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February 11, 1970

Dear Stan:

Again I am just home between planes having gone through one of the most joy-full experiences that I have ever had. I spoke 15 times in $4\frac{1}{2}$ days to all kinds of people, including fraternity men on a state campus. The Spirit was so evidently present, softening the hearts of these tough young intellectuals that one could cry for joy to see what happens when God turns the POWER on!

Excuse this brief note. You made no mistake in sending the manuscript. It will require a considerable amount of detailed reading and correction, but we are used to that. Faulkner typed one of his books of fiction over some seven times before he got it to where it would work as he wanted it to do. You see, when typesetters work at \$6.50 per hour, we try to have the stuff as nearly correct as we can before they even start. That saves a lot of money and even more worry.

Your idea for this book is excellent and I see no reason why it should not be produced. Nell and I never worry about the fact that we do not have money, for quite honestly that is not a genuine factor in life. We shall pray and if God wants your book printed He will open up doors like he opened up Red Seas, lion's dens, and roads to Philippi. So your Peggy is right! I doubt there is any insuperable difficulty to bringing out the book, and if we think more of the book than we do of profits or money (as we always do here) it will probably get going. So I shall not remove any pictures for the time being at all. It isn't a complete failure, not even a near one yet. I'll write about other matters in your letter when I can. I'm leaving again! Love in HIM,

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Dear Stan and Peggy:

Thank you for your wonderful note which came today while I was in a men's retreat some 75 miles south. We had a great day and all of the brethren (Churches of Christ) were urging that we overlook sectarian barriers and contact and share with God's children across all lines. There were no hassles about it!

It will be a thrill to see Peggy and yourself at the Forum if you can make it. You will meet some wonderfully fine people of all segments and backgrounds. Nell has put your name down for a copy of the 1972 book <u>The Divine Purpose</u>. The subscriptions have been started.

We will have to talk about Thoughts On Unity when we meet.

I have twice contacted all book dealers in the brotherhood and we are not moving them. We must proceed soon in such a way as to get part of the borrowed investment back. With love as ever,

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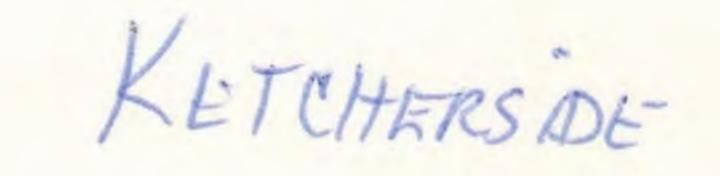
Dear Stanley:

Perhaps you have word of the Preacher's Workshop at Abilene, and if not, one thing was quite apparent - the difference between those who had the Spirit of our Lord and those who had the party spirit. It was obvious that the older men who are defenders of the status quo have little relationship to what is going on in our generation and are reading themselves out of the picture. In their desire to stay in the limelight by dogmatism and exclusiveness they are hurting themselves and the cause they represent. Perhaps no one was quite so out of tune with dialogue as Roy Lanier, Sr. Instead of feeling any kind of hostility toward him and a couple of others of the "old school" I found myself with a deep sense of compassion for them. The train is already out of sight, they missed it and are standing on the depot platform holding their suitcase full of sermon outlines and no one to listen - not even the station agent:

I have just arrived home from a ten hour spiritual talkathon with the kids at Missouri University and last week was with the Belmont congregation in Nashville. It is jumping, believe me, and it is exciting to see the new forms of service to humanity which they have opened up. This is a moving thing to watch happen under such protest and opposition.

I am enclosing the meager royalty that is due and I am almost ashamed to send it. I have twice publicized the hook to the dealers and have advertised it as best I could to people within our ranks. It is apparently no go as there is just an occasional volume that moves. I would like permission from you to move them out at any kind of clearance that we can so we can salvage some of the rather large investment that we have in them. It is apparent that we shall not get back what we have in them, but if we can discontinue the royalty and get them down as near cost as possible we may be able to do something in retail and take the loss in wholesale to move them.

I am frightfully sorry but it looks as if we shall not be able to place them on the market at the present price which was essential to even clear on those at wholesale. If it is all right with you we will take what steps are necessary to move as many as possible. I trust that you and yours are well and we think of you often. I pray that this will be one of your best and greatest years and I am always both yours and HIS,

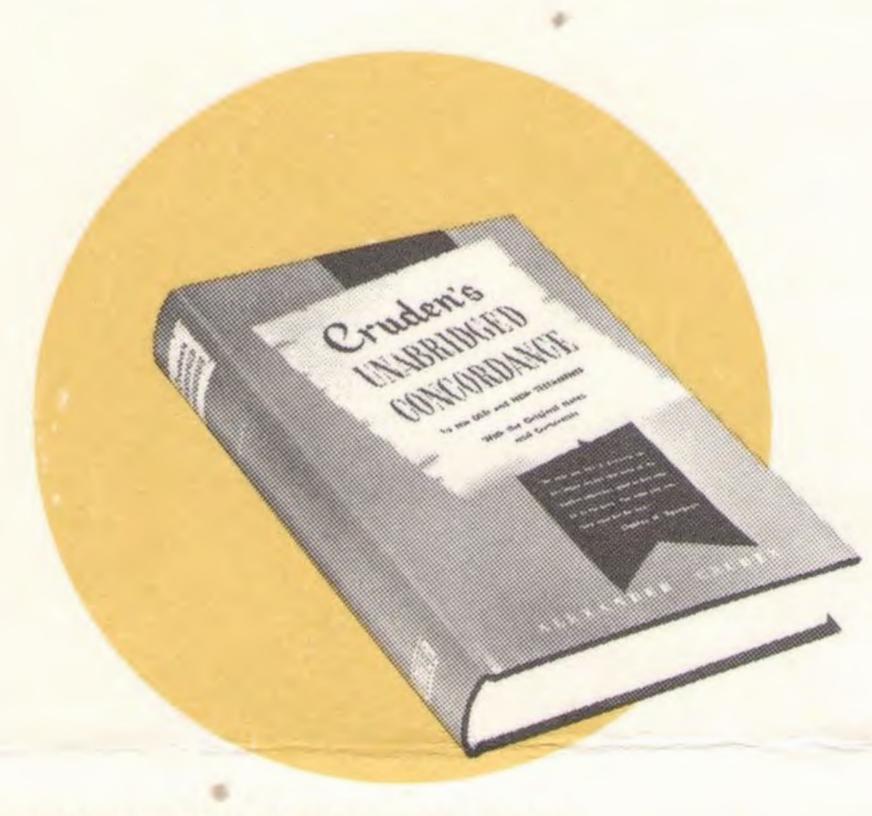




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Prayer Changes Things

Dear Stan:

When nothing else can happen, nothing else does! And it does not appear that much else can transpire in your life! It has already come to pass so that things should look much brighter from here on! We are going to really plug your name in to the power source of glory and let Him take over. Since he knows the end from the beginning and calls the things that be not as though they were, He can handle it much better than we can.

Our hearts are with you in the chain reaction of events which have been your lot, and I eagerly trust that all will be well and that you will now prosper in health as your soul prospers. I think a lot of things happen to see whether he is Real in our lives. I am getting a big bang out of the fact that I am being written up and made the object of attack in all kinds of Church of Christ journals just now. I think that, after the Abilene speech the brethren realize I mean every word of it and will not be bought off or scared off. Up to this time they have been hoping I would die or quit but since apparently I am doing neither one it is time to move the siege guns up. I love everyminute of it and if I am never under fire I shall take stock to see what I am not doing that I ought to be. Jesus is Great!

I am asking Nell to send you eight copies of the book as I figure that is about what you have purchased with the check you sent. Perhaps you can use them for autographed gifts. We will send you more if you can use them! And we will #take steps to move therest of them. God bless you and keep you. You are precious unto us. As always both

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Yours and HIS

... from the hand of one who cares

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March 23, 1974

My beloved brother:

Nell has packed for shipment to you the copies of Baptism
and if you should require more of them please ask for them and you need not send any money. We will gladly supply you what you can use to the glory of Him "whom having not seen we love."

I am glad that you've been in touch with Bob and the rest of the fellows — træmendous men of God with great vision! I love them all for their very works' sake and I love you too, and for the same reason. Great things are happening and a lot of them are happening in Churches of Christ. With love for you and all of yours I am thrilled to be always both yours and HIS,

Care

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July 18, 1975

Stan, my beloved brother:

I am thrilled to have your letter for a half dozen reasons I can think of right off, and a number of others that I will not try to detail. I am mailing you at once five copies of your book and there will certainly be no charge for them. Nell has today sent out the 1078th free copy to coll ege students and all of the feedback has been excellent. The book is a tremendous help to a lot of these kids and we are seeing excerpts from it turn up in various places which ask permission to quote. There are now 68 copies remaining and I would like to suggest that you ask for as many as you would like to use for autographed gifts. We will be glad to send as many of the remainder as you would like. It is a book which is being read with appreciation by those in other communions and you probably need to keep a few to autograph for special friends. If you'd like to have all of the remainder we will send them "without money and without price." We only want them to go where they will help!

I am sorry I could not come to the "lectureship" at Detroit. But I was invited to be one of the chief speakers at the International Christian Endeavor Convention in Portland at the same time. It is a once in a lifetime thing and I could not turn down talking to a thousand young people from the United States, Canada and Mexico. When they asked for a brother from the non-instrument ranks I suggested Andrew and they found him willing. I knew he would not lay an egg. I should like to accept your invitation to come and share but I am booked solidly throughout all of 1976 and have had to turn down several score of invitations I could not accept. I would really like to be there and share and I am sorry that I cannot be. God be with and bless you all, for I am thrilled to be both yours and HIS,

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July 29, 1975

Dear Stan and Peggy:

I shall arrange to send you 50 copies of the book which will leave us about 12 copies for students who request them. I am glad you are securing these and hope that you can use them to His glory.

Leonard and I have often talked about the very thing you are urging and, of course, the North American Christian Convention has done what it could to encourage participation by non-instrument brethren. It has been a little difficult in the past because, as you well-know, those who go from the instrumental segment to Abilene are treated as if they did not exist. They are never called upon even to pray to our common Father and when Reuel Lemmons called upon Bob Shank, who was at the time affiliated with the independent support Christian Churches he was attacked and assailed all over the south. Bridges must always be built from both ends and that is why I hope you will have success with Carl Brecheen. We have not seen a great deal of interest upon his part or that of J. D. Thomas.

I heartily concur in the view that 1976 should be a real thrust toward greater sense of recognition among us. But Ira Y. Rice, Jr., has people edgy with his attacks upon ACC and Pepperdine, and that coupled with hostility of many of the older preachers will make it a little difficult. But the Lord is calling us to action and not simply to reaction. I am with you on everything that you do to encourage better feeling between brethren who are children of the same Father. The work of such men as Marvin Bryant and the publicity given to his "conversions" of Christian Church preachers will not aid the Cause too greatly. With love and best wishes I am as ever both yours and HIS,

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December 29, 1975

Stan, my brother:

In about 20 minutes I must leave to go and preside over the final session of the Saint Louis Forum. Tonight the subject will be divorce and remarriage. We are thinking seriously of turning the meeting next year into a study of renewal and try to have significant contributions made by brethren from all segments of the restoration movement and from some outside of it. Today we tried an experiemth by throwing open the morning meeting to the audience and allowing any man or woman to say anything they wanted about the charismatic gifts. We had various shades of thought represented but not one untoward incident occurred.

We have come at last to the place where we can discuss almost any theme without fear of reprisal or anger. I wish you might be here and share with us. It was gracious indeed of you to write as you did and I am deeply indebted to you for your kind letter. I am glad that Mission Messenger is behind me. I am now to make contributions to four papers - Christian Standard, Restoration Review, Integrity, and Mission.

Nell has placed you on the permanent book list and we thank you ever so sincerely. May God be with you and all of yours is the prayer of both yours and HIS

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Thursday morning

Stan, my beloved brother:

Of course, you cannot begin to know how much it meant to us to hear from you. Your life has been such an impact upon our own and you have blessed us in so many ways that any little word from you is precious. I am glad you like my ramblings in Leroy's paper. As I think back upon my past experiences I come to know what grace is really all about. I certainly had no merit or qualification for what He has done with me. Praise His name!

I took time out, after reading your note, to place the work at Lake Charles in His hands, knowing that He already knows what is going to happen. I am distressed by the circumstances to which you allude at Stroud, but He probably wanted you in Louisians. He has a way of using circumstances to nudge us out of places He does not want us and gently pushing us in the direction He would have us go.

Our experience has been just the opposite this year. The strategy for extension of the domain of the absent King has worked and all four goals we set for 1977 were surpssed by mid-October and we are getting ready to raise them on January 1. We are now doing what I had always dreamed of doing - touching lives of all kinds. During this year we have had many prominent Catholics meeting with us, we have absorbed and assimilated everyone from professional men to street-people and former dope-pushers, and we have not had one bad moment. God be with and bless you and all of yours is the prayer of both yours and HIS.