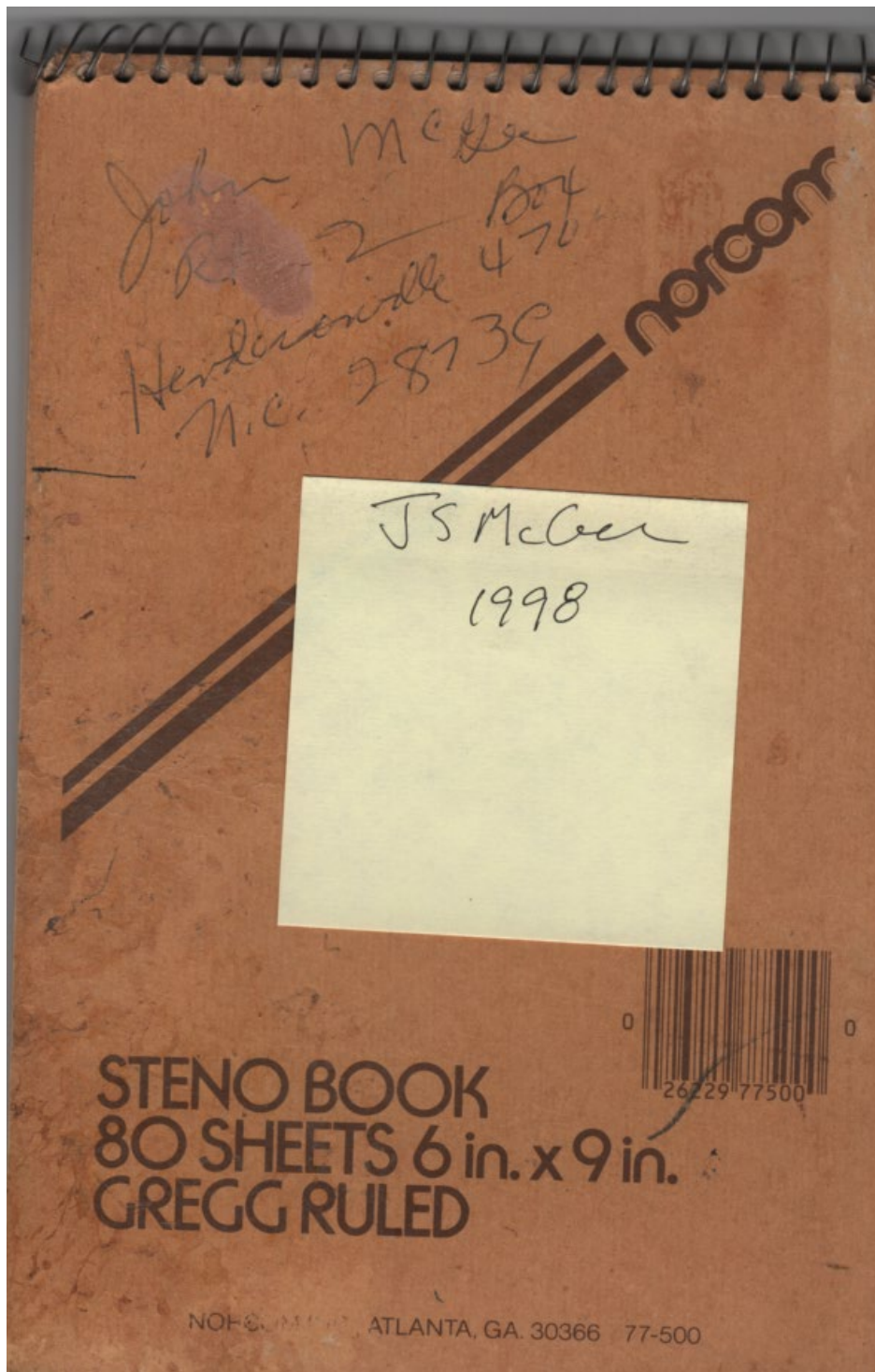
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(Continued) Matthew 16: 25-27

- 1) For what will it profit if he gains the whole world and lose his own soul? Or, what will a man give in exchange for his own soul?



***(NOTE: This is the cover of one of my father's notebooks, from which this material was taken. The small, yellow note, indicating the year—1998—was my note, while organizing the notebooks chronologically. This would have been the year my mother died (July, 1998); the year before my father died (August, 1999).***

**Fruitland Baptist Church**  
 150 College Street Hendersonville, N.C. 28792  
 "To Know Christ and Make Christ Known"

**CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE!**

**JUNE 28, 1998**

**MICHAEL SMITH, Pastor**                      **RHONDA JONES, Music Coordinator**  
**KAY SMITH, Pianist**

**Church Phone 685-8990/Pastor's Home Phone 685-0255 Mobile Phone 674-2296**

**MORNING WORSHIP** 11:00 A.M.

*All hymns accompanied by the Fruitland Instrumental Ensemble*

Americana Overture with "This Land Is My Land", "This Is My Country",  
 "America, The Beautiful" **POSTING OF THE COLORS** (please stand),  
 and "You're A Grand Old Flag"

Star Spangled Banner  
 Pledge to the Flags  
 Invocation  
 Hymn: "My Country, 'Tis Of Thee".....No. 634  
 Welcome & Announcements  
 Praise Song: "God's Big Family".....See Back Cover  
 Offertory Hymn: "Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory".....No. 633  
 Receiving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings  
 Offertory Music: "Whispering Hope"..... Fruitland Chimes Ensemble  
 We dedicate this song to Jeanne Rollins in honor of her birthday!  
 The Choir Presents....."With Liberty and Justice For All" (see insert)  
 Benediction

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**CHURCH DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING (Youth 5:00)** 6:00 P.M.  
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**EVENING WORSHIP** 7:00 P.M.

Prelude  
 Call To Worship..... Youth Choir  
 Invocation  
 Hymn: "America The Beautiful".....No. 630  
 Welcome and Announcements  
 Offertory Hymn: "The Star-Spangled Banner".....No. 635  
 Receiving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings  
 Anthem..... Youth Choir  
 Sermon..... Bro. John McGee  
 Benediction

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**THE FLOWERS** were placed in the sanctuary this morning in honor of Jeanne Rollins' 75th birthday. Happy Birthday to a very special lady! (Happy Birthday, Momma - I love you!)

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**(NOTE: The church bulletin above, is from the church across the street from where my parents lived during their retirement, which was where they were members. My mother taught a women's Sunday School class; my dad taught a men's Sunday School class; both were active in various church programs; my dad cut the grass on the church property; and because of my parents' example of giving, even though the church was small, it became one of the most generous givers to the cause of Missions of all the Baptist churches in North Carolina. On this particular Sunday, my dad was preaching, perhaps in the absence of the pastor, who may have been on vacation at the time.)**

**RBT**

**June 28-July 4**  
 Job 34-Psalms 34

**NURSERY WORKERS: Sunday School: Today, Joy Jones. Next Sun., Margie Marsh. Worship Services: Today, a.m, Sharon & Mark Searcy. Wed., Margie Marsh. Next Sun., a.m., Merle & Scarlett Pitillo; p.m., Teresa Heatherly.**

**DEACON OF THE WEEK** is NEIL ANDERSON, telephone no. 685-7159.

**BIRTHDAYS:** 6/28, Jeanne Rollins, 6/30, Jayne Stepp; 7/1, Dianne Justice, Edith Brigman & Olga Pryor; 7/7, Linda Pressley; 7/8 Rex Ashburn; and, 7/10, Ruth Pitillo.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SPECIAL BRIEF MEETING:** Anyone interested in helping with V.B.S., please meet with Teresa Manning immediately following the worship service this morning. Also, we will have a **V.B.S. Teachers' Meeting on Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.** For more information, feel free to call Teresa at 685-0653.

**WE WILL NOT HAVE A WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE AT FRUITLAND BAPTIST CHURCH, BUT WILL JOIN THE COMMUNITY FOR THE 1998 LIBERTY CELEBRATION, Wednesday at Mud Creek Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m.** Dr. Kenneth Ridings will be the speaker. If you would like to sing in the choir, they will have their only practice one hour before the service, at 6:00 p.m.

**ATTENTION CHALLENGERS:** It's that time again - Nursing Home on Wednesday night. See ya' here at 6:00 p.m., then we'll go eat!

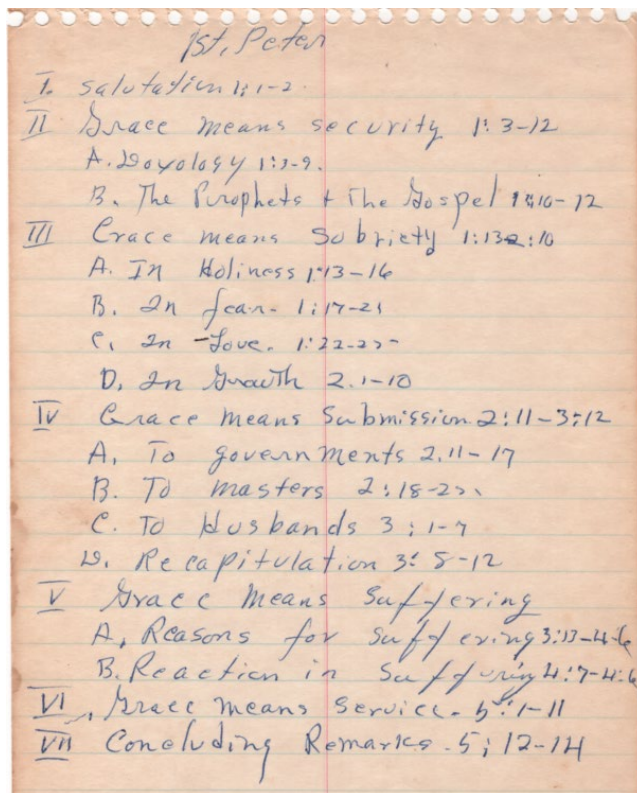
**RUSSIA TEAM** arrives at the Asheville airport at 6:30 p.m.

**DEACONS' MEETING** next Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY** to the family of Jan Huggins, who passed away yesterday, in San Antonio, Texas. He was the son of Junius & Ethan Huggins.

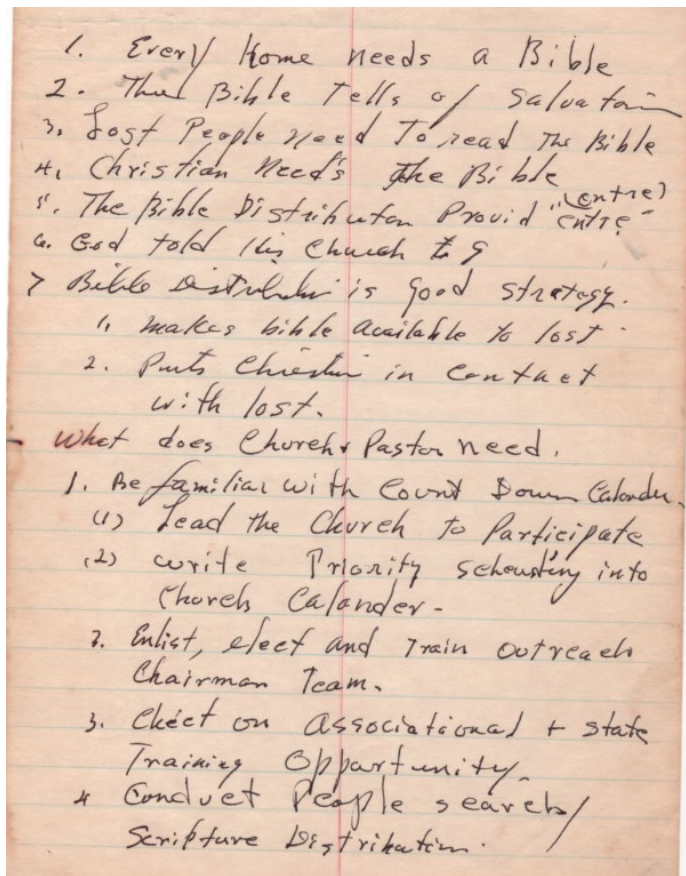
**A SPECIAL THANK-YOU:** Dear Fruitland Baptist Church, Thank you so much for the inspirational book you gave me for Graduation. I really do appreciate it!  
 Love,  
 Merritt

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
 July 12th-17th  
 (with Commencement on Friday, July 17th)  
 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.



### 1<sup>st</sup> Peter

1. Salutation: 1: 1-2
2. Grace means security 1:3-12
  - a) Doxology 1:3-9
  - b) The Prophets and the Gospel 1:10-12
3. Grace means sobriety 1: 13-16
  - a) In Holiness 1:13-16
  - b) In Fear 1: 17-21
  - c) In Love 1:22-25
  - d) In Growth 2: 1-10
4. Grace means submission 2:11—3:12
  - a) To government 2:11-17
  - b) To masters 2: 18-25
  - c) To husbands 3: 1-7
  - d) Recapitulation 3: 8-12
5. Grace means suffering
  - a) Reasons for suffering 3:13—4:6
  - b) Reaction in suffering 4:7—5:6 (?)
6. Grace means service 5:1-11
7. Concluding remarks 5: 12-14



1. Every home needs a Bible
2. The Bible tells of salvation
3. Lost people need to read the Bible
4. Christians need the Bible
5. The Bible distribution provides (?)
6. God told His Church to (?)
7. Bible distribution is good strategy
  - 1) Makes Bibles available to the lost
  - 2) Puts Christians in contact with the lost

What does Church and Pastor need?

1. Be familiar with "Count-Down Calendar" **(NOTE: Not sure of this reference.)**
  - 1) Lead the church to participate
  - 2) Write priority scheduling into church calendar
  - 3) Enlist; elect; and train outreach chairman (for) Team
  - 4) Check on associational and state training opportunity
  - 5) Conduct people search/Scripture distribution

**(NOTE: This appears to be notes regarding a particular program for distributing Bibles.)**

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have to be prayed-

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for His mercies endure forever -  
The tomb can not contain Him, for He  
rose from the dead; His mercies endure  
forever -

He shed His blood upon Calvary for the  
redemption of mankind for His mercies  
endure forever.

He ever lives in the hearts of His followers,  
for His mercy endure for ever -

He fills the universe with Himself -

He came into my life and saved me  
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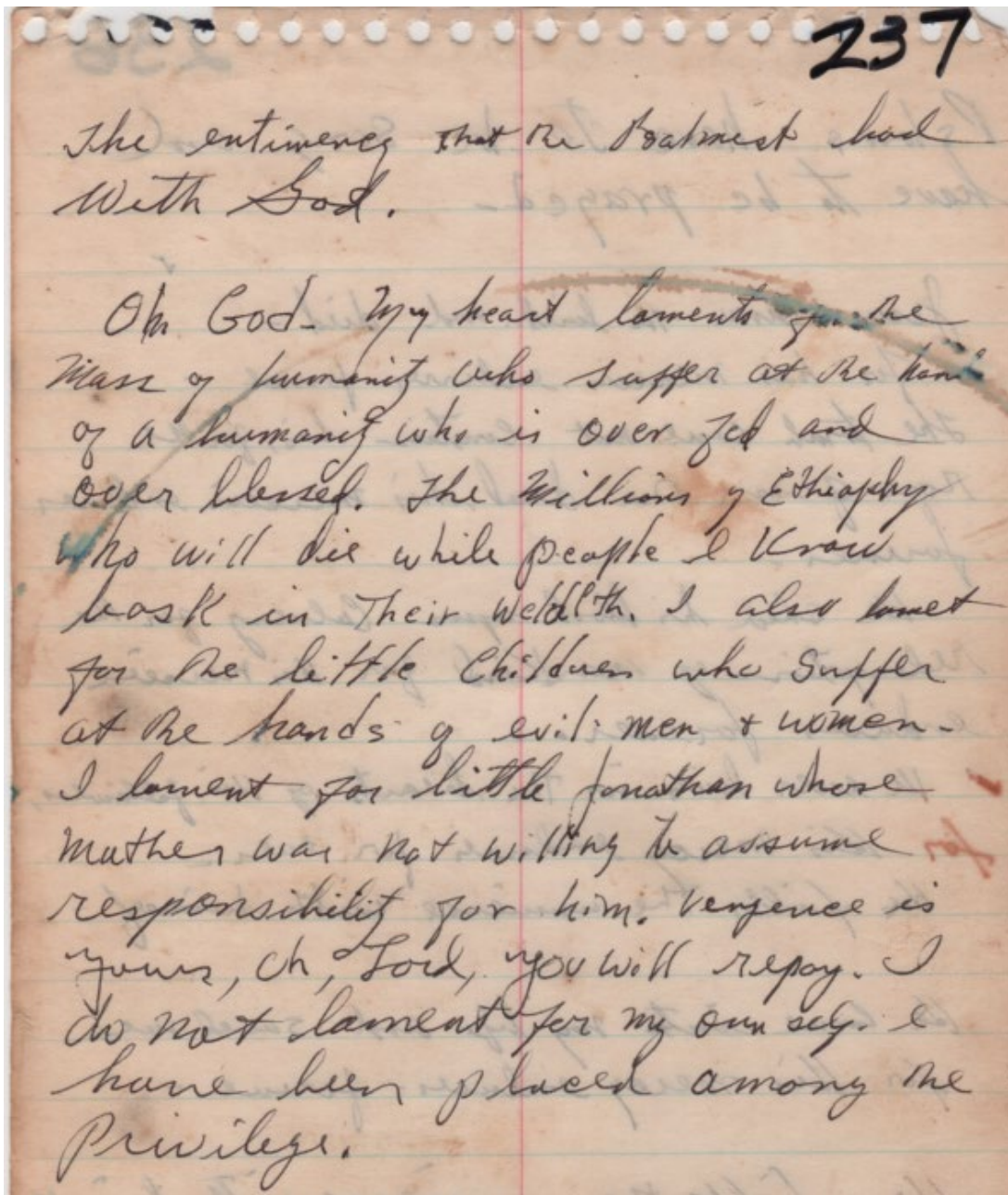
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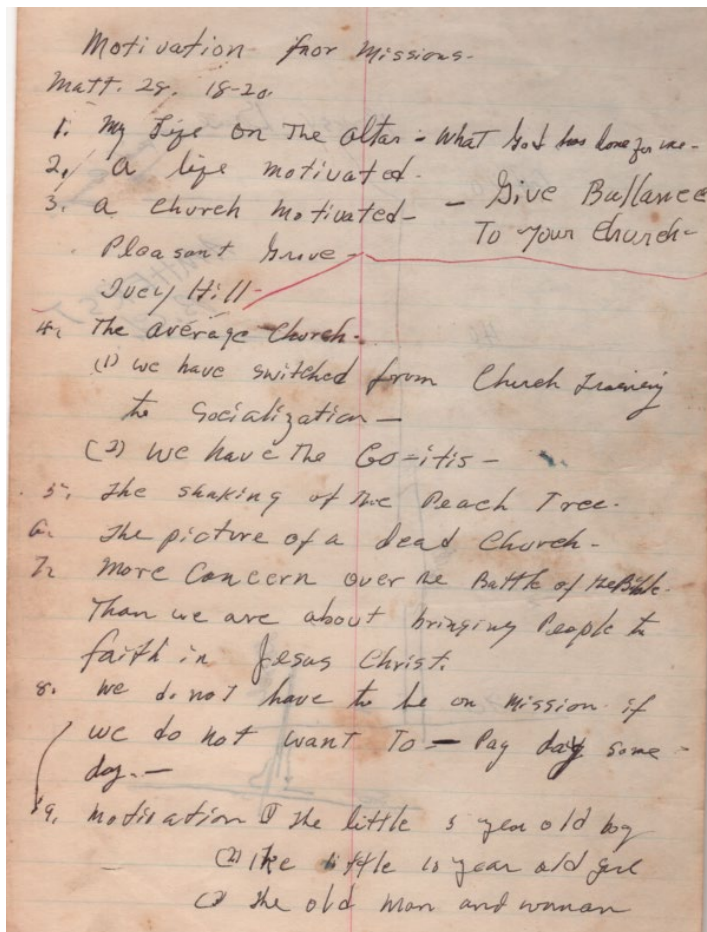
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### The intimacy that the Psalmist had with God

Oh, God—My heart laments for the mass of humanity who suffer at the hands of a humanity, who is over-fed and over-blessed. The millions of (?) who will die while people I know bask in their wealth. I also hurt (?) for the little children, who suffer at the hands of evil men and women. I lament for little Jonathan, whose mother was not willing to assume responsibility for him. Vengeance is yours, Oh Lord; you will repay. I do not lament for my own self. I have been placed among the privileged.



### Motivation for Missions

Matthew 28: 18-20

1. My life on the altar—what God has done for me
2. A life motivated
3. A church motivated -- Give balance to your church Pleasant Grove Ivey Hill  
**(NOTE: Reference to a couple of churches)**
4. The average church
  - 1) We have switched from Church “learning” to “socialization”
  - 2) We have the “Go-itis” (e.g., constant going around)
5. The shaking of the peach tree **(Note: Dad, from his farming background, often spoke of “shaking the peach tree,” when the “spoiled/unhealthy” peaches would fall to the ground, leaving the good peaches on the limbs to mature.)**
6. The picture of a dead church
7. (There is ) More concern over the “battle of the Bible” **(Note: A reference to differences of opinion about interpretation),** than we are about bring people to faith in Jesus Christ.
8. We do not have to be on mission, if we do not want to---(but) “Pay day, someday”  
**(Note: A reference to future reward).**
9. Motivation: 1) the little 5-year-old boy; 2) the little 10-year-old girl; 3) the old man & woman

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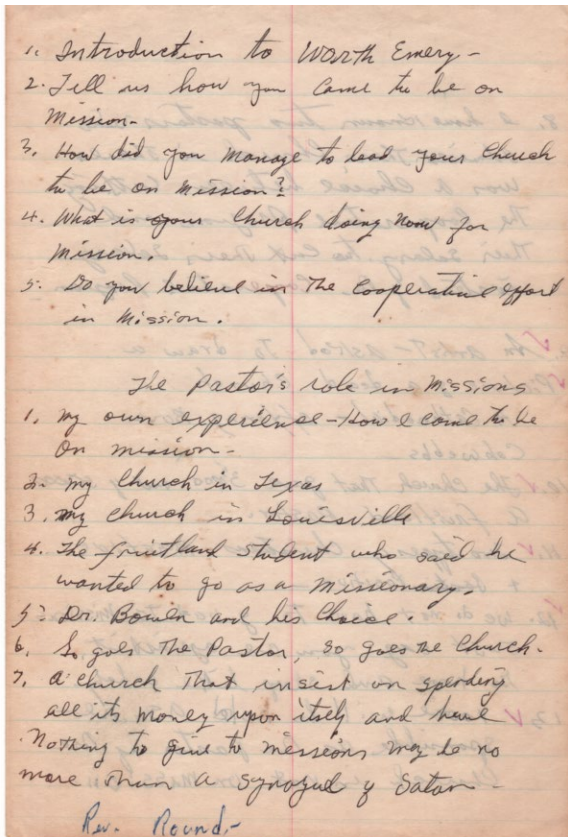
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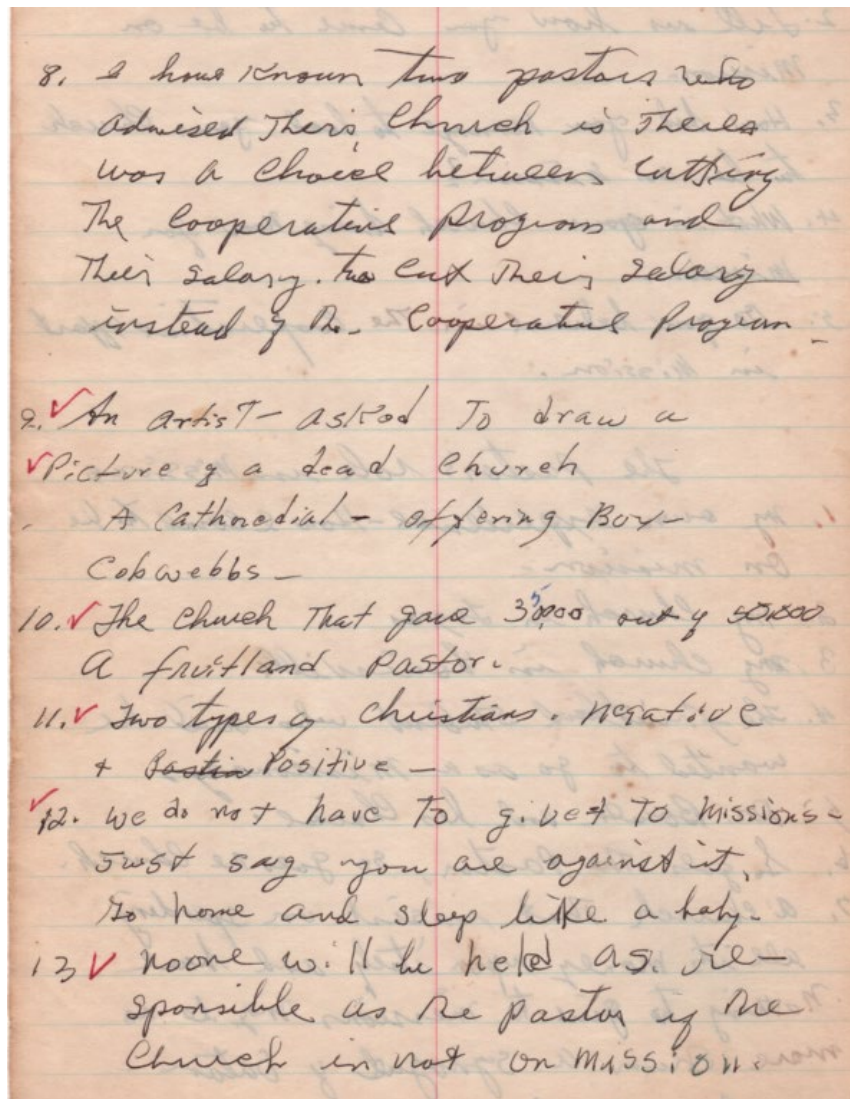
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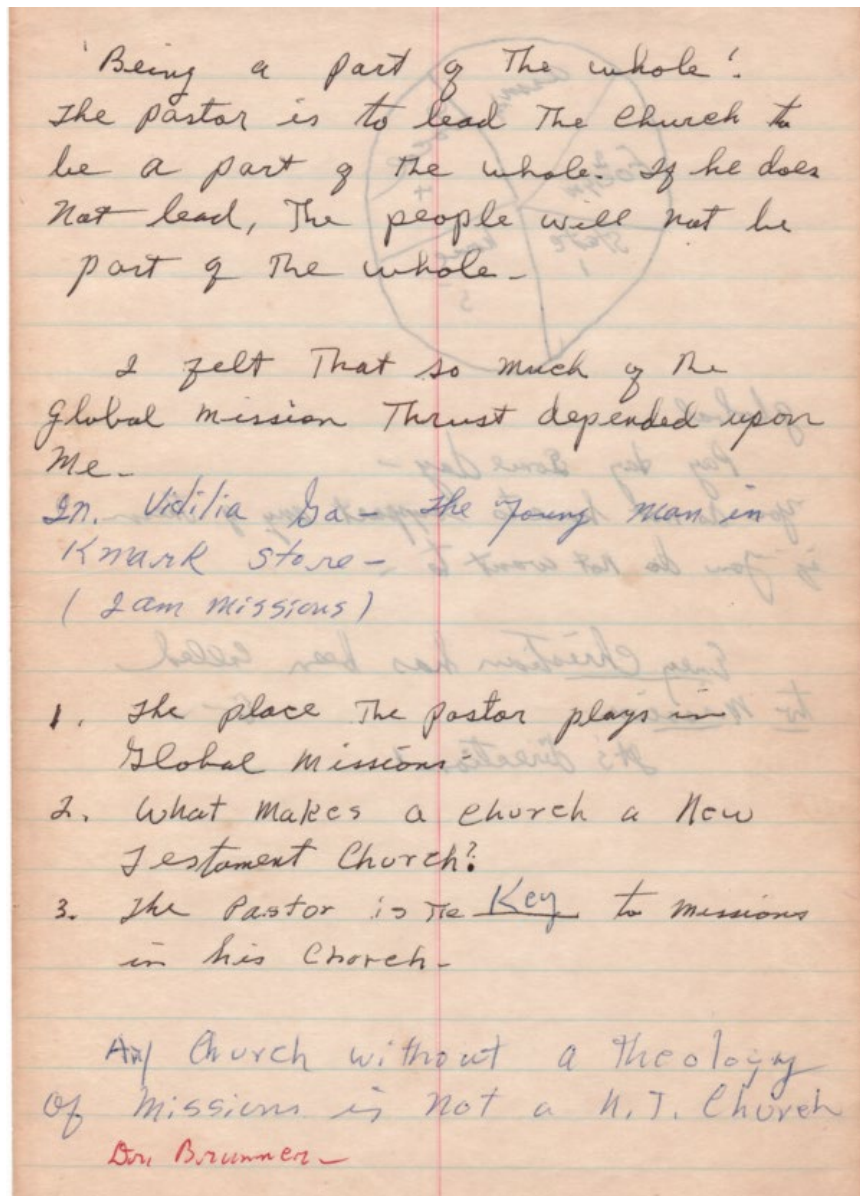
1. Introduction to Worth Emery
2. Tell us how you came to be on Mission.
3. How did you manage to lead your church to be on mission?
4. What is your church doing now for missions?
5. Do you believe in the Cooperative effort in mission? (**Note: A reference to the SBC, "Cooperative Program"**)

The pastor's role in Missions (**Note: Dad is giving his testimony here**)

1. My own experience—How I came to be on mission
2. My church in Texas (**Note: Pleasant Gove Baptist Church**)
3. My church in Louisville (**Note: Fairdale Baptist Church**)
4. The Fruitland (**Note: Baptist Institute**) student, who said he wanted to go as a missionary.
5. Dr. Bowen (**Note: Thomas Jefferson Bowen**), pioneer missionary to **Nigeria**) and his choice
6. So (As) goes the pastor; so goes the church
7. A church that insists on spending all its money upon itself, and has nothing to give to missions, may be no more than a "synagogue" of Satan



8. I have known two pastors who advised their churches (that) there was a choice between cutting the Cooperative Program, and their (own) salaries; and (recommended) to cut their salaries instead of the Cooperative Program.
9. An artist (was) asked to draw a picture of a dead church. (It was) a cathedral; an offering box; and cobwebs.
10. (Another Example) The church that gave \$35,000 out of \$50,000—a Fruitland pastor
11. Two types of Christians—negative and positive
12. We do not have to give to missions—just say you are against it; go home and sleep like a baby.
13. No one will be held as responsible as the pastor, if the church is not on mission.



### Being a part of the whole!

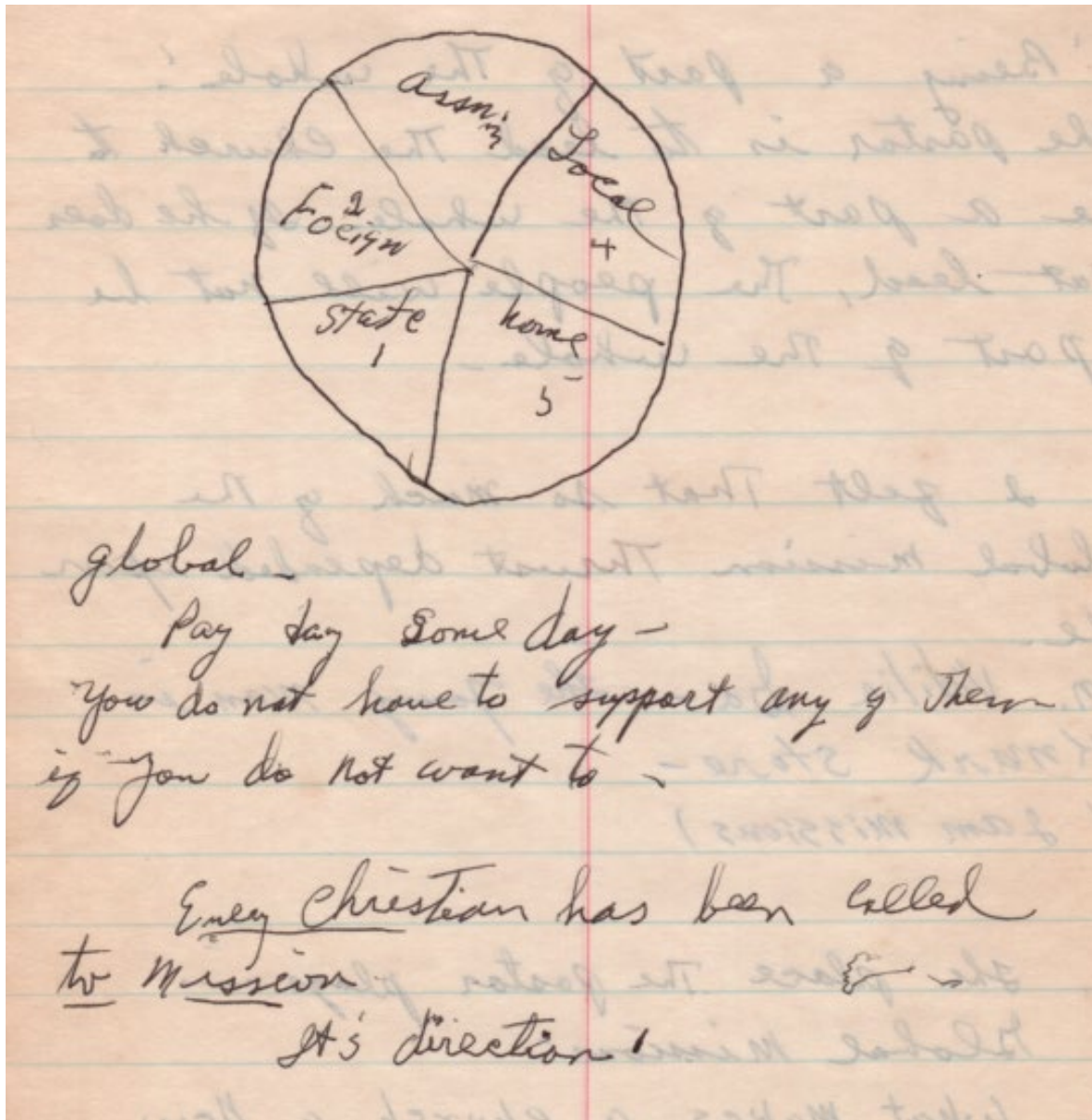
The pastor is to lead the church to be a part of the whole. If he does not lead, the people will not be part of the whole.

I felt that so much of the global mission thrust depended upon me.

(Example) In Vidalia, GA, the young man in (the) K-Mart store (I am missions)

1. The place the pastor plays in Global Missions
2. What makes a church a New Testament Church
3. The pastor is the KEY to missions in his church

Any church without a theology of missions is not a New Testament Church (Dr. Brunner)

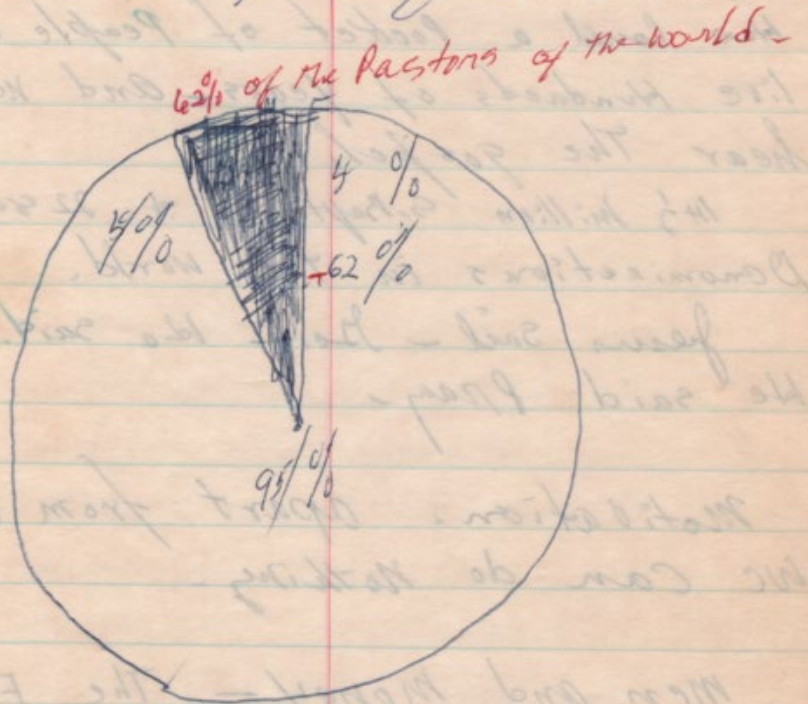


**(NOTE: A "pie chart" that shows the five major programs of the Cooperative Program, and priorities):** State; Foreign; Association; Local; Home

Global; "Pay day, some day;" You do not have to support any of them if you do not want to.

Every Christian has been called to mission. It's direction!

A church that insists upon spending all of its money upon itself, may be nothing more than a synagogue of Satan.



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How many do we turn out of Fruitland + nothing to do -

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**(Note: A chart with percentages—unclear)**

1500 turned out (e.g., graduated) of a seminary, and (had) nothing to do (e.g., no employment). How can this be? How many do we turn out of Fruitland (Baptist Institute—which offers training for bi-vocational pastors—who have regular jobs, and work in churches part-time), and nothing to do?



How could a pocket of people in Togo live hundreds of years and never hear the gospel?

14 1/2 million S. Baptist + 22,850 - Denominations in the world.

Jesus said - Go! He said, Give! He said Pray.

Motivation, apart from which we can do nothing.

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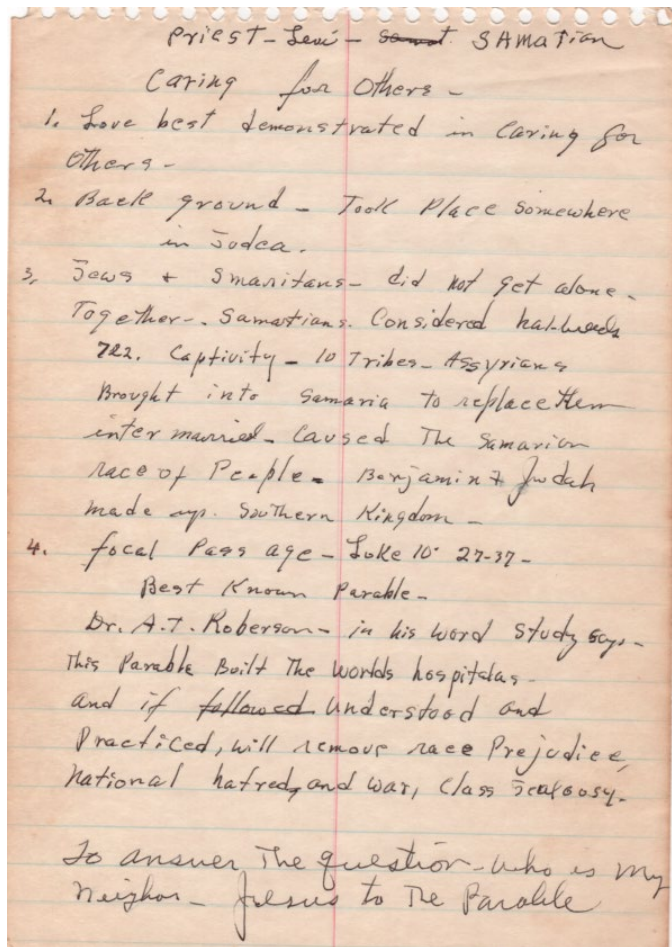
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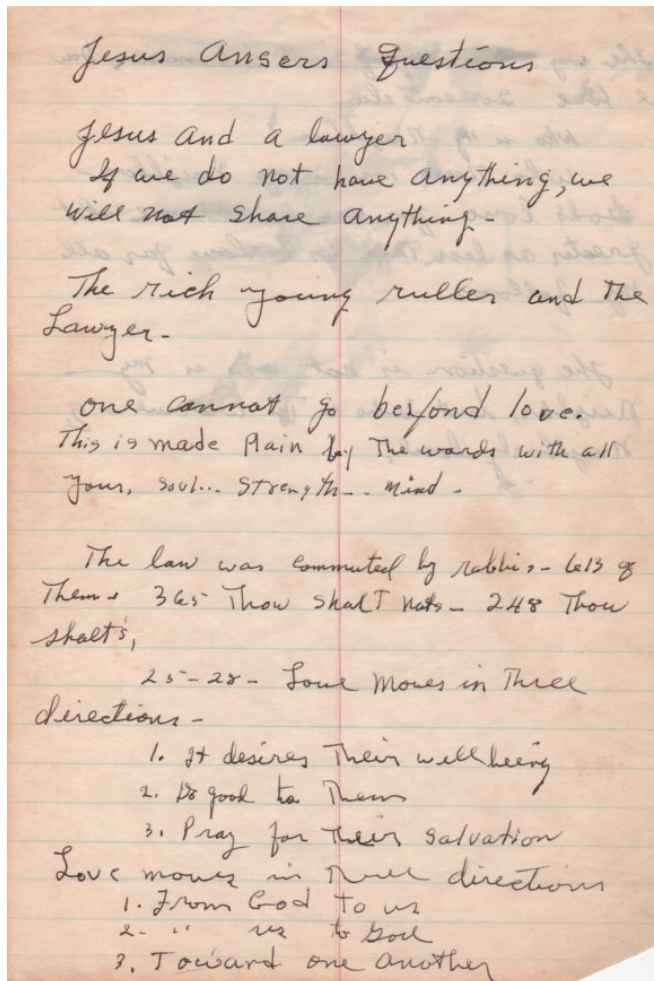


## Priest—Levi—Samaritan

### Caring for others

1. Love best demonstrated in caring for others.
2. Background: Took place somewhere in Judea
3. Jews and Samaritans—did not get along together. Samaritans considered “half-breeds” (e.g., “mixed race”) 722 A.D. Captivity—10 tribes (**of Israel**)—Assyrians (were) brought into Samaria to replace them; inter-married—caused (**created**) the Samaritan “race” of people. (Tribes of) Benjamin and Judah made up the “Southern Kingdom” (**of Israel**).
4. Focal passage: Luke 10: 27-37 (the best-known parable)  
Dr. A. T. Robertson (**NOTE: Archibald Thomas (A. T.) Robertson, professor of New Testament at SBTS, 1895-1934**), in his word study says, “This parable built the world’s hospitals; and if understood and practiced, will remove race; prejudice; national hatred; war; class jealousy.”

To answer the question, who is my neighbor, Jesus (points) to the parable.



### Jesus answers questions

If we do not have anything, we will not share anything.

The rich young ruler, and the lawyer

One cannot go beyond love. This is made plain by the words... "with all your soul... strength..mind."

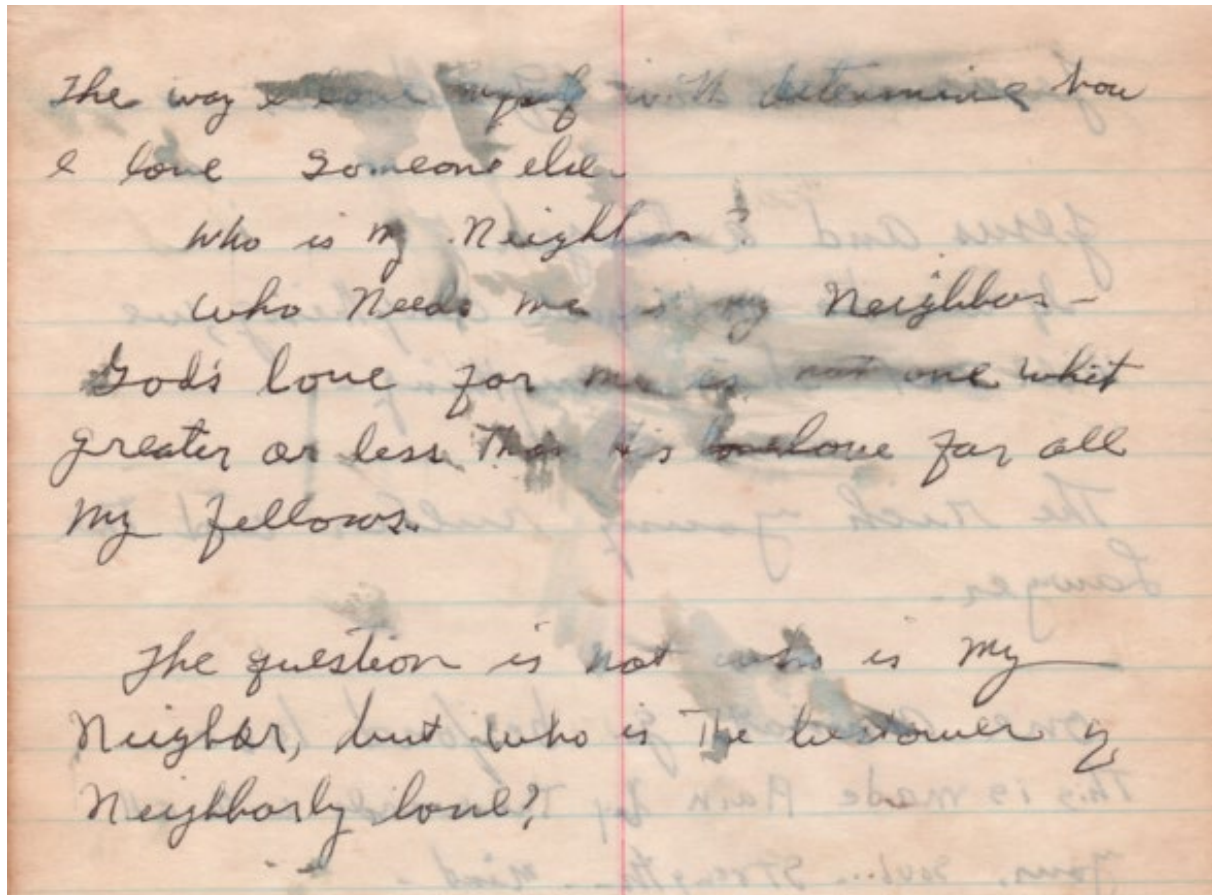
The law was commuted by rabbis; (613 of them; 365—"Thou shalt nots; 248—"Thou shalt's.)

Vs. 25-28: Love moves in three directions:

1. It desires their well-being
2. Do good to them
3. Pray for their salvation

Love moves in three directions:

1. From God to us
2. From us to God
3. Towards one another



The way I love myself will determine how I love someone else.

Who is my neighbor?

Who needs me (?) my neighbors?

God's love for me is not one which (is) greater or less than His love for all my fellows.

The question is not who is my neighbor, but who is the best owner of neighborly love!

History— for imperial only -  
 grown on oak logs -  
 Appalachian area - most suitable -  
 may grow on sawdust -  
 a fungi - it competes with other fungi -  
 Dr. Harvey - Warren Wilson College -  
 Limbs - 4 ft. long -  
 will not grow on Locus or apple wood  
 Prefers white oak - cut in Dec. or  
 January - Maple can be used -  
 Once log is cut, keep out of sunshine -  
 Shataki Chinese mushroom Black -  
 Logs - 3-10 inches in diameter - dry -  
 should dry 3 weeks - cut & put in dry -  
 it needs 80% dry -  
 March 28th -  
 Drill holes 6 in apart - 3 in depth -  
 1/4 in hole - cover with wax paraffin  
 Te Pe. fashion -  
 flip the logs - bottom to top -  
 Characteristics of mushroom  
 food health - marketing -

#### History—for imperial (?) only

Grown on oak logs

Appalachian area—most suitable—may grow on sawdust (**NOTE: the Appalachian Mountains, often called the Appalachians, are a mountain range in eastern to northeastern North America.**)

A fungi—it competes with other fungi

Dr. Harvey—Warren Wilson College (**Note—in Western NC**)

Limbs—4 foot lengths

Will not grow on Locus (**type of wood**), or Applewood. Prefers White Oak, (that is) cut in December or January—Maple (wood) can be used.

One long is cut. Keep (it) out of sunshine.

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It needs (to be) 80% dry.

March 28<sup>th</sup>

Drill holes 6 inches apart—3 inches deep—1/4 inch hole—cover with wax paraffin

Top (shows how should look)

Flip the logs—bottom to top.

Characteristics of mushroom food—(good for) health—marketing

**(NOTE: These are notes that my dad made during a meeting, where he was learning how to prepared logs of wood, on which mushrooms could be grown. I recall his doing this, and enjoying the mushrooms.) (Continued)**

(27)  
Can be dried and used up to 12 Months -  
Canned -  
American Farm Mushroom Assn -  
667 8020 -  
Family Garden Kit -  
12-58 - 400 Bids -  
No insect spray -  
(Bally Dais -)  
684 7723  
Dones  
685 7871  
- 21 Nov. Edville School -

(Continued) Can be dried, and used up to 12 months—(may be) canned (e.g., home-preserved, which my mother did often with produce from my dad's gardens)

American Farm Mushroom Association (gives phone number)

Family Garden Kit (**NOTE: What he should purchase, and where he might get it**)

No insect spray (needed)

**Etc., etc.**



All his life, my dad loved to “farm.” Here is a gourd which he grew at Fruitland.

Senior Adults -  
East Flat Rock Comm. Center -  
On street in front of E. F. Church.  
11 o'clock - 3 can go with us -  
we have to be there early -  
Bring groceries tonight -  
Inez in hospital -  
Bert & Norma mother

#### Senior Adults

East Flat Rock Community Center—on street in front of E. F. Church

11 o'clock; 3 can go with us

We have to be there early

Bring groceries tonight

Inez in hospital (someone in the community)

(someone's name)

**(NOTE: My parents were both involved in several "neighborhood" ministries; for example, they were both "Hospice" certified, to visit persons terminally ill, close to death; and, participated in the "Meals on Wheels" program, which was/is a government program to deliver (already prepared) meals to persons who were "shut-ins" (unable to travel for themselves). This appears to be notes about such an activity.)**

Three Questions we cannot answer  
in Time - All Eternity -

Question No. 1. Peter 4: 17-18

No 2. Heb. 2:3. How shall we escape

No. 3. Matt. 16: 25-26

What will it Profit a Man.  
If he gains the whole world  
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2. Hebrews 2:3 How shall we escape
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## The Basic Reasons Behind the Command

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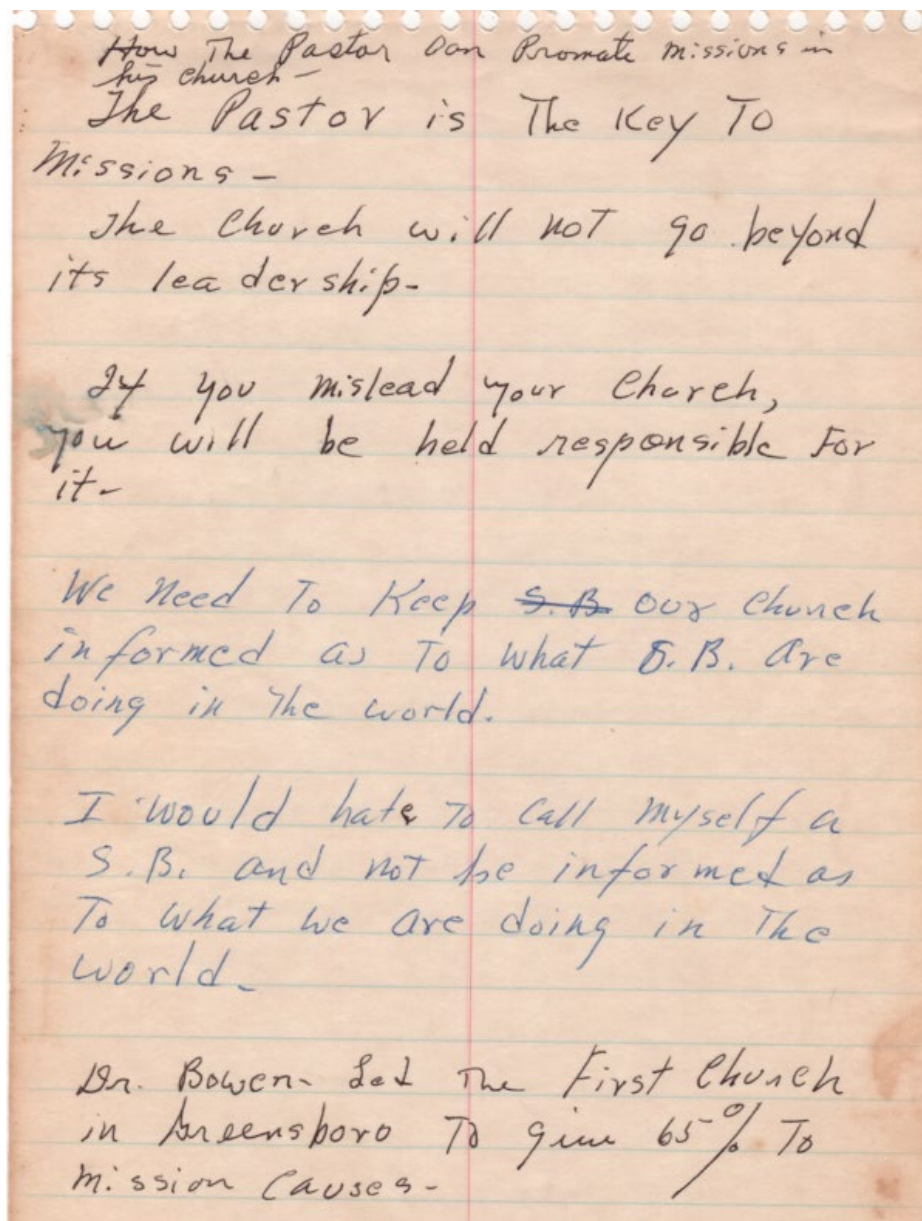
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How the Pastor can Promote Missions in his church

The Pastor is the key to Missions

The church will not go beyond its leadership. If you mislead your church, you will be held responsible for it.

We need to keep our church informed as to what Southern Baptists are doing in the world.

I would hate to call myself a Southern Baptist, and not be informed as to what we are doing in the world.

Dr. Bown (**NOTE: A pastor in NC**) led the First Baptist Church in Greensboro, to give 65% (**of the church's budget**) to mission causes.

## Our attitude Towards Missions.

WE can be negative . or we can be positive.

The Church will be what The Pastor leads it To be-

The Pastor To a church is what a manager is To an Industry-. It failed or succeed according To management-

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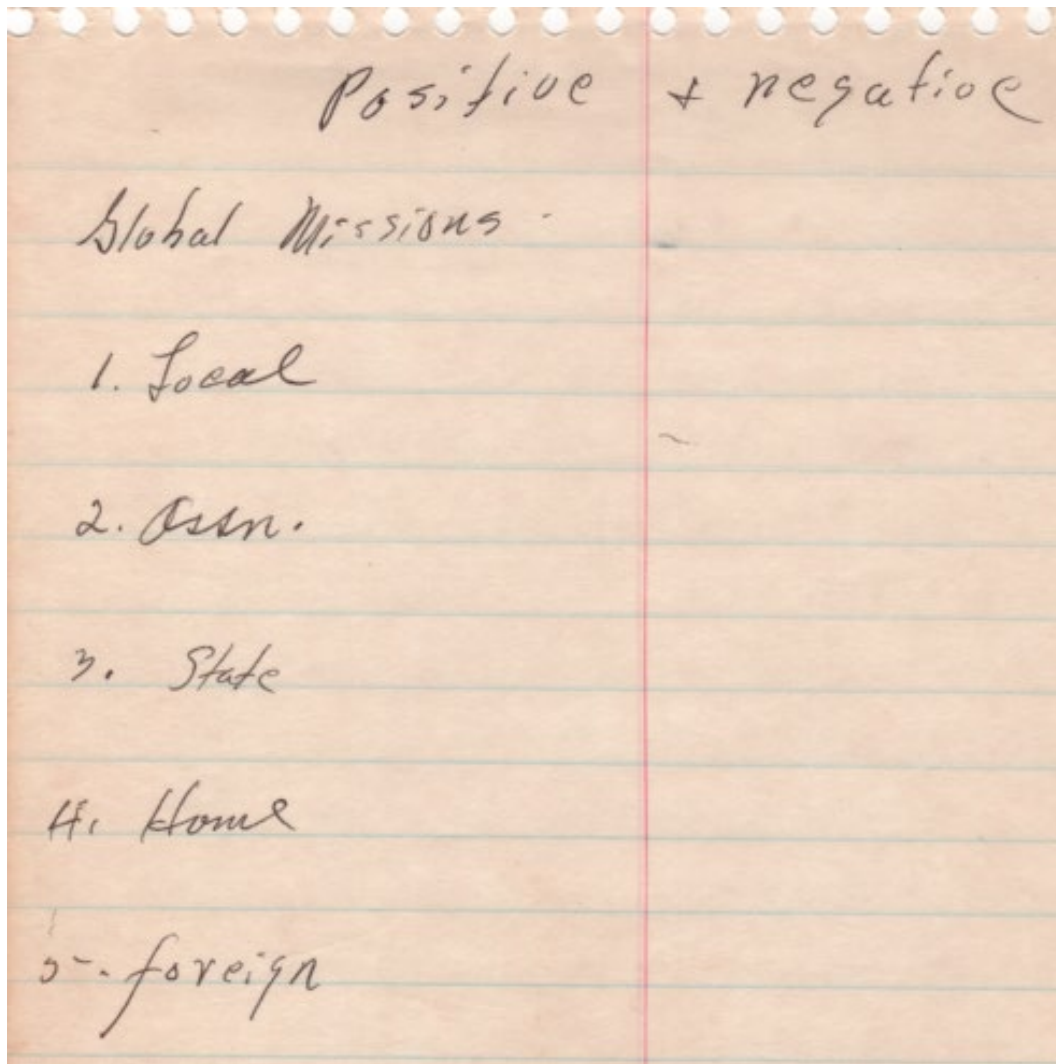
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### Positive and Negative

#### Global Missions:

1. Local
2. Association
3. State
4. Home
5. Foreign

1. Jesus Told us To Pray.  
Pray you the Lord of the Harvest... send.
2. He told us To Give. Romans. 10.
3. He Told us To go - Matt. 28: 18-20

## Motivation

Dr. Gregory -  
Preached on Home Missions.

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Committee

Burb.

Per. me.

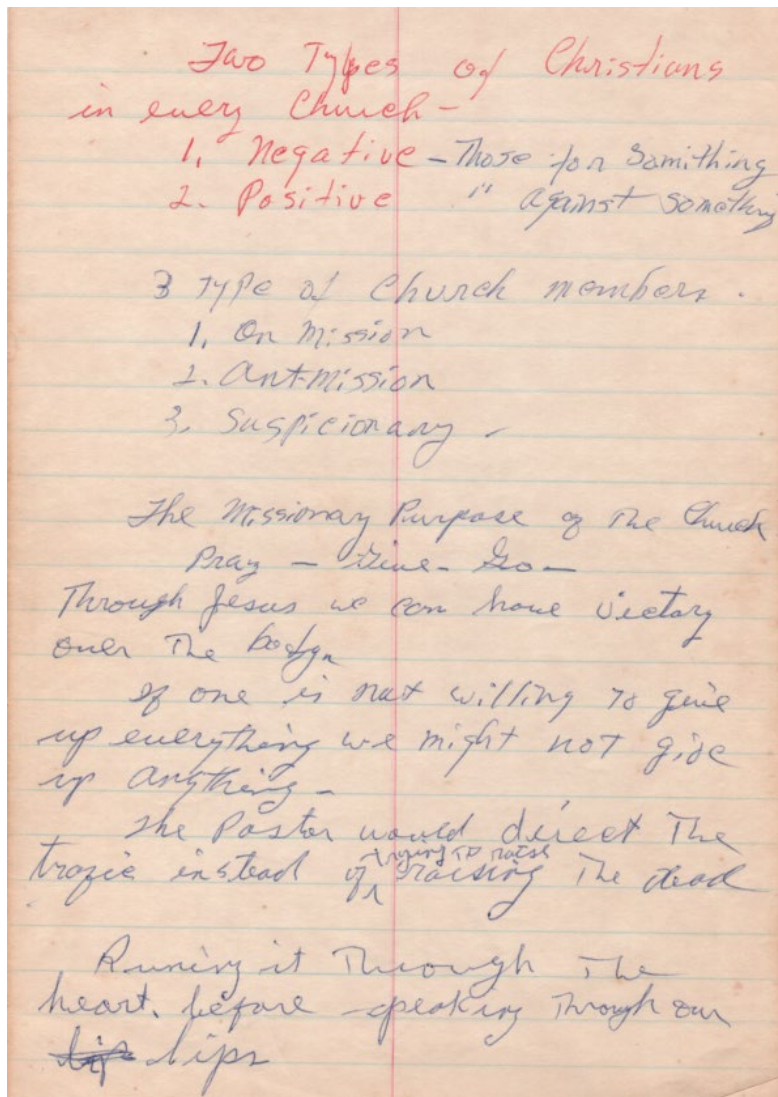
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John S. McGee

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**(NOTE: Further evidence of my parents' active participation in different ways with their local Association activities.)**



Two types of Christians in every church

1. Negative—those for (**against?**) something
2. Positive—those against (**for?**) something

3 types of church members:

1. On mission
2. Anti-mission
3. Suspicious

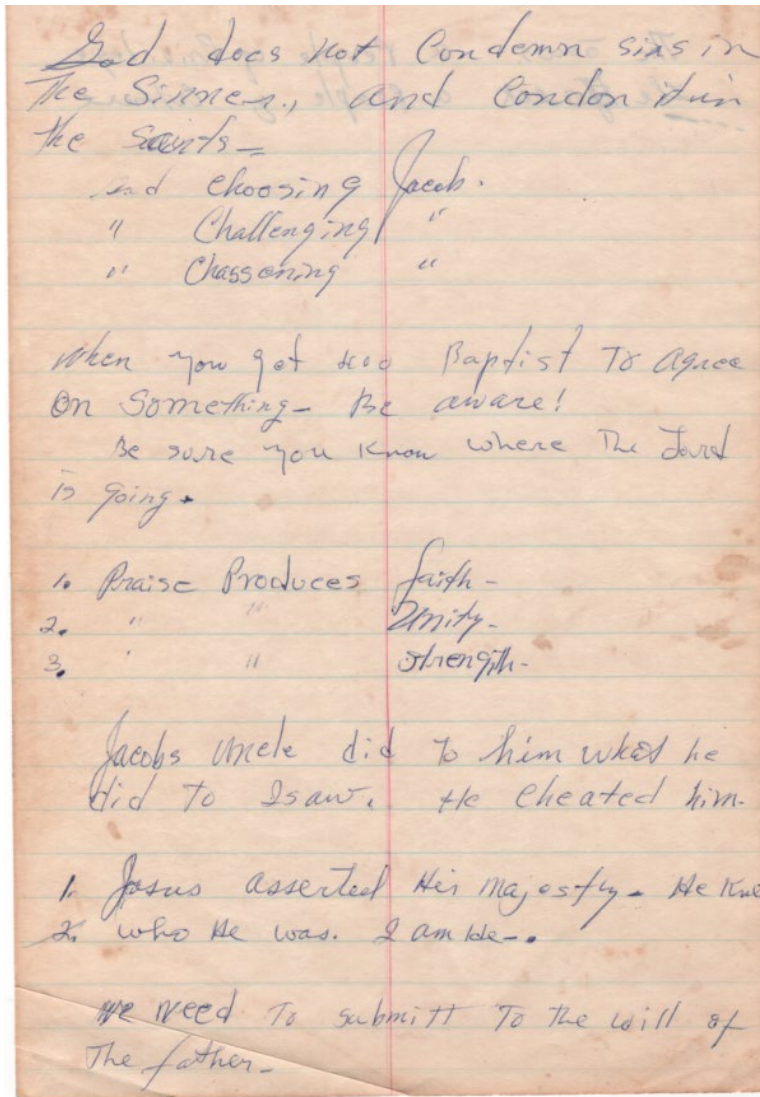
The missionary purpose of the church: Pray—Give—Go

Through Jesus we can have victory over the body.

If one is not willing to give up everything, we might not give up anything.

The Pastor would direct the traffic, instead of trying to raise the dead.

Running it through the heart, before speaking through our lips.



God does not condemn sin in the sinners, and condone it in the saints.

(God?) choosing Jacob

Challenging Jacob

Chastising Jacob

When you get 400 Baptist to agree on something—Be Aware! Be sure you know where the Lord is going.

1. Praise produces faith
2. Praise produces unity
3. Praise produces strength

Jacob's uncle did to him what he (Jacob) did to Esau; he cheated him.

1. Jesus asserted His majesty. He knew who He was. "I am He..."

We need to submit to the will of the Father.



The Jews a People of Privilege  
The Greek a People of Culture

Power for Missions -  
The task of Missions belong To Missions  
All of us belong To Missions.  
A spectator sport - 22 out there  
healthy - 8000 in the stadium most of them  
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The Jews—a people of “privilege;” the Greeks, a people of culture

Power for Missions

The task of missions belong to missions

All of us belong to missions

**(NOT)** A “spectator” sport **(NOTE: Where there is NO “participation”):**

**(Illustrates):** 22 out there healthy (**e.g., players on the field**); 8,000 in the stadium, most of them sickly; 12 out of 300 who had a missing eye or limb, because of serving Christ **(Note: This reference is not clear.)**

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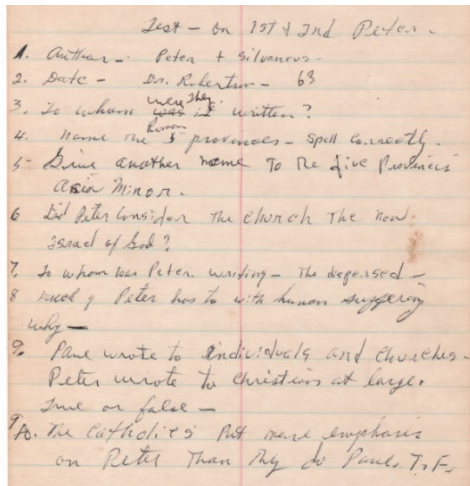
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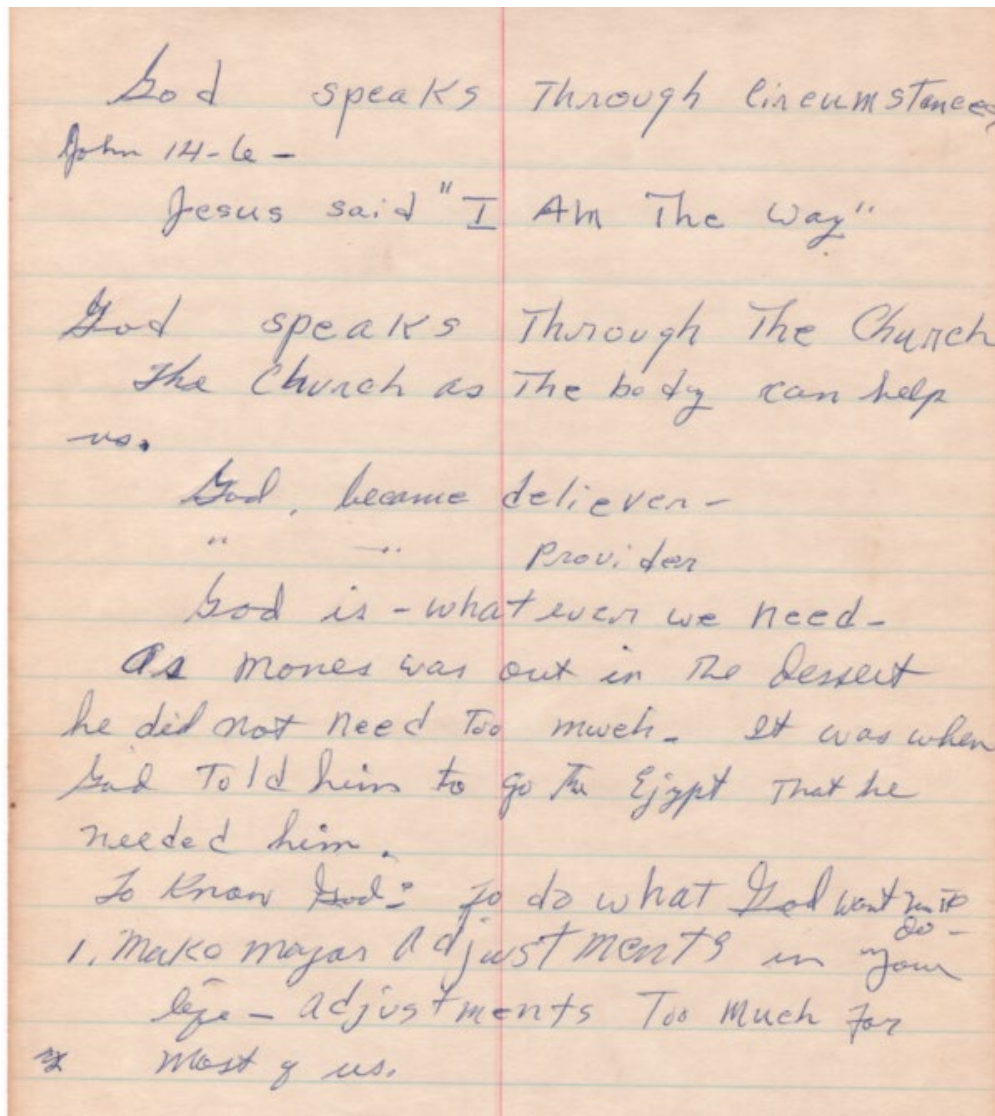


Test—on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter

1. Author—Peter (plus) Silas (**1 Peter 5:12**)
2. Date—Dr. Robertson 63 A.D.
3. To whom were they writing?
4. Name the Roman provinces—spell correctly
5. Give another name to the five provinces in Asia Minor
6. Did Peter consider the Church the New Israel of God?
7. To whom was Peter writing? The despised
8. Much of Peter has to do with human suffering. Why?
9. Paul wrote to individuals and churches. Peter wrote to Christians at large. True or false?
10. The Catholics put more emphasis on Peter than they do Paul. True or false?

**(NOTE: My dad, on occasion (especially during the earlier years of their retirement at Fruitland), was asked to teach a class at the Baptist Institute, located directly across the street from their house. This is related to that.) (Below: J. S. McGee—viewer's left)**





God speaks through circumstances John 14:6  
Jesus said, "I am the way."

God speaks through the Church. The Church as the "body" can help us.

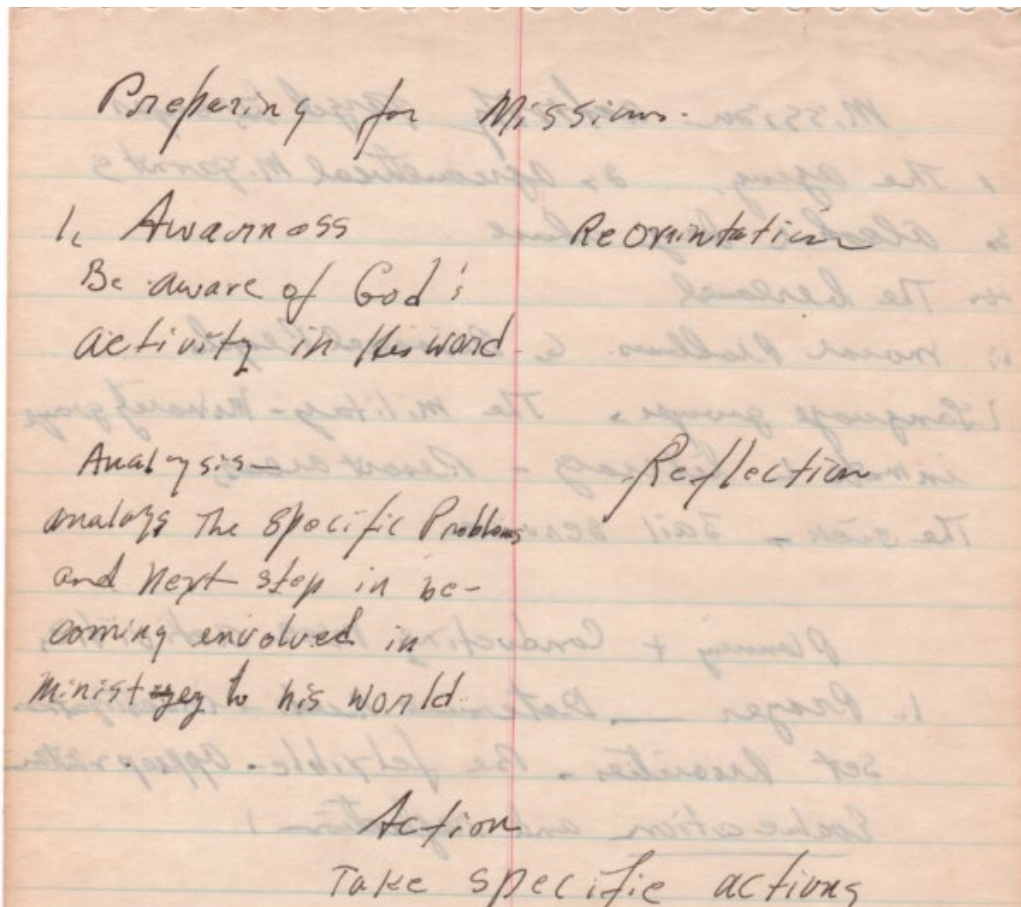
God became "deliverer"

God became "provider"

God is whatever we need. As Moses was out in the desert, he did not need too much. It was when God told him to go to Egypt, that he needed Him.

To know God: To do what God wants us to do.

1. Make major adjustments in your life—adjustments (that are) too much for most of us.



### Preparing for Missions

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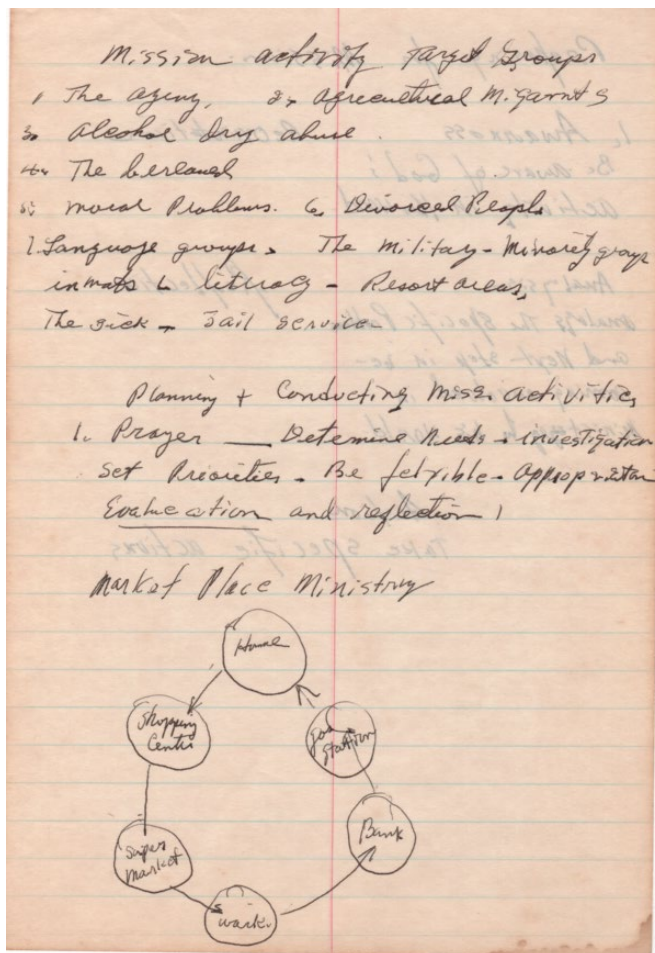
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(NOTE: This is a duplication of the previous page.)



### Mission activity—target groups

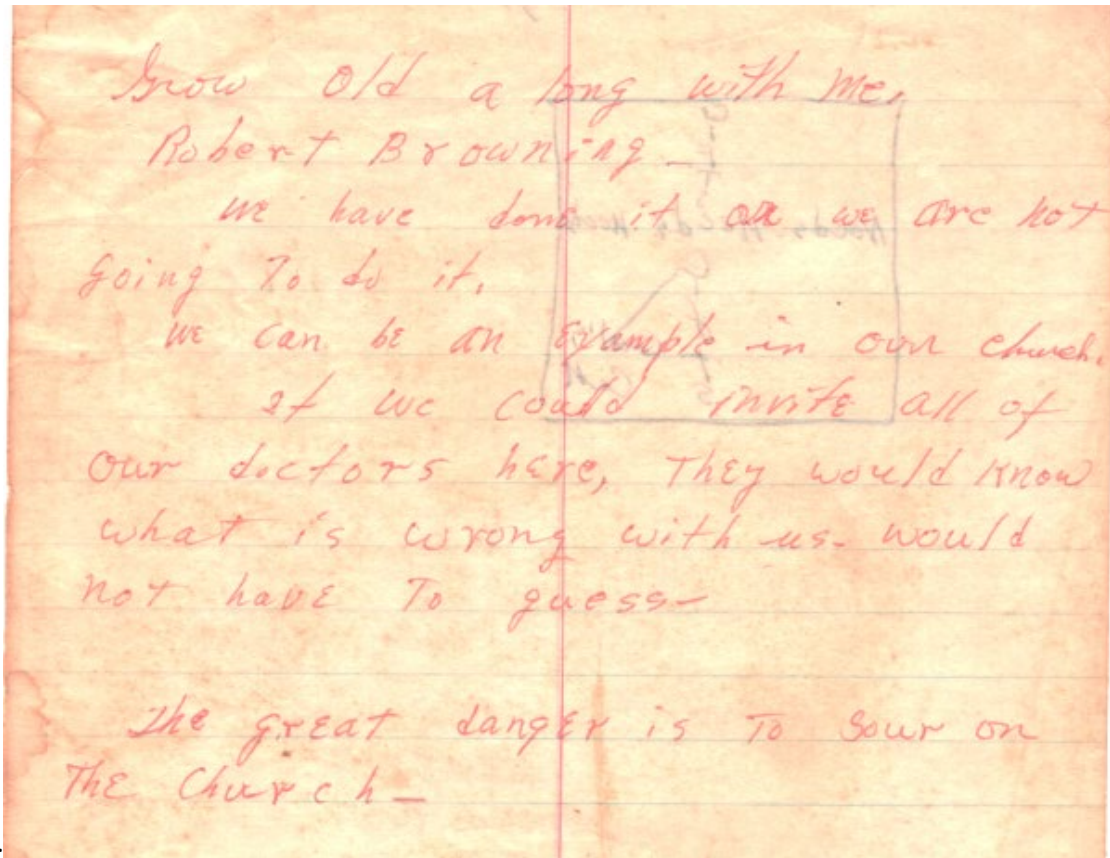
1. The aging
2. Agricultural migrants (**NOTE: In Western NC, as in many other places, migrants—especially from Mexico—were always needs for essential work on most farms**)
3. Alcohol/drug abuse
4. The bereaved
5. Moral problems
6. Divorced people
7. Language groups; the military/minority groups; inmates; literacy; resort areas; the sick; jail services

### Planning and conducting mission activities:

1. Prayer—determine needs—investigation—set priorities—be flexible—appropriation—evaluation and reflection

(Diagram for “Market Place Ministry”—showing movement from “home;” to shopping center; to super market; to work; to bank; to gas station.



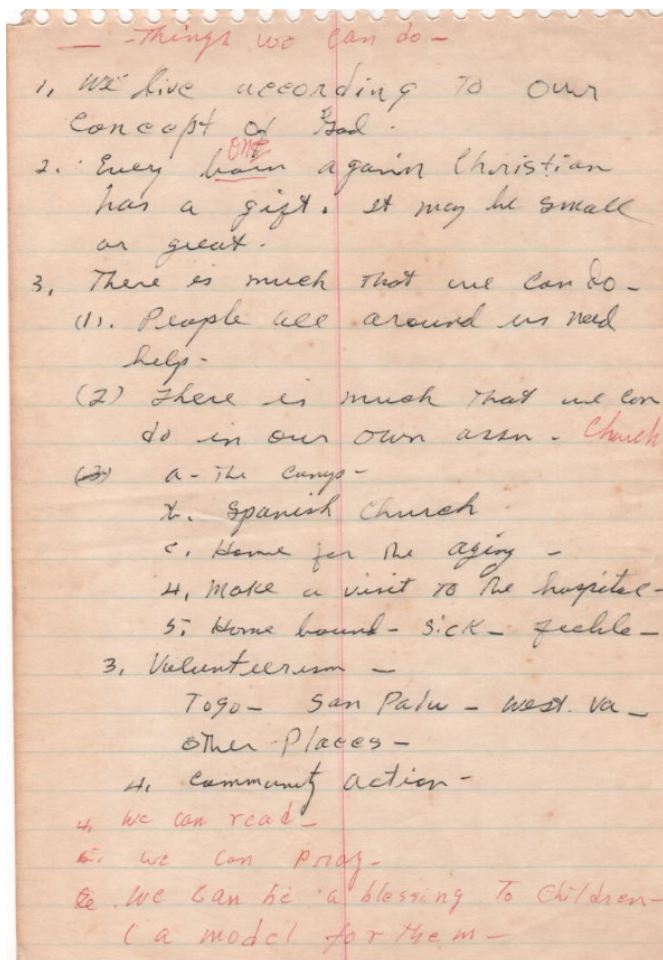


“Grow old along with me” Robert Browning

We have done it, or we are not going to do it.

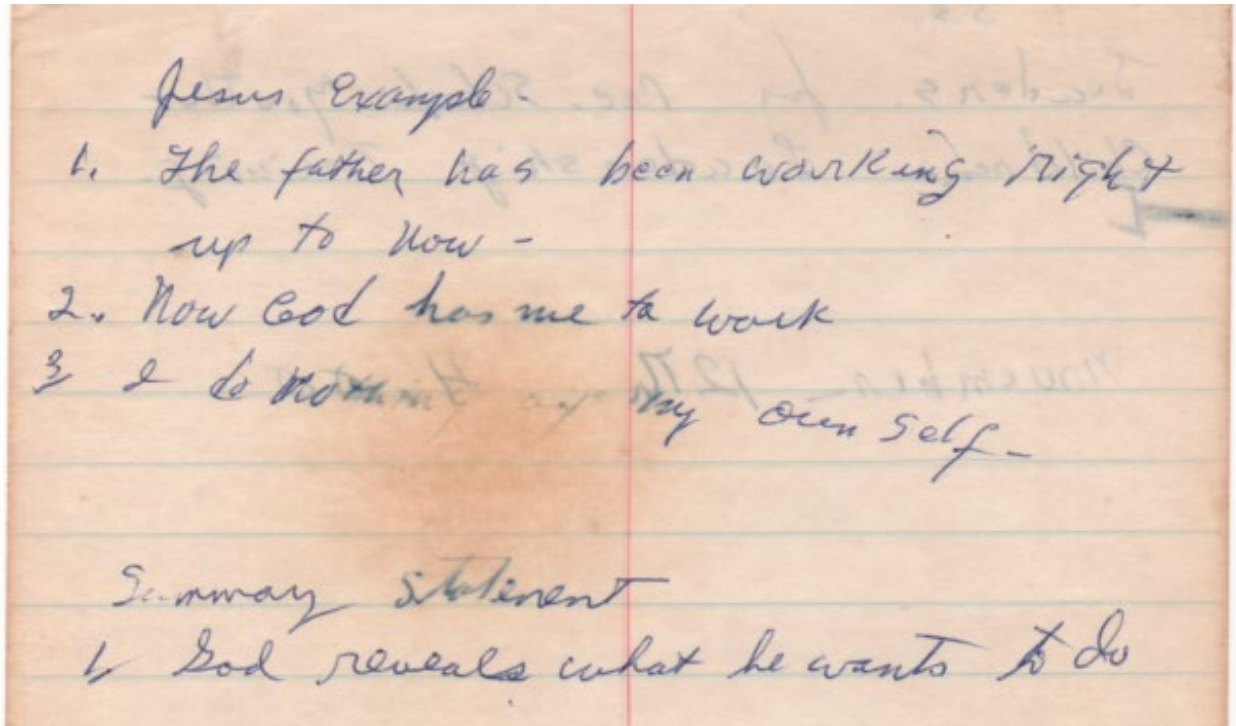
We can be an example in our church. If we could invite all of our doctors here, they would know what is wrong with us—would not have to guess.

The great danger is to “sour” (e.g., **become disappointed**) on the church.



### Things we can do

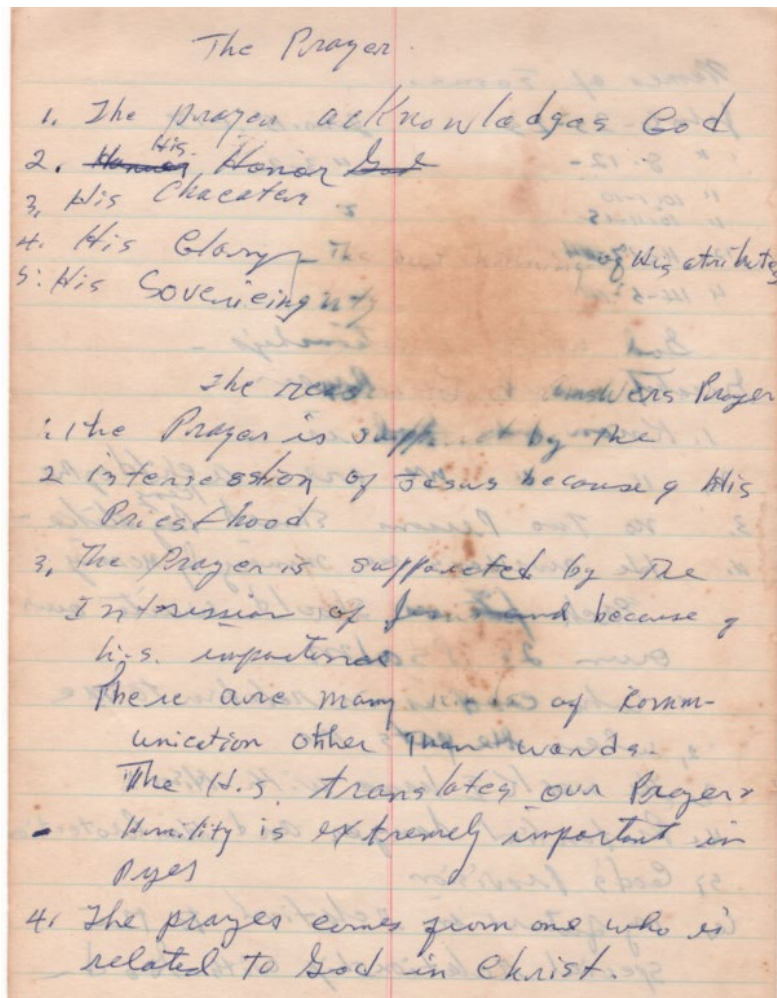
1. We live according to our concept of God
2. Every born-again Christian has a gift. It may be small or great
3. There is much that we can do
  - 1) People all around us need help
  - 2) There is much that we can do in our own association/church
    - a) The camp
    - b) Spanish Church
    - c) Home for the aging
    - d) Make a visit to the hospital
    - e) Home bound—sick—feeble
  - 3) Volunteering  
Togo—San Paulo (Brazil); West Virginia; other places
  - 4) Community action
4. We can read
5. We can pray
6. We can be a blessing to children (a model for them)



#### Jesus's example

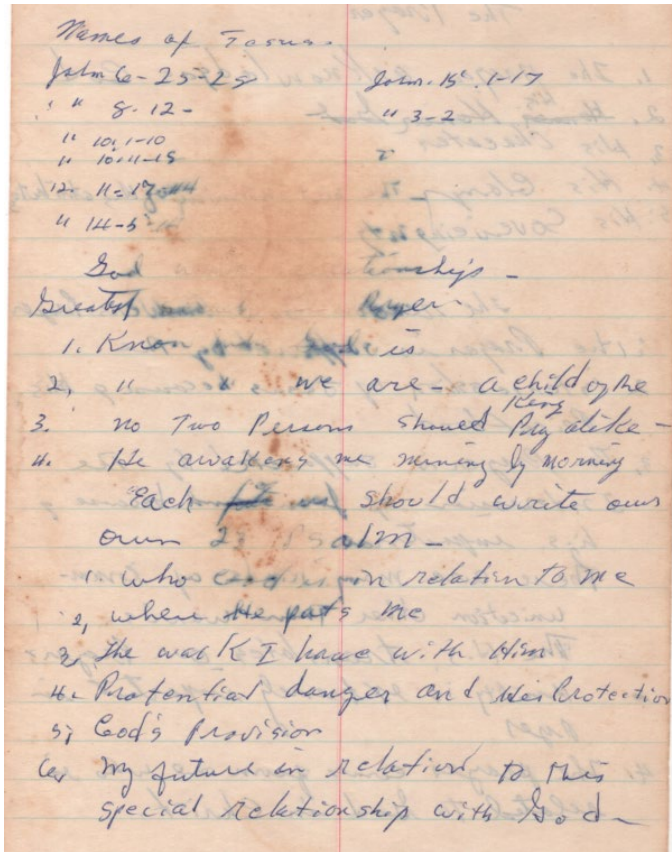
1. The Father has been working right up to now
2. Now God has me to work
3. I do nothing my own self

Summary statement: God reveals what he wants to do.



### The Prayer

1. The prayer acknowledges God
2. His honor
3. His character
4. His glory
5. His sovereignty (????)
1. The Prayer is shaped (?) by the
2. Intercession of Jesus, because of His Priesthood
3. The Prayer is supported by the intercession of Jesus and because of His importance (?)
  - There are many forms (?) of communication other than words
  - The Holy Spirit translates our prayer. Humility is extremely important in prayer.
4. The prayer comes from one who is related to God in Christ.



## Names of Jesus

John 6: 25-28

John 15: 1-17

John 8: 12

John 3:2

John 10:1-10

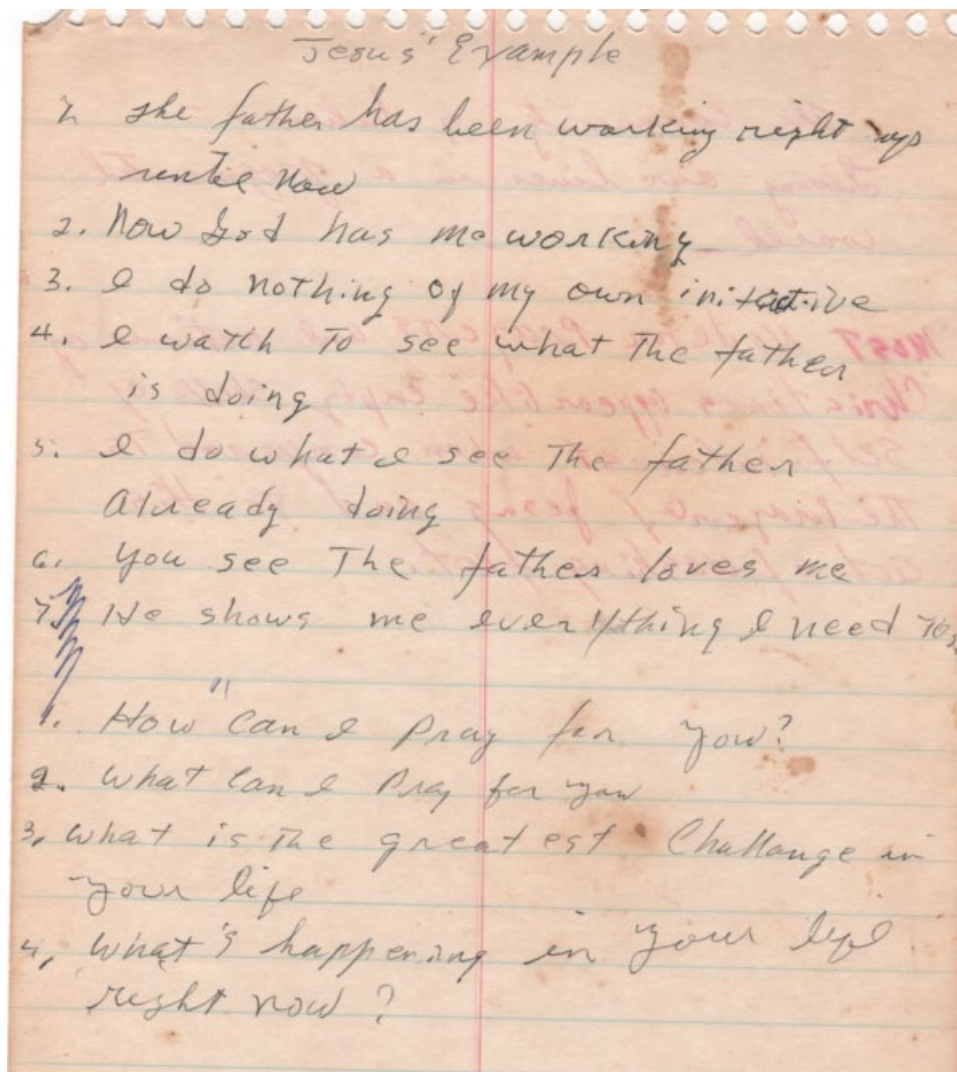
John 10: 11-15

John 11: 17...

John 14:5

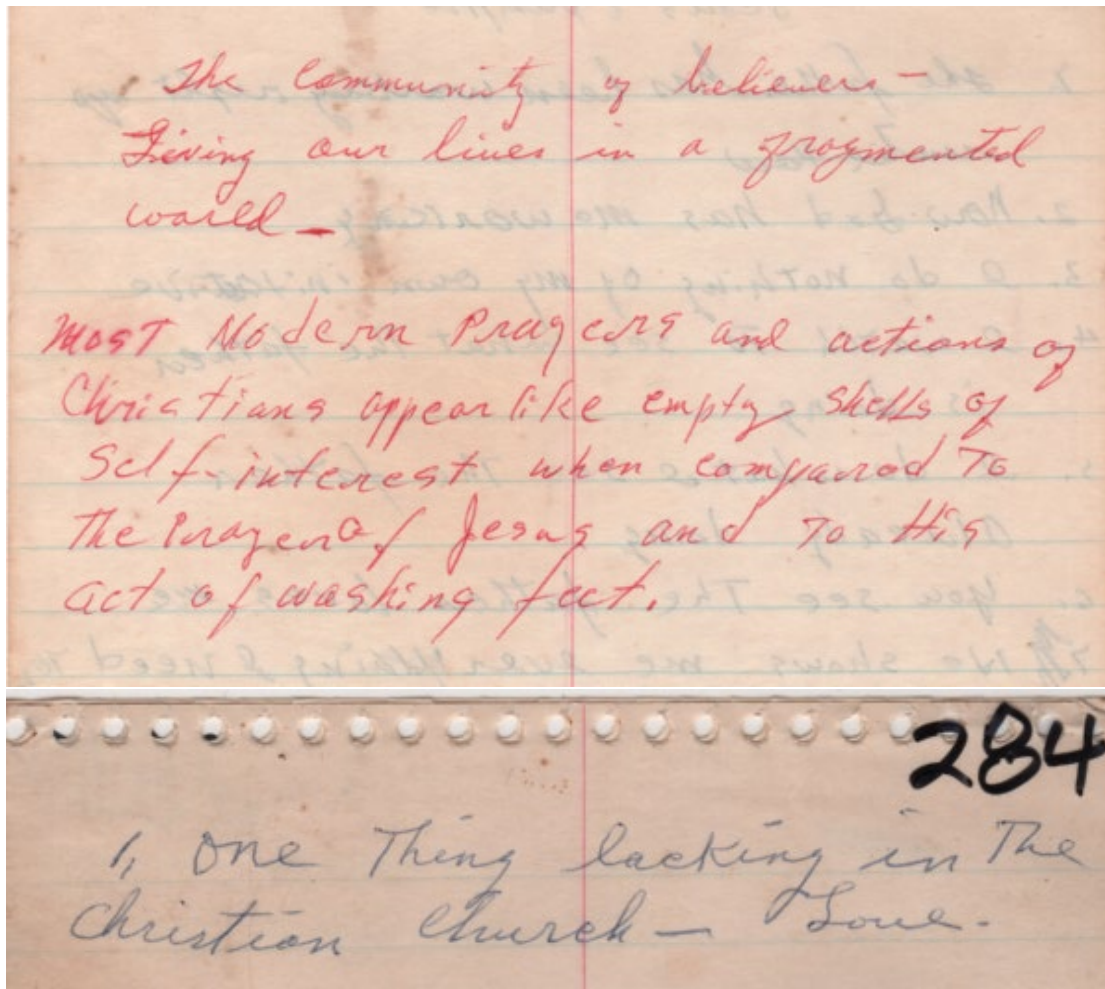
**(NOTE: Some portion is not legible)**

1. Know....(/)
2. Know—we are a child of the King
3. No two persons should pray alike
4. He awakens me, morning by morning. Each of us should write our own (?)
  - 1) Who (?) is relation to me
  - 2) Where he puts(?) me
  - 3) The work I have with Him
  - 4) Potential danger—and His protection
  - 5) God's provision
  - 6) My future in relation to this special relationship with God



### Jesus's Example

1. The Father has been working right up until now
2. Now God has me working
3. I do nothing of my own initiative
4. I watch to see what the Father is doing
5. I do what I see the Father (is) already doing
6. You see the Father loves me
7. He shows me everything I need
  - 1) How can I pray for you?
  - 2) What can I pray for you?
  - 3) What is the greatest challenge in your life?
  - 4) What's happening in your life right now?



The community of believers

Living our lives in a fragmented world

Most modern prayers and actions of Christians appear like empty shells of self-interest, when compared to the prayers of Jesus and to His act of washing feet.

—  
One thing lacking in the Christian church—Love

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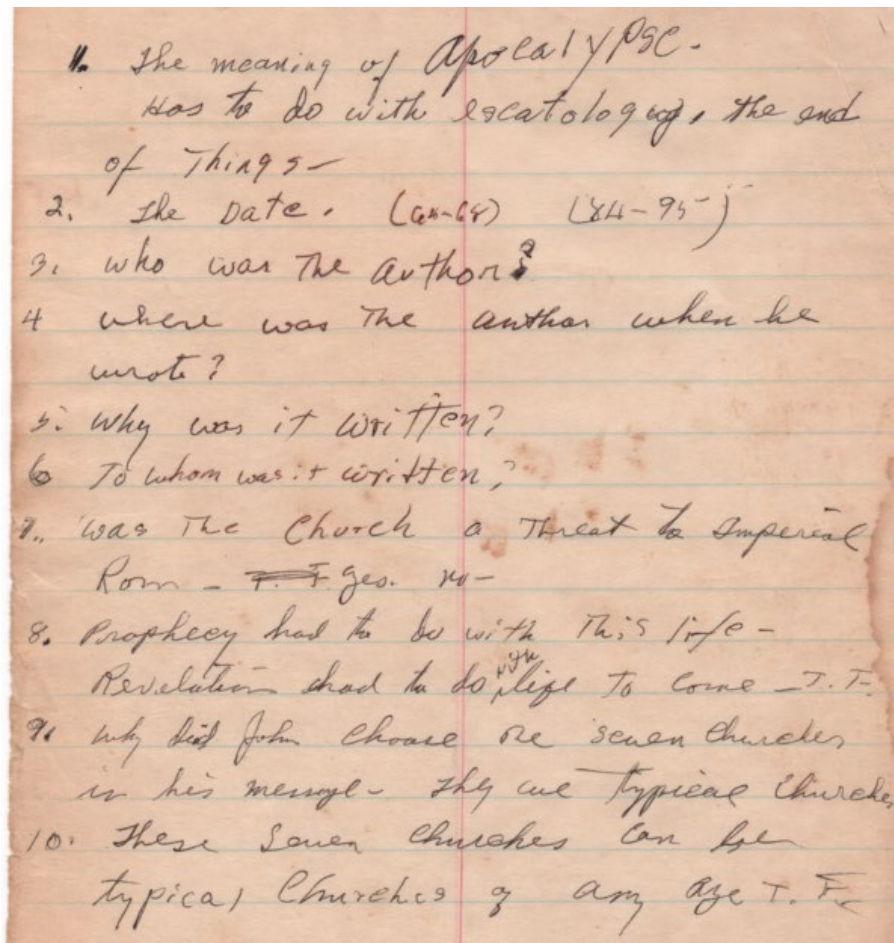
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**(NOTE: The time and recipient of this note from my dad is unknown. I am aware of one situation where he was being supportive of a fellow minister who had been fired by his church, and this may have been that situation.)**





1. The meaning of Apocalypse; has to do with “eschatology;” the end of things.
2. The date: (62-68) (84—95 A.D.)
3. Who was the author?
4. Where was the author when he wrote?
5. Why was it written?
6. To whom was it written?
7. Was the Church a threat to Imperial Rome? Yes/No
8. Prophecy had to do with this life. Revelation had to do with life to come. True/False
9. Why did Joh choose the seven churches in his message? They were typical churches.
10. These Seven churches can be typical churches of any age. True/False

**(NOTE: This appears to be another test, for a class my father was teaching at the Fruitland Baptist Institute.)**

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**John S. McGee notes, transcribed from his spiral notebooks, 1978-1999.  
By John David McGee (November, 2018).**

**Introduction:**

In the process of "preparing" my parents' materials for donation in the "McGee/Nigerian/Missionary" archive at the Rubenstein Library at Duke University, three donations have been made (2011; 2013; 2016), with VERY LITTLE of my dad's writings (other than the personal letters, of which there are many!). He made a valiant attempt in 1962 to keep a "diary," which was very sparse.

This series of transcriptions from his dozen or so, small, spiral notebooks (along with an equal number written by my mother, Doris Thompson McGee), all seem to be from the time of his and Mother's retirement years at Fruitland, NC (1977-1998/99).

One of the things I consider important about these writings is that they very much reflect Dad's thinking; personal values; more understanding about his "world;" along with opportunities for observation and insight regarding his Biblical perspectives; "theology" about God and relationships. It's an opportunity to see the kinds of things that THIS missionary, in particular, was believing and teaching, not just in the mountains of Western NC during retirement, but for thirty-three years in Nigeria, itself.

Although Dad was raised in a home where neither of his parents was able to read [nor did there seem to be much value on education, illustrated in my dad's dropping out of school in the sixth grade, and not returning to school (the sixth grade!) until a few weeks after his "conversion" experience (just before his eighteenth birthday)]. After his conversion, he quickly "made up" for lost time, and finished his last two years of high school and first two years of college at Mars Hill College (a Junior College until 1964); then, Baylor University ; and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Louisville, KY). He (and Mother) were appointed to Nigeria in 1945, when Dad was age thirty-two; had he been a year older, he would not have been appointed!

In those first-class educational institutions, he was taught well; remembered much of what he learned; and continued reading quality books (mostly related to Biblical and Mission studies, etc.) all his life.

For much of what Dad spoke, he knew personally, having LIVED it.

**NOTEBOOK #5**

**TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE:** This notebook was started in 1988, at the time of the beginning of the ministry of Rev. Harold McKinnish (1988-1990), at the Fruitland Baptist Church, Fruitland, NC. This was my parents' "home" church during their retirement at Fruitland (1977-1999), where Mother taught an adult women's Sunday School class; and was active in other women and girls' church (along with Carolina Baptist Association) programs and activities. Dad, also, taught Sunday School; and was on various Church and Association committees over the years, including a short (several month) interim pastorate at a small, nearby church (1992), as well as being Chairman of the Association's Building Committee for the nearby Spanish Mission (1990-91), built a few miles from where they lived.

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 to understand -  
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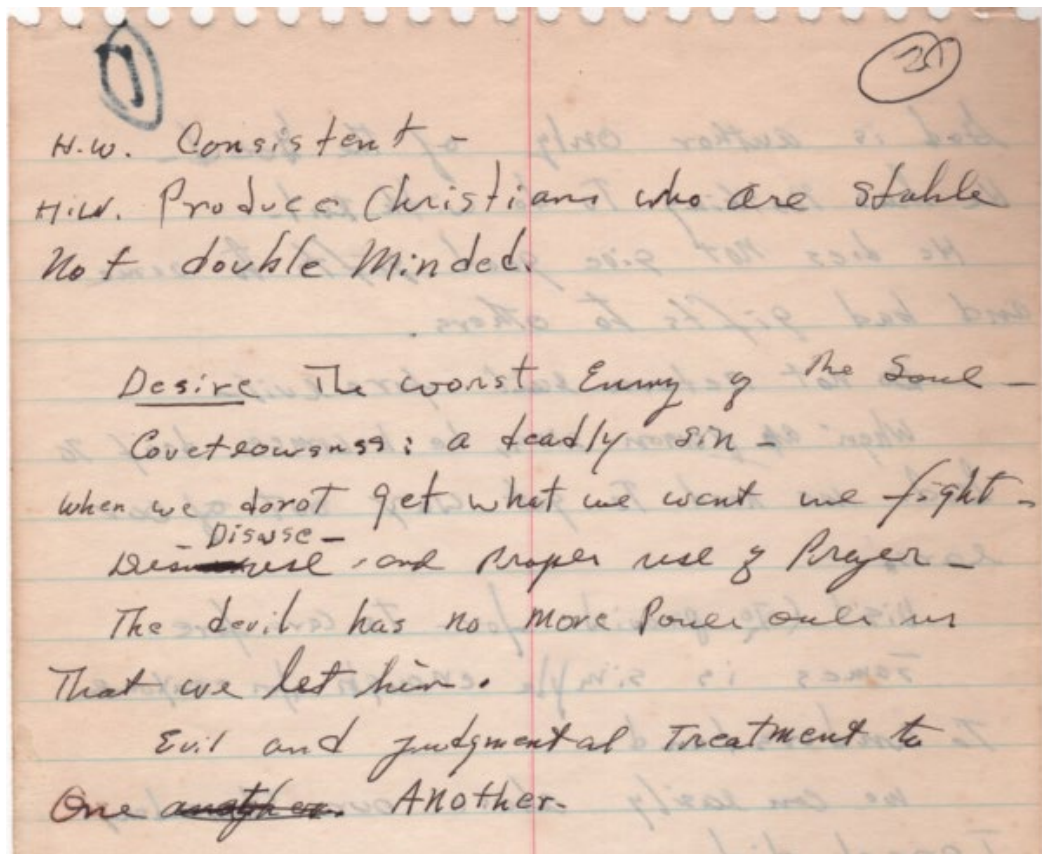
To understand:

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(Continued) Consistent

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Covetousness: a deadly sin

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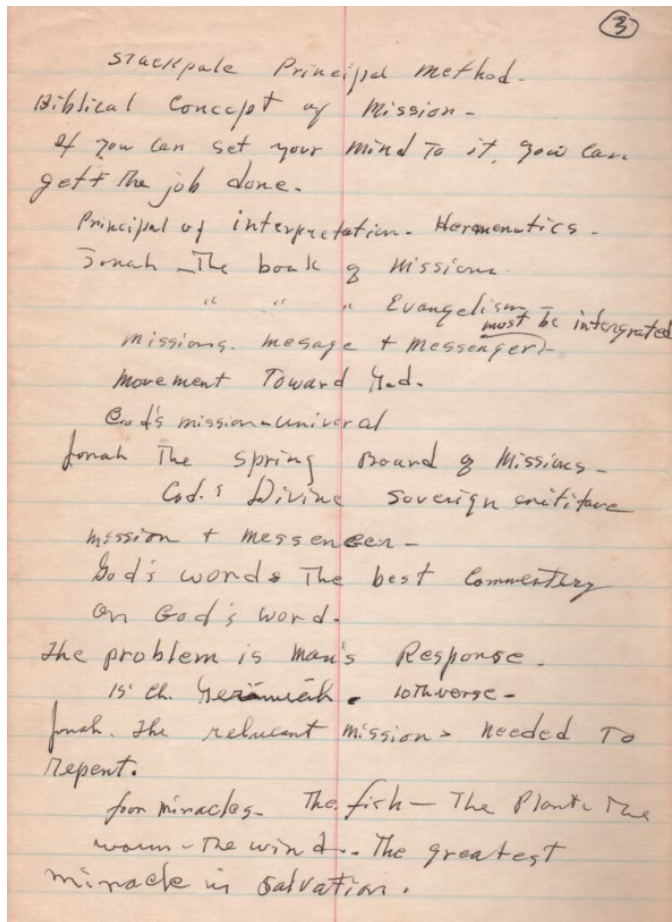
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Stackpole principle method (**NOTE: a "stackpole" is a large, vertical pole on a farm, around which hay (feed for large animals) can be stacked to a high level**)

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Think God for second chance preachers  
and Christians. mark - jonah ourselves  
most all of us.

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Little boy who try to be big boys.  
Papal authority.

Preach the best you can. God has a strange  
way of getting in.

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*Think about Jonah in his context—No one can survive alone; he must survive in community.  
We need to entrench our children in the great hymns of the Church.  
We try to paint Christ in our image, when Christ is the image of all people.*

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said about Jonah.*

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*Preach the best you can. God has a strange way of getting in.*

[TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE:

This appears to me to be Dad's speaking to a group of ministers, or ministers-in-training. The Fruitland Baptist Institute (directly across the street from my parents' house), for many years had been supported by the North Carolina Baptist Convention as an entry-level school for the training of pastors, many of whom were pastoring at the time they were in school. Most of the sermons which Dad preached in many churches over many years in the States [during furloughs while being under "active" missionary appointment (1945-78), as well as during retirement], were about Missions, along with his own life experience.

Briefly, Dad (and perhaps, Mother, as well) taught a class or two at the Fruitland Institute, and this might have been a lesson for that, but I think not. This, however, seems to me to have been for a sermon which he may have preached in the Fruitland Chapel, where both he and Mother were invited to speak from time to time.

[NOTE Duke University archives (in the McGee Family Collection—part of the Baptist Mission to Nigeria Collection), has an audio recording of Rev. John S. McGee's very last sermon in life (late spring, 1999), which was delivered to the FBI students, in the same chapel where this may have been delivered.]

One further note about Dad's sermons, as written here, is that he NEVER fully wrote out a sermon, or anything, really, that he planned to give formally somewhere. Instead, he would outline the main points of what he wanted to say, and then speak, almost improvisational, to the specific audience. His outline provided him a "path" for what he wanted to say, although this approach makes it more difficult to say on "schedule," as it were. This may have been an outline used more than once, certainly with variations of illustrations, etc.; however, from my experience of having listened to Dad's sermons many times, it would have been a somewhat different sermon each time! ]

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(TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: This appears to be one of Dad's many messages on "missions.")

*The lack of emphasis on Missions has curtailed the outflow of men & money to the mission fields of the world.*

*When a student in Baylor, a friend said to me, "Your church should be more on Mission than mine, since you are a mission candidate." My answer was, "Shame on you."*

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we are Mission fields.

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to give 38,000 out of 56,000 to  
missions -

I am going all the way in  
missions -

~~to~~

We can lead our churches to pray  
for missions -

(NOTE: See previous page for transcription)

*We all are missionaries, and we are mission fields.*

*(A) Fruitland student pastor led his church to give \$30,000 out of \$55,000 to missions.*

*I am going all the way in missions.*

*1. We can lead our churches to pray for missions.*

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*2. We can lead our Church to give.*

*3. We can lead our Church to go.*

*C. Oscar Johnson:*

*If the Church is to represent Christ Properly, it must be missionary.*

*I repeat, if we are to serve as the body of Christ in the world, we must be missionary.*

*He (Christ) was the first missionary, coming into a world that was lost in sin. He came to bring a message of life and hope.*

*The Church of Jesus Christ must be busy, carrying this light & hope to the world, which God loved so much that He gave "His only begotten Son."*

*The Church of Christ must be sacrificially missionary; prayerfully missionary; persistently missionary, to the end that the news of Christ and his love may be heard by all people in the world around.*

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*My friend in Baylor (who said), "Your church should be more mission minded than mine (since) you are a mission candidate.*

*I have something better than Jehovah Witness. I have something better than Mormonism. I have something better than watered down Southern Baptist concept of Christianity. I have Jesus and am committed him and to His way of life.*

Page 11:

[TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: This fairly short note appears to be a "list" of sorts, perhaps written out during some "devotional" time. My parents had different personal schedules for personal study, planning, and devotional time (usually Bible reading and prayer). Mother was up early, usually no later than 5:30 am, and she loved the quiet time of the morning for her own time (once any day got "started," it tended, in my parents' lives, to be quite busy). Dad would do his study late in the evening, or during



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The Church of Jesus Christ must be ~~busy~~ busy, carrying this life and hope, light + hope. To the world which God loved so much that He gave "His only begotten Son"

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way of life.

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(51) Spend more Time Keeping sick saints out of Heaven than we do to get lost People into Heaven.

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Two Challenges - <sup>World</sup> Wide view of the lostness of the world - to be a world Christian as the Bible Teacher - daily.

2. Being disciplined of daily <sup>Prayer</sup> holding up our missionaries - for revival for world redemption -

How can we pray so that our prayer for world view be constant - (daily) -

1. Monthly Prayer request - for the Prayer quest.

2. 10 Churches - Plan - Promote Prayer support in these churches -

3. Prayer line - 1,800 - all seek -

The Pastor as key -

Church can adopt a Country -

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weekly news magazine -  
Pray for Prayer Calendars -  
After all that is said and done -  
more is said than done -  
- 15 minutes a day as Pope holders

(NOTE: See page 301, for transcription)

his retirement (less structured) years, he would get up at 1 or 2 am; would go into another bedroom to read, and sleep the rest of the night there.

This short "presentation" below could have been prepared for any of several occasions: perhaps, a devotional at some (churches) associational meeting; or, maybe, at some local group of pastors who were meeting; etc., etc.

A final note regarding Dad's comment at the end, about "rope holders." Having grown up on a farm, and lived more than thirty years in Nigeria as a missionary in a very rural location, this reference is regarding the digging of a well. The "rope holders" are the ones at the top of the well, which make it possible for the workers IN the well to do their work.]

*(We??) spend more time keeping sick saints out of Heaven than we do to get lost people into heaven.*

*Two challenges:*

- 1. World-wide view of the vastness of the world. To be a world Christian as the Bible Teacher.*
- 2. Being disciplined of daily prayer (and) holding up our missionaries—for revival for world redemption*

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*Pray for Prayer Calendars*

*After all that is said and done, more is said than done.*

*15 minutes a day as 'rope holders'*

**PAGE 13:**

[TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: This very short writing appears to be something prepared for the "Lord's Supper," (one of the two Baptist "sacraments"—baptism and the "Lords Supper"). Most likely, either Dad had been asked to perform this role in his home church (Fruitland Baptist Church) in the absence of the regular pastor (or, in-between pastors); or, this might have been during his few months as an "interim" pastor in a small, nearby church.]

*The Lord's Supper*

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The Lord's supper

It is a reminder of what Christ has done for us. It helps us to know the depth of God's love for us. He took our death upon the cross - that He might give us His life.

He instituted this supper, because He knew we were prone to forget.

Through His death, He destroys the work of the devil.

Grace that saves the inward man will transform the outward man.

(NOTE: See pages 301 and 302, for transcription)

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**PAGE 14:**

(TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: This page appears to be a list of test questions, or points to be covered in some sort of study on the *New Testament* book of *James*. This may have been related to a lecture at Fruitland Baptist Institute; a "study course" on *James*, in some church; or, something similar.)

1. *Who was the author of James?*
2. *When was it written?*
3. *To whom was it written?*
4. *What were the two types of Christianity when it was written? (Jewish & Gentile)*
5. *Is Jesus magnified in the book of James? Yes or no?*
6. *Can James be read as a sermon? Yes or no?*
7. *James is evident of Jewish Christianity? Yes or no?*
8. *In Ephesians, Paul tried to bring Gentiles and Jewish Christianity together. True or false?*
9. *The Book of James teaches one how to live the Christian life. True or false?*
10. *The Book of James destroys the concept of salvation by grace. True or false?*

**PAGE 15:**

(TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: Below is an example of something Dad always remembered from a favorite professor at Baylor University, which also I heard him say at times, especially during Bible-related discussions.)

*Dr. J. B. Tidwell of Baylor University, once said to us students. "Do not close the end to your theology or Biblical studies, for if you do you will have nowhere else to go. You will spend the rest of your life defending what you have closed in, and you can become very mean to those with whom you do not agree, or who do not agree with you."*

**PAGE 16:**

(TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: This appears to be something Dad prepared to say at the Fruitland Baptist Church, on the occasion of the arrival of Rev. McKinnish, as Pastor (1988). I believe Dad may have been

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(NOTE: See page 303, for transcription)

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Welcome To Fruitland Community

You may be a new comer TO The  
fruitland community or you may  
have lived here a long time, in case  
you do not have a church home  
and would like to have one, we  
of The fruitland Baptist Church would  
like to invite you to come and  
worship with us. you can be a help  
to us, and we shall try to be a help to  
you,

John S. McGee

Call The Camp Committee  
man Today -

(NOTE: See pages 303 and 307, for transcription)

a member of the Deacons' Committee for "calling" this new pastor, and may even have been a very short-term, informal "interim" at their church in-between pastors.

***Welcome to Fruitland Community***

***You may be a new comer to the Fruitland community, or you may have lived here a long time. In case you do not have a church home and would like to have one, we of the Fruitland Baptist Church would like to invite you to come and worship with us. You can be a help to us, and we shall try to be a help to you.***

***John S. McGee***

***Call the Camp Committee man today.***

(TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: My dad was always committed to the idea of supporting "camps" as a very useful way to reach young people, among other uses a church or association-supported camp facility might offer. During furloughs in the States, Dad enjoyed spending one or two weeks during the summer in youth camps, both in North Carolina, but also in Louisiana, where a very good friend of our family (Rev. Fred Forester) was the State Brotherhood Secretary, for the Louisiana Baptist Convention (which sponsored camps for Royal Ambassadors, etc.). In Nigeria, he and Mother began an amazing, local camp facility over the period of more than a dozen years (1958-74), in addition to continuing their other tasks and obligations), in the remote town of Ikogosi-Ekiti (a dozen or so miles from our Mission station at Igede). That "story" is told in my book about my parents (***An Amazing Story***), and the camp itself was sold to the Nigerian government by the Nigerian Baptist Convention (1978/79), and restored in 2012-13, as part of an eco-tourist development by the Ekiti State Govenor. [See "Wekipedia" article, ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ikogosi\\_Warm\\_Springs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ikogosi_Warm_Springs) ).]

When my parents arrived in Fruitland (summer of 1977) for retirement, the "Bear Waller" Camp of the Carolina Association was in poor condition, being underfunded and not well managed at the time. At the time the Association was trying to sell half of the camp's fifty acres, to gain some funding. My parents decided to buy the twenty-five acres, both as an investment (with the option to sell back to the camp, if the land were needed), but also as a useful resource to my parents for firewood, and to be available to Dad for a second garden, which he enjoyed.

This background is to show my parents' history of camp work, which became known early during their retirement in Fruitland, which was quickly utilized by the Carolina Association, who put Dad in charge of the "Camp Committee." This one-line note is about the work of that committee.

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(TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: The following writing is part of a sermon; an address; or devotional, perhaps, which has special meaning to me because in Dad's own handwriting he briefly summarizes some of the visibly-measurable accomplishments which came about, in part, because of his and Mother's mission-supported careers in Western Nigeria. )

***If you go—if you stay—and if you do your work as it should be done—God will bless it. And, the people will love you and honor you. I went—I stayed. I loved my people to the end. God blessed me—with health & strength—and wisdom. 7,000 (seven thousand) baptisms—thousands of people***

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and many other things - This was  
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(NOTE: See page 307, for transcription)

*brought to Christ. A hundred new churches. A camp. Over 300 (three hundred) buildings. 25 years of teaching in College, High School, and Pre-Seminary (schools). Agriculture promotion; Associations; S.S. (Sunday School); Ch (church) Training, and many other things. This was made possible by living and loving my people.*

[TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE:

What Dad wrote above is a very modest listing of big themes throughout their joint-career. Appointed missionary wives were required to be a college graduate (hopefully, with some post-graduate "specialties"); all male and female missionaries were each paid the same annual salary (plus benefits/expenses); and, were "expected" not only to "manage their household"—which is never easy, especially in "primitive" locations, but also to do real "work" in the life of that particular Mission station. The Igede-Ekiti mission station, which began in the late 1930s, was the tenth (Baptist Mission to Nigeria) Mission station to be established, and was anticipated to be a "gateway" route from Western to Eastern and Northern Nigeria. By 1946, the Igede station was also responsible for managing about thirty Mission churches and schools, in a fairly large, surrounding territory.

Therefore, I feel it would be helpful to add some "flesh" to the above "bones" in Dad's account (see following, pp. 9-17):

- **Seven thousand baptisms:** For a number of the early years as the "missionary" at Igede, only one of the local pastors was an ordained minister, able to perform baptisms. Eventually, as time passed, there were other pastors ordained, who could do this. It would be helpful to realize that before a new "convert" could be baptized, the Nigerian Baptist Convention had determined that all new members MUST be able to read their own Bible (with some exceptions for elderly persons, etc.); therefore, for many prospective members, basic language literacy was taught in the churches. Furthermore, each candidate had to be personally interviewed by the (baptizing) pastor, which involved their telling the story of their conversion decision; actually reading a passage of Scripture, and offering their opinions about what it meant; etc. For example, before he died in 1999, as we were discussing stories about their work, Dad shared that at the time his mother died in early 1952 (which he did not learn about until a letter arrived, six weeks later), he had been in the small town of Isanlu-Makutu (northwest of Kabba), where on that occasion he baptized only seven or eight out of seventy-three candidates. When candidates were not accepted for baptism at the time of their "interview," they were encouraged to continue their language and Biblical/church orientation study until the next opportunity to be interviewed.



During my trip to Nigeria in July, 2009, this photo is of a member of the Oke-Ako Baptist Church, proudly showing her baptismal certificate which had been signed by Dad, in 1955.

- **A hundred new churches/ 300 buildings:** The process of building a new church building occurred over a period of years, whether it was a small, modest building for a new mission church; or, a very large, substantial building that would seat more than a thousand, as were three of the churches (Araromi, Igede; First Baptist, Igede; First Baptist, Ikogosi). Most of

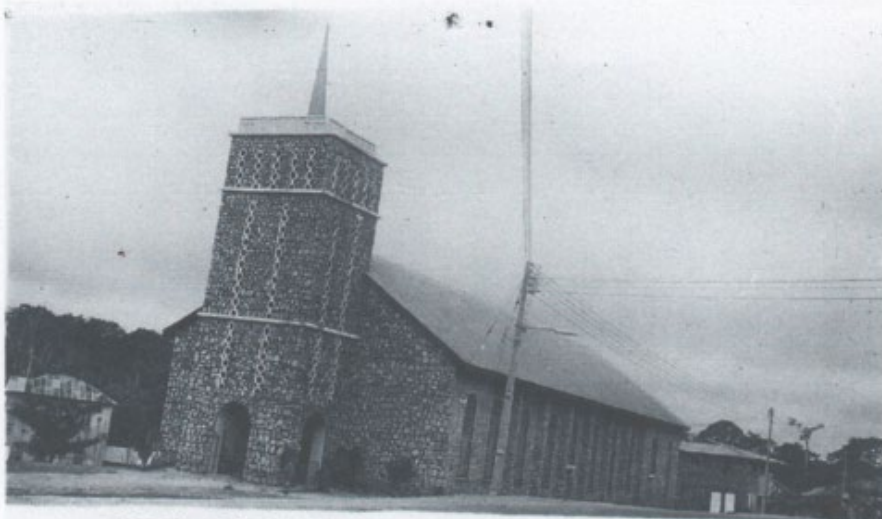
the buildings were made of cement block, with metal roofing, that were built in stages [acquiring land; raising funds; laying the foundation; building the walls; putting on the roof; pouring the (concrete) floor; making benches (pews) and church furniture; installing windows and doors; etc.] To encourage local fund-raising, my parents sometimes (especially for new, mission ventures) would ratio-match what the people raised (e.g., a "dollar" donation for every two dollars raised). The matching funds might come from my parents' own tithes (they did not give to a particular church, but reserved their tithes for such needed projects), or from some other source. For example, my mother's home church (Grace Baptist Church, Durham, NC) gave ten-thousand dollars for the new building (since replaced) at First Baptist Church, Ado-Ekiti; and, Dad's father (who had been a "share-crop" farmer near Winston-Salem, NC) gave six-hundred dollars which was applied to the small, new building at Ago-Panu, in Ondo State (about one-hundred miles southeast of Igede). All of the building projects, which included church buildings; school buildings; camp buildings; missionary and pastoral residences, were collaborative efforts, using the resources of the missionary architect (Wilfred Congdon), along with local contractors, often under the supervision of Dad's main contractor, Isaiah Omodara.



**The Araromi Baptist Church, Igede, under construction (1957)**



**The Ikogosi Baptist Church, under construction (1972)**



FOUNDED IN 1901  
DEDICATION ON NOV. 28, 1971

Akin's Photo  
Igede-Ekiti

First Baptist Church, Igede, at the dedication of the new building.

- **A camp:** This was a twenty-eight acre project, just outside the (south) side of the small town of Ikogosi, which began with a fairly large swimming pool that was supplied by water from a natural warm springs located just up the hill; a dining hall, kitchen and storage facility, which could serve more than one-hundred visitors at meal time; seven small cabins (occupancy, sixteen each); a mission residence; a chapel; and other small, functional buildings. In addition to building the structures, a great deal of the work went towards building a road from the town to the camp; clearing land and landscaping. A more detailed account of the building of this camp is in *An Amazing Story* (self-published, [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com)).



The Nigerian Baptist Camp, "Warm Springs," Ikogosi (1972)

- **25 years of teaching in College, High School, and Pre-Seminary (schools):**

**Baptist College, Iwo:**

My parents' first three years in Nigeria (1945-48), at the Baptist College in Iwo (begun in 1938, and is presently, Bowen University), involved both of them having teaching duties, but other duties as well. Our first year (1945-46) was lived with the Wilfred and Esther Congdon family, while our house was being built (about the same time, Dad was helping build another missionary residence on campus, which was first occupied by the Cecil Roberson's family). In addition, Dad was in charge of the College agriculture program, helping the students with their individual garden plots (each student was taught "farming," both to help with the food supply, and to help equip them to teach others, in their future careers). He was Chaplain of the College Chapel, responsible for Sunday services (morning and evening); was also "associational missionary" for a number of churches in the greater Iwo area (all local churches and missions were divided up among the missionaries--both couples and singles--who worked together to help each other); was coach of the College track and field team (which was competitive, and won the annual "event" one year); and, during the Congdon's being on furlough (1947-48), assisted with supervision of the Industrial School, of which Wilfred Congdon was Director, which was associated with the College. In addition to teaching and helping manage household duties, Mother was fortunate to learn "bookkeeping" from Esther Congdon, a skill that became more useful to Mother at Igede, with the large number of Mission accounts to manage at that location.



*John McGee; John David, and workmen, with the Iwo College oxen (landscaping)*



After living with the missionary Congdon family for a year on the campus of Baptist College, Iwo, while their house was being built, this is the McGee's first home, about 100 yards from the original Congdon residence.



### Baptist High School, Igede-Ekiti

Around 1955, the Nigerian Baptist Convention approved a new high school being developed in Igede, which my parents opened in the middle of 1956, with the help of the John and Louise Hill missionary family, who moved to Igede around April, immediately following their language school training. Dad was the first principal (1956-59), while Mother managed the finances and many of the related duties [e.g., ordering books; ordering kaki and other cloth for school uniforms (the first year had a class of 30 or more students), and finding a local tailor to help make them, etc.] Soon after, the town donated a hundred more acres of land; additional dorms and classrooms were built, as well as a new chapel and staff residences.



These were the original buildings of the Central Day School of Igede which, in the late 1940s was one of the largest (Primary 1-6) schools in the Ekiti area. In 1956, these became the first buildings of the new Baptist High School.



John S. McGee (viewer's right) and John B. Hill, with the first class (1956-57) of the new Baptist High School, which was the sixth Baptist High School at that time in all of Nigeria.

### PRE-SEMINARY SCHOOLS:

To meet the essential and critical need of training for young men in the Ekiti area, who might become pastors in local churches and missions, this informal, training program for about a dozen young men each year, was begun by my parents in 1950 (with some interruptions, lasting until November, 1972). With the help of local senior pastors and teachers, classes were held on mornings, Monday through

Friday, on the mission residence's front porch, then later in a small building next to the residence, or in other places (such as at the camp in Ikogosi) where my parents might have been living at the time.

Those particular students who showed good academic interest and ability, were encouraged to continue their higher education (e.g., high school; teacher's training; as well as the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary in Ogbomoso (which was partnered with the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY). Three of the students who went through these "pre-seminary" classes actually spent time studying in the U.S., as well.

An "outgrowth" of this training effort is the current Baptist College of Theology in Igede, which is providing pastoral training for about forty or more male and female ministerial students, and which was recently (2014) authorized to provide Masters-level training.



Pre-seminary class, perhaps 1951 or 1952, on the front steps of the original Baptist Mission residence in Igede-Ekiti.



The pre-seminary group, probably in the early 1960s, outside the second mission residence in Igede.

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The faculty and staff of the Baptist College of Theology, Igede, at a welcome ceremony for us, July, 2009.



The ministerial-in-training students, at the reception given us (July, 2009).



A set of the *New Interpreter's Bible* commentary (12 volumes), donated/sent to Igede (2009)

Each of the (12) volumes of this Biblical commentary set was marked (see above), along with a "dedication" page which was placed in the front of each (see above and below)



On Thursday, July 9, 2009, Candy (wife); Erin (daughter); Se (granddaughter) and I visited the Baptist College of Theology, Igede-Ekiti, which had been arranged during our visit by the Baptist Planning Committee of the Igede Baptist Community. We were delighted and grateful for the warm way in which we were received (see above photo).

**This twelve-volume set of the *New Interpreter's Bible* is, without question, the finest Biblical resource and study guide that is available anywhere.** This new edition was greatly improved and recently revised from the original edition of about fifty years ago, which itself at the time was considered a high standard for Biblical study. At that time my parents purchased a set for their own

study, and gave a set to me, as well, during my own time at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, in Louisville, KY (1964-68).

My parents, John and Doris McGee, were stationed at the Igede Baptist Mission during 1949 to 1977, in the role of "missionary church advisors," which meant that their primary responsibility was for the establishment; building; and on-going development of church work, which they carried out in the Ekiti, Akoko, Kabba, Ondo, and Okitipupa areas of the present Ekiti and Ondo States. To help provide trained leadership for these local churches, my parents began (in 1950) a "pre-seminary" training program at the Igede Baptist Mission located at "Oke-esu" (now renamed, "Oke Isodotun"), where each year they (with the help of local senior pastors and teachers) would offer training to a group of six to twelve persons who felt the call to ministry. Many of these served faithfully in churches for many years, and a number went for much higher training, including the U.S.

My mother loved the study of the Bible, which she did very early every morning, before beginning her day's work. Later, she wrote numerous study materials, some of which I made available to the Igede Baptist churches during our recent visit.

I am giving this set of the *New Interpreter's Bible* to **Rev. M. O. Ige**, pastor of the Araromi Baptist Church, Igede, who I have requested to be responsible for their care and use. It is hoped that these will be made available for use in the library of the Baptist College of Theology, in appreciation for our recent visit, and in loving memory of my parents, who gave their lives for the work that continues today. Amen.

John David McGee \_ October, 2009

**(Above, the "dedication" page that was put in the front of each volume of the commentary.)**

- **Agriculture promotion:** My dad, who grew up on a farm, always loved to garden, and throughout his years as a missionary in Nigeria, as well as during retirement in NC, always grew large gardens which provided food for the family, as well as for sharing with guests who visited. He worked diligently to enrich, fertilize and improve the (already good) soil; demonstrated good farming techniques to visitors; and, provided seeds to local farmers. During their last six months in Nigeria (first half of 1977), he and Mother closed up the mission station at Igede, and lived on the large Baptist Hospital/Seminary mission station in Ogbomoso, where Dad took his tractor and related farming equipment, and cultivated about twelve acres of corn and vegetables on the Seminary campus.

*"At Ogbomosho we were to stay in the home of a missionary who was on furlough. John began getting the land ready for planting, and I helped in the women's department of the seminary.*

*John worked from early morning until dinner time on the Seminary farm. After eating at noon and resting a bit, he worked until dark. He also went out to the health center to help the lepers with their crops. When the corn began to mature, people marveled at the beautiful crop. (Previously) the students had remarked, "He is just wasting his time in this old ground. We have had a little crop out here, and know this ground is worn out."*

*They changed their mind when they saw the corn (about twelve acres) that was produced. In fact, the students were so impressed that at their closing exercise they presented John with a paper giving him an honorary "Doctor of Agriculture."*

*Farmers going by would stop and ask him why his crop looked so beautiful and theirs did not look that way. John would explain to them what he had done, and how they could improve their own....John planted a crop of peas the day before we were to catch the plane. We learned of the success of these crops later when we heard the seminary principal say they had to turn out the school (close classes) for a week to gather the corn crop" (see below). (NOTE:*

From Mother's letter, in *An Amazing Story*, p. 189)



**CORN CROP AT OGBOMOSO SEMINARY (1977)**

(TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: This appears to be related to the occasion of introducing the new minister to the members of the Fruitland Baptist Church. As suggested earlier, perhaps Dad was on the church committee that was responsible for recruiting the new pastor.)

**I Corinthians 13**

**Dr. Drumand—**

***There is a voice in life that does the speaking.***

***We are happy to have Rev. McKinnish as our Pastor. He is a man of maturity—Fruitland at this stage does not need a "tryout."***

***When we called Harold, we did not call Jimmy Baker (TV celebrity minister) when we called him.***

***We did not call a Swaggert (?) (Another TV minister)***

***We did not call Oral Roberts (Another TV minister/faith healing ministry)***

***We did not call Falwell (Jerry Falwell, TV minister; "religious right" and founder, Liberty College)***

***We did not even call a "Stanley" (Charles Stanley, TV minister, who at one time had been pastor at Fruitland Baptist Church, 1957-59)***

***We called Rev. Harold McKinnish.***

***If our church is to move forward, all of us will have to put our hands to the plow. A church is like an industry. Every one of us will have to do our part.***

**PAGE 19: (Con't.)**

***"I had rather see a sermon than to hear one any day. I had rather a man would walk with me, than merely tell me the way."***

***We are writing a gospel day by (day), by the things we do and the words we say. Men are reading you by the deeds, whether false or true. What is the Gospel according to you?***

**PAGE 20:**

[TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: It is not clear whether what follows below (on a different page) is part of the "introduction" (previous page), or something written for another occasion.]

***I cannot approve all that the committee has done. I cannot approve all the E.C. ("Executive Committee" ??) has done. I cannot approve all that Ron has done. But I have gone along with it.***

***If everything had been done, that I wanted to see done, we would have a new chapel; a new I... (??); a new conference center; and many other things. But we do not have them. These things cost money, and money that we do not have.***

***All of us live to have a name. We set goals, and will use every person and every resource to attain our goals. None of us want to be a failure, and we will do all we can to keep from it.***

**PAGE 21:**

(TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: Also, not sure if what's below is a continuation of what's above.)

***We should try to keep balance in our churches***

- 1. Evangelism***
- 2. Stewardship***
- 3. Church growth***

***It is easy to get out of balance.***

**PAGE 22:**

1. Chor 13-

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Does The speaking -

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Troyout -

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we called him -

we did not call a Sawyer  
" " " " Oral Roberts  
" " " " Fawell

" " " even call a  
Stanley - we called Rev. <sup>Mc</sup>Chemis

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forward, all of us will have  
to put our hands to the plow -  
a church

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do our part.

(NOTE: See page 319, for transcription)



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rather a man would walk with  
me than merely tell me the way.  
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gospel ~~day by day~~ by the deeds  
~~you do~~ whether false or true,  
what is the gospel according to you.

(See page 319, for transcription)

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If everything had been done, that I wanted to see done. We would have a new chapel, a new lobby, and a new conference center, and many other things. But we do not have them. These things cost money, and money that we do not have.

All of us like to have a name. We set goals, and will use every person and every resource to attain our goals. None of us want to be a failure, and ~~will~~ we will do all we can to keep from it.

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We should try to keep  
balance in our churches-

1. Evangelism-
2. Stewardship.
3. Church growth

It is easy to get out of  
balance-

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APRODITE -

Agnostics-

what one does in Body  
has nothing to do with  
The Spirit -

Ascetics -

With draw from the world  
altogether to save the  
Soul.

(NOTE: See page 319, for transcription)

(TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: What follows appears to be brief notes about early Christian heresies, perhaps in preparation for a Sunday School lesson.)

**Aphrodite**

**Agnostics**

*What one does in Body has nothing to do with the Spirit.*

**Ascetics**

*Withdraw from the world altogether to save the soul.*

**PAGE 23:**

*Neither Caesar nor Isis is Lord. But Jesus Christ is Lord.*

*The attitude toward the weaker brother (1 Corinthians) 8:7-13*

*Paul turns from Knowledge to Love*

*Intellectual insight is not enough. Christians live in a community toward which they have responsibility.*

*Dr. Davis—and fishing on Sunday.*

*All of us have INFLUENCE on others, whether we know it or not. Paul used the word 14 times in Corinthians.*

*Paul was not against eating food. The ENTRANCE to the Kingdom does NOT depend upon DIETARY practice.*

**PAGE 24**

[TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: This page has a list of about a dozen items and related costs, which likely were related to a project ( at the house; at the church; at the camp; etc.)].

**PAGE 25**

[TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: Page 23, as well as this and the following 2 pages seem to have been prepared for a lesson of some sort, perhaps a Sunday School lesson for the class of adult men which Dad taught (at times)].

*Real learning should make men humble rather than make(ing) one conceited.*

*The only fruitful knowledge is that which leads to love.*

*Eidwlon (?) – a statue*

*Yahweh -- God of the O.T.*

*KYRIOS -- LORD—we belong*

*Theos -- God—Greek*

*Isis of Egypt*

*Zeus of Syria*

*God the CREATOR—through Jesus Christ, the Lord. By Him and through Him all things were made.*

*Both BEGINNING and END are related to Jesus Christ.*

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IS LORD - BUT Jesus Christ  
IS LORD.

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✓ Insulation -	760.00
Bats on Kitchen.	133 (2,808.78)
Hot water heater -	
Commercial -	7,200 installed
Public service -	325.00
Call gas -	1775.00
✓ Hogen -	2,531.04 ✓
P. Sen, -	10.88 - 11.00
Call gas -	65,000 \$ 4,581.00
Hogen supply -	8,000 \$ 350.00
✓ William -	75,000 ✓

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REAL LEARNING ~~Learning~~  
Should MAKE MEN Humble  
RATHER THAN MAKE ONE CON-  
CEITED

THE ONLY FRUITFUL KNOW-  
LEDGE IS THAT WHICH LEADS  
TO LOVE

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THEOS. God - GREEK.

ISIS of EGYPT -  
ZEUS of SYRIA.

God THE CREATOR. - Through  
Jesus CHRIST, The LORD.  
By Him AND THROUGH Him all  
THINGS WAS MADE

BOTH BEGINNING & END  
ARE RELATE TO Jesus  
Christ.

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THE DEATH of Christ Has  
PERSONAL SIGNIFICANCE-

THE EFFECT one might HAVE  
UPON another - IT MAY cause  
HIM TO RELAPSE back into The  
Old Pagan life.

Paul Batt with Three Problems -

1. Idols - FREEDOM -
2. Knowledge - + Love
3. ATTITUDE Toward WEAKER  
Brother.

If Paul should come to our  
Church today, what would he say.  
would he praise us for our  
love for each other -  
For. Our concern for the Church  
for the Community - for the  
lost around us - & around the  
world.

(See pages 324 and 329, for transcription)



**The DEATH of Christ has PERSONAL significance.**

**The EFFECT one MIGHT HAVE upon another—It may cause him to relapse back into the old pagan life.**

**Paul dealt with three problems:**

1. **Idols --- FREEDOM**
2. **Knowledge --- & Love**
3. **Attitude toward weaker Brother.**

**If Paul should come to our church today, what would he say? Would he praise us for our love for each other? For our concern for the Church? For the community? For the lost around us-- & around the world?**

#### **PAGE 27**

1. **Paul dealt with factions in the church—pitting men against Christ. Workers together—we cannot pull against each other & win.**
2. **How they should dress (?) as God's children**
3. **They should separate themselves from the world**
4. **Problems of marriage and celibacy**
5. **Christian FREEDOM**

#### **PAGE 28**

[TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: This page has a short list of items which seem related to work that was being done at the Baptist Association's ("Bear Waller") camp. This work over the several years that my dad was on the camp committee (he was chairman for much of that time) involved building a swimming pool, along with major improvements to several buildings and grounds landscaping; however, eventually the Carolina Association sold the camp, and no longer continued to sponsor that effort.]

1. **Keep up grounds**
2. **Get roof painted**
3. **Lawn mower—shovels—rakes—weed eater—step ladder**
4. **Key rack made**
5. **Garden hose**
6. **Complete steps**
7. **Process in buying small things, towels, etc.**

#### **PAGE 29**

[TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: This page has a list of about fifteen common expressions or greetings in Portuguese, which seems related to the brief (less than a month or so, I recall) trip that my parents made to Brazil, as part of the NC Baptist Convention's "partnership" (with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention) mission effort to that country. Around 1985, my parents had made a similar venture to Togo, West Africa, as part of a NC team of volunteers who were engaged in digging deep wells to provide good water in rural village locations. At the end of that (one to two months) time in Togo, my parents flew to neighboring Nigeria, for a short (less than a week) visit to Igede and Ikogosi, which was their only trip back to Nigeria, following their leaving Nigeria for retirement in July, 1977. Upon visiting Ikogosi, they were able to see that the new, large Baptist Church building in Ikogosi had been completed; however, their disappointment was that the Baptist Camp, sold to the government around 1979, had been totally abandoned, with the camp buildings already being covered in "bush." Dad told me that he walked from the town to the camp (about a mile distance, on the small entrance-road he had made); however, seeing the camp's condition, he never entered the camp's grounds (all 28 acres had been fenced, during the time my parents had been constructing the camp). When I was in Nigeria in July 2009, we visited the swimming pool which my parents had built in 1961;

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2. Christ. workers Together -
2. We cannot pull against each  
other + Win -
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Children -
3. They should separate themselves  
from The world -
4. Problems of marriage and Celibacy
5. Christian FREEDOM

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  2. Get roofs. Painted -
  3. Lawn mowers - shovels - <sup>wood</sup> Racks  
ladder - Step ladder -
  4. Key rack made -
  5. Garden hose -
  6. Complete steps -
  7. Process in buying small things  
towels, etc -

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São Paulo Vou a Sanpela Brazil  
 SAO - (29)  
 Mãe - men - hand -  
 Pão - Bread inho - dominative.  
 Eu - com -  
 Tem - dona. senhora - woman -  
 Sã -  
 Bone Deia -  
 Bem. Tã - good after noon  
 Como - (How) via -  
 Vou Bã - (Bã)  
 muito - o  
 Estou. Boa - @ 3.5m  
 Obrigado - Thank you.  
 Boa noite obrigado -  
 #10 - Hello  
 Boa noite good night  
 Dorma. Bem - sleep well -

(NOTE: See page 329, for transcription)

however, the remainder of the camp was still covered in bush until it was resurrected as part of the new eco-tourist project, which began around 2011, and completed in 2013.]

**PAGE 30**

(TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: This appears to be a "lesson" on 1 Corinthians, which may have been a class Dad may have taught at Fruitland Institute or, more likely, part of a Sunday School lesson for his adult, men's class at Fruitland Baptist Church.)

*The first four chapters—Paul praised them  
The shepherd's staff  
The shepherd's whip*

*Chap 5. Has to do with sex & property.  
Where did Paul get his information? From Chloe, or from one of Chloe's slaves*

*One person can bring the whole church into disrepute.  
Look what Baker and Swagart have done to the Assemblies of God*

*Dr. (Emil) Brunner: The looseness of sex will ultimately destroy the Christian Church*

*"Reaching out for Jesus"*

**PAGE 31**

(TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: What follows appears to be something that Dad had prepared for leading the funeral/burial service of a member in the church who had died. His doing this may have been requested by the family, or this might have been during a time when the pastor was not there, for whatever reason.)

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints, said Paul.*

*Well done, thy good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of the Lord, said Jesus.*

*This day Thou shalt be with me in Paradise, said Jesus.*

*No greater comforting words could ever be said to anyone.*

*I always considered her as one of the best friends I ever had.*

*She was one of those persons who was always there; at church; at the "Joy" Club.*

**PAGE 32 (Con't, from Page 31)**

*The greatest tragedy in any life is not to feel the need of God in one's life.*

*Christ was risen from the dead. As the first fruit of the resurrection. And the same Spirit that raised Him from the dead shall also raise us from the dead. That where He is, we shall be also.*

*The just shall be raised to life everlasting  
The unjust to damnation.  
Thus sayeth the Lord.*

*I know who I believe and am persuaded that He will keep that which I have committed to Him against that day. What day? The judgment day.*

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"Reaching out for Jesus -"

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PAGE 33 (Con't.)

*We know that everyman shall stand before the judgment bar to give an account of the deeds done in the body.*

*The greatest deed that any man can do is to accept what God has done for him in Christ Jesus.*

*God turned His face toward us in Jesus Christ.*

*Dr. Brunner: Most people live their lives in remorse of the past. They are afraid to die. Or they live in anxiety of the future. They have not done much on earth for heaven's sake. Jesus has taken away our sins. Our sins have been forgiven. He has taken care of our future. As I live, you shall live also.*

PAGE 34 (Con't.)

*Through the first man, Adam, came death. Through the second man—Adam (TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: I believe here he meant to write "Christ.") comes eternal life.*

*In Adam all die—in Christ all shall be made alive.*

*Jesus arose from the dead. He took our death upon the cross that He might give us His life.*

*We do not have to walk that lonesome valley by ourselves. The risen Lord will walk with us.*

*May God's richest blessing be upon the family as the(y) re-adjust to life without him (her?).*

PAGE 35 (Con't.)

*Life is real. Life is earnest. The grave is not its goal; from dust thou are to dust returneth was never spoken of the soul.*

PAGE 36 (TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: This page—not transcribed here—appears to have notes regarding construction work being done somewhere, most likely at the Carolina Association camp.)

PAGE 37 (TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: This is a "report" of their Brazil trip.)

#### *High lights of trip to San Paulo*

*I am glad that I was able to go to Brazil. I had always wanted to go there. I had read a lot about our Baptist work there and wanted to see some of it, but did not want to make a special trip for that purpose only. When the door opened to work in San Paulo, I entered it. I do not regret having gone.*

*When we arrived in Brazil it was like being back in Africa. I felt much at home.*

*We had a wonderful group with whom to work. I believe we had a good beginning. We seem to have won the confidence of the Brazilian people.*

*We had a very busy schedule each day. We left our Hotel at 2:00 PM and were gone to about 11:00 PM. We had to travel several miles through*

PAGE 38 (Con't.)

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walk with us.

May God's richest blessing be  
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adjust to life without him.

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of the soul.

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Pimber ——— 2x2 ——— George  
Electrician ——— George  
Well Digger ——— George  
2x10 —  
Perhaps 2x12 — for S on eary  
Insulation - 6 in under floor  
3/4 on outside  
2 1/4" between studs -  
Above in Ceiling —

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We had a wonderful group ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> whom to work. I believe we had a good beginning. We seem to have won the confidence of the Brazilian people.

We had a very busy schedule. Each day we left our Hotel at 2:00 P.M. and were gone by about 11:00 P.M. We had to travel several miles through

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traffic. We felt that God was taking care of us - no mishaps - we spent each afternoon in the homes of the people, sharing with ~~the~~ the ~~gospel~~ and asking them to attend church in the evenings. We had good services in the churches each evening. A good number of people made decisions in the church and a larger number made decisions in the homes. We do not know how many of them will relate themselves to the church. If 10% of them are baptized into the church, it will be worth our efforts. We did more seed planting than anything else.

This is a beginning of a movement to bring the people in San Pahu to faith in Jesus Christ.

The only regret I have is that the time was too short. We were not here long enough to really come to know the people. <sup>as we had</sup> ~~we had~~ liked.

→ We need to pray for the ones who are especially grateful for the time.

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with the 2 pastor & feeling that I was able  
to make some contribution to their lives -  
in our State who will be going  
after us.

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I was glad we were able to give N.T.  
to those with whom we talked. - How  
wonderful that 10¢ would pay for a N.T.!

→ It was so good to talk of Christ to  
those on the island & people to whom we  
traveled. ~~Two~~ <sup>2</sup> ~~one~~ <sup>one</sup> is Portuguese - & one  
in Eng. will hear fruit of those ~~two~~ - people.

The other 2 with whom I talked were Christians  
but their sharing was an encouragement to both  
sides of us -

- I was in for how we ~~know~~ <sup>know</sup> many of the  
same people -

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The letter described as.

1. The Epistle of Courage
2. The epistle of ~~Courage~~-Pilgrimage.
3. " " " Hope-

Dr. Streeter - "The finest thing in the N.T. 1st Peter -

3 great doctrines -

1. The doctrine of God
2. " " " The Jesus Christ
3. " " " The Church

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*The only regret I have is that the time was too short. We were not there long enough to really come to know the people as we would have liked. I am especially grateful for the time with the 2 pastors, feeling that I was able to make some contribution to their lives.*

*We need to pray for the ones*

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*in our State who will be going after us.*

**J. S. McGee**

(TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: The additional writing on this page is in Mother's handwriting, which seems to be her adding her own additional comments to this "report," which they may have been making together.)

*I was glad we were able to give N.T. ("New Testaments") to those with whom we talked. How wonderful that 10c (ten cents) would pay for a N.T.!*

*It was so good to talk of Christ to those on the plane with whom we traveled...*

PAGE 40 (TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: This appears to be brief notes regarding **1 Peter**.)

*The letter described as:*

- 1. The Epistle of courage*
- 2. The Epistle of pilgrimage*
- 3. The Epistle of hope*

*Dr. Streeter: The finest thing in the N.T. —1<sup>st</sup> Peter*

*3 great doctrines:*

- 1. The doctrine of God*
- 2. The doctrine of Jesus Christ*
- 3. The doctrine of the Church*

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This concludes (J. S. McGee's) notebook (labeled by this transcriber as #5).

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