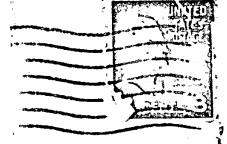


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November 28, 1938.

Dear Marvin:

Some of the girls in the Church, as you probably know,---including Bobby, Lorinda, and my own daughters,---face a serious problem. Their boy friends are not of their belief, and do not really understand just what they do believe, and why.

They are finding that this is a real serious barrier between them and their boy friends---one that is bound to become more and more serious. Some of you may not fully realize this now---partly because you do not realize fully just what the girls do believe, but, whether they have made it fully clear or not, the girls do realize it. It is easy enough to just say this makes no difference---they can go on keeping the Sabbath and believing as they do, and you can believe and live your way, and think that you can ignore these religious differences. And you might get along nicely a while, but sooner or later it would inevitably prove a positive BARRIER, which must be removed, or it will separate you.

I know this, because God Himself has so ordained it, and says so in the Bible, and also from personal experience. You see, Mrs. Armstrong came to see the Sabbath truth before I did. I just believed in God, and in the Bible, but didn't consider myself really religious, or have any real definite concrete belief---except I was sure she was wrong about the Sabbath and some other things. We tried to get along with her keeping the Sabbath and me having my ideas---and I almost ignored religion. But it didn't work out. And for the one and only time in our lives, we talked seriously of divorce. Before taking so serious a step, I decided it was only FAIR to her to look seriously into just what she did believe, and if she was wrong to try to show her where she was wrong. I did, and to my surprise, I found she was right. In my case, I accepted it, too---and the barrier was removed, and later it brought me into the ministry.

Now Marvin, you may think you already know just what Bobby believes, but you know only in a vague and most general way. Actually, you know and understand very little of what she believes. We never went into these things much at the Young People's meetings you attended---that is, the real central major belief. This not only is part of her life,---it IS her life, and that's why it is so important.

Beverly started the plan we have in mind, took it up with Harold, ---and while at first he thought he'd just try to study into it alone by himself, he realized he could not do this, for he doesn't know just what Beverly DOES believe, and decided it was only fair to her to at least LISTEN, and consider it. Lorinda talked to Claire about it, and he's coming too. And so, starting tomorrow---Tuesday night---they are both coming, and possibly Lloyd Goldson, too, tho I'm not sure,---for a series of Bible studies at our house, possibly two or three nights a week, whatever they decide tomorrow night. We will need possibly about 12 nights thru the winter to fully explain it. Now this is not to be an ARGUMENT. Neither am I going to make any effort whatever to urge or persuade any of you to accept what we believe---morely to EXPLAIN, as clearly and simply and briefly as I can, just what we believe, why we keep the Sabbath, etc. You see the idea is not to force you fellows to accept it. What you be-

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lieve and do is your own personal right and privilege---between you and your God, and I have no right to interfere, and you have as much right to your beliefs, no matter what it is, as I have to mine, even tho one is right and the other wrong. God's way is not to force what we believe onto others, but God has called me as His minister to explain, and to tell others His truth, leaving it entirely to them as to whether they see it or accept it or act upon it. Just wanted you to know that no effort will be made to persuade or urge in any way, and no pressure brought at all.

The idea is merely that it is ONLY FAIR to Bobby, in your case, to Beverly in Harold's, and to Lindy in Claire's, to at least come and hear and consider, and understand WHAT they believe, and WHY, so you will not misunderstand---so you can look into it FOR YOURSELVES, to see whether you agree. If Bobby is wrong, you surely ought to want to know it, and to find out where and why she is wrong, and if possible explain it to her and save her from it---because it IS her life, and it would be terrible if she were wrong in it.

You see, the girls have heard this, and accepted it, and they believe it with all their hearts and souls. That's why it's bound to prove a positive barrier. There's no getting around that fact, and we can't lick problems of this kind, Marvin, by ignoring them, or trying to dodge them---only by facing them and meeting them. And surely it's only fair to her to look into it enough to hear what she believes.

Bobby mentioned that she has seen or written you about this or something, only at that time she did not understand that Harold and Claire and possibly Lloyd were also coming, which, of course, is an altogether different thing and I think much more satisfactory to all. And so I told her I'd explain to you about their coming, and invite you to come too. Just you fellows, and the girls, and that's all. Otherwise I think we'll call it a "closed house." The girls thought it would be better that way. If you can, come a little early---by 7:30, and I'll stop, wherever we are each time, at 9, leaving the rest for next time. Now I hope I've explained everything clearly. Hope you understand the idea is not for me to try to talk you into anything---just that the girls feel they cannot explain it as I would---they understand and know what they believe, but cannot explain it fully and clearly to others as I could, and so they've planned it this way so it can be explained to you fellows just what they believe. I know how very badly Beverly wanted Harold to come and hear this, and I'm sure Bobby feels the same way, and it probably means more to her, as to the other girls, than you may realize---so I hope you won't disappoint her, Marvin, ~~and~~ and will be looking for you tomorrow night. The others have definitely promised to come.

Sincerely,

