

Box 111, Eugene, Ore.,  
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HWAPP # 3092  
Dear Brother Freeman:

I am rushing to you tonight 12 copies of a letter I have mimeographed for the Twelve, which I would like to have gotten into their hands. I am sending this air-mail--do not know yet whether I will send this letter enclosed or under separate cover.

Would suggest you handle this as I requested the manuscripts--get in touch first with Brother Kiesz. If there is personal prejudice against you ~~because~~ because of these days, it might be best for you to have someone else give these to the various ones of the Twelve. I am sure Brother Kiesz will know what to do, and I understand he is to be there. What we need is a MELTING OF HEARTS, and a return of LOVE one to another. I have written this in a great hurry, and while I am very, very tired, and I do not know how it sounds--but some have always tried to paint me as a harsh type of fellow who wants to run everything. Bro. Kiesz, I think, will tell you he had been given that conception, but he will tell you whether or not he found it true. So some might say this letter is an attempt to give orders to the Twelve. If so, will you try to get to them, thru some favorable source, that I have no such thought in mind, and am merely sending this for their consideration, as I feel led of God's Spirit to do at this time? Will you please keep me informed of proceedings, Brother Freeman? Would appreciate it if you would write me often--every day anything of importance comes up. I do not want to say so to them for it might be construed as a threat, or it might get in the way of an action I somehow feel the Lord is going to take--but we in Oregon are SOLID in favor of the holydays, and there is not a man in the organization who can change this here. The brethren of both Eugene and Jefferson churches, the two largest ones, will remain firm and withdraw all tithe AND offering support from Salem instantly if they try to forbid us to keep these annual Sabbaths. But do not tell any of them that, I do not want them to know it.

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They will find it out soon enough. Out here we feel Eld. Dugger is trying to put over what some would call "a fast one", with a high hand, and that he thinks the decision of the Twelve already has been forced on them, and they will meekly submit and be whipped into line. We feel the program is that the Holydays will be rejected, and ministers ordered not to preach this truth. That my place will automatically be declared, at this meeting, VACANT, as well as yours, and Dodd's. That Severson will be sent back here as the Oregon evangelist, with instructions to the Churches at Eugene, Harrisburg, Jefferson, and Oregon City, that I am no longer their minister, but he is. Some here have even become worked up feeling they would go so far as to try to take our local church property away from us—but I have no fears of that.

Well, it is a hard thing, Brother Freeman, for anyone to start out to FIGHT anyone who is on the Lord's side, and whom the Lord is really blessing. The LORD is blessing our work in a wonderful way—souls have been converted by dozens and scores, the sick healed, churches and sabbath-schools raised up, and the truth going out as a witness by radio, already to 75,000 people every week, and the radio work is leaping forward so rapidly that we expect soon to add a Seattle station to our net-work, and, confidentially, a plan is on foot by the local radio ~~owner~~ station owner to put us COAST TO COAST on a big net-work including several 50,000-watt stations all over the country, giving us an audience of MILLIONS every broadcast! No, the Devil cannot stop the true work of the Lord. The time has come for the Lord's true work to LEAP FORWARD, and it is beginning to take this leap. We fear nothing a group of misguided wrong-spirited men can do. Poor Brother Severson simply does not know how he really stands with the brethren in Oregon, but they will remain FIRM for the TRUTH. The truth will march forward. If they reject the truth and put us OUT, then the truth is going immediately to all the Church membership the nation over, and I feel that all the real Spirit-led ones, or most of them, will see it, and stand on it.



I have always tried to work for real church harmony, and while I have insisted on accepting and preaching advancing light and truth continually, yet I have tried to do it in a way that would not tear down or cause trouble, but build up and bring blessings—and the L<sup>o</sup>rd has helped me to do it that way. If they either take NO STAND, or accept the days, which will be impossible with McMicken, Dugger and Severson so bitter against them, or if they even take a stand against them, and yet allow members to observe them and ministers to preach them, then I will try to be just as careful as I can to do nothing to cause any dissention in the organization. I will work for HARMONY as far as I can without rejecting light or being muszled, so long as I am in the organization, but if they put me out, then that is a different matter. I have been absolutely AMAZED at some things I have recently seen, which show a very autocratic executive control in our organization. I never try to boss or rule any other man. I aspire to no position of leadership in the Church organization. I merely want to fit in where God has placed me and do the work He has given me to do, but that I shall always try humbly to do, and none of us who love the truth and hope to be used of God must ever meekly bow before a Mussolini, or a hierarchy, or have our mouths stopped by men contrary to the Word of God. If we have courage to be led of the Spirit, God will give us POWER, and means, and supply EVERY need. Praise His name!

Brother Dodd has written me about you, Brother Freeman, and I have read before Eugene and Jefferson churches what he wrote concerning you, and the brethren here would like to have you here for our camp meeting in August, if you can plan to come. But better not mention this to ANY there, at this time.

Please let me hear from you, and keep me informed as often as possible. I know you will use tact, and be guided of the L<sup>o</sup>rd in handling these things I am sending to you. The L<sup>o</sup>rd bless you, and the Lord spare His people and save the Church in this solemn hour!

With love,