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Dear Basil:

I'm sure I did not get your letter of April 7th answered before coming down here. Dorothy and I left Eugene April 14th, have been here since, waiting for her Vern to show up. We had the idea he might turn up at either San Diego or San Francisco, more likely the former, any time after about the 20th. It's almost impossible of course to get any information or learn anything about troops at sea. However, since contacting his old buddy who is now stationed again at San Diego, also in the Marines, we learned that he probably could not possibly have shown up here prior to about the present, and very likely it might be another three weeks or even four.

So, there was nothing to do but wait. We had a free ride down with some people from the Eugene Church. When I found I was most likely stuck here another four weeks or more, two weeks ago, the feeling began to come over me I ought to be utilizing this opportunity by being on the air here. Here I found myself---being forced to stay here almost as long as I had planned if/and when I started the broadcast here. You probably received the Bulletin, telling the rest of how I came to go on the air here. Started last Sunday morning, on KMTR, which seems to be the best station here for our purpose. It sure is a test of faith, for I started it without any reserve fund whatever, but if our income continues where it has been for a couple months, or just a slight increase, I believe that by cutting every corner possible we can weather the increased expense until the station here is self-supporting. Believe I had a good broadcast here Sunday, but everything seems to go wrong up there. I send transcriptions---did send them from here Sabbath noon, but now send them Friday night to allow a little more time, --by plane. I get the very best recording here of course, and am able to keep the broadcasts almost as live and up to the minute on news analysis as if I were there. But twice they have failed to get the program thru to the Washington stations---just inefficiency at KWJJ. They are the most inefficient and unreliable station on the Coast. I may even have to cut everything here and return up there to keep from losing everything there. It is provoking that they can't handle a simple job. The transcriptions have arrived on time every week, too.

Hope you can work into the drafting job, especially if it will get you deferment and keep you from being drafted.



While I don't feel I should say one word, outside our own membership, or to any except a real Christian who is trying to live by the Bible, on the subject of not fighting, yet WE know the Bible distinctly forbids us to take up arms or to kill, directly or indirectly. Our very lives may be threatened if we refuse. Shadrach, Mesheck and Abednego were commanded to break ANOTHER commandment by the government, under pain of death. They refused, obeyed God and TRUSTED Him---and tho He permitted their faith to be tested to the very last instant, yet he delivered them from the burning fiery furnace. We must have just that kind of determination and faith today.

I did want to get our people better organized, so we could be more sure of recognition from the government and exemption for our members from the draft. That is one reason I went ahead and organized you brethren at Vancouver as a church, and also the brethren at Seattle. Frankly, I do wish I could ordain you an elder, Basil, and I hope more than I can say the time will come when I can. Any help I can give you I will---I'll chuck everything else to one side any time if there is anything I can do, or any questions you wish me to answer. I had planned to appoint a board of seven men---or rather fill in about three vacancies on a board appointed about four years ago in a loose and temporary state organization---and get us a little better organized, including Vancouver and Seattle churches. I would very much like to have you on that board, yet it seems you should be an elder or at least a deacon before being put on that board. I'm brutally frank, but I know I can be, and you'll understand. I do not have in mind any organization incompatible with the Bible, or our belief on organization---but just enough so as to gain government recognition for certain. We might even need to incorporate, tho I'd rather not unless necessary---but that would insure recognition.

In all events, the cartoon business now has a limited duration. This whole present order is doomed, already crashing down. I'm SURE God has called you, Basil---just specifically for what I would not yet say definitely---but He will reveal that to you as you develop spiritually and become better prepared for whatever specific job it is. We know what is ahead. We are called as advance emissaries of the New World Order---the KINGDOM OF GOD, to be ruled by Christ, literally. We have a JOB TO DO, and short time in which to do it. It is, for us, about as much a RACE AGAINST TIME, as the military battle is for the U.S. About all I can suggest to you, now, is "Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things" --the material needs---"shall be added unto you." It is a matter of what is FIRST in our minds, our hearts, our interest. If the KINGDOM is first, we will somehow MANAGE to prevent material interests from so crowding our time that there is not enough left for sufficient Bible study and prayer. These two things---Bible study and prayer---should, in other words, be FIRST at least in interest, tho not necessarily in number of actual hours of time consumed. But what I mean is, we won't permit other duties to crowd them out till they are neglected, or to so absorb the mind that they do become the number one interest. I wonder if you understand me, Basil. Offense could be



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taken from that by one who would misunderstand what I mean--- but not if you really understand me. I do not mean give up or neglect your cartoon work---I'm sure you'll understand-- I would never suggest that, but feel you should do as YOU feel and believe about that---but what I do mean is that you should not permit your time to be so overloaded (except perhaps temporarily, or in emergencies) with such work that there is not ENOUGH time left for the amount of Bible study and prayer you must have to really grow and develop spiritually. There should be at least ENOUGH time for Bible study and prayer every day as to permit, and KEEP the spiritual things FIRST and uppermost in your interest, your heart, your thoughts. And as long as you feel you should continue in that work, I do not believe that this would need in any way to impair your efficiency in your art work, further, perhaps, than to prevent you from taking on too much which, probably, would in itself reduce your efficiency in the long run, might it not, even for that work? If you make the BIBLE your chief interest, and devote enough time each day to it and to private prayer, to keep up that interest, you'll come to see clearly for yourself just how much time you ought to devote to your regular work---and whatever you see is right, God will always be with you, and go before you, and open the way, and bless your efforts, and fully provide in every way.

So far as your working with me in the office at Eugene is concerned, if God wants it that way, He will open the way, in His own time and manner. He could change circumstances quite suddenly, and cause things to turn out in very unexpected ways. If the broadcast here is blessed with a quicker financial response than we have had in the Northwest---as is very likely---we might find that the way would be open a lot quicker than we had supposed. I was just literally swept onto the air here so suddenly and UNEXPECTEDLY it almost takes my breath when I think of it. If money comes in as quickly as I think may be possible, and in as big volume, it might mean we would be starting on the 50,000-watt clear channel station W H O, in Des Moines, by July, and once we had weathered the financing of that and it was financially on its feet, then I'm sure there would be no financial difficulty in the way, provided it seemed the right thing to both of us for you to come to Eugene. God will show us, and bring things out according to HIS will.

The main thing I have learned, is, if He has called us, and we will make a COMPLETE, and UNCONDITIONAL surrender to Him, yielding ourselves fully to Him, forsaking anything that might stand in the way at whatever cost, saying, in effect, "Well, Eternal Father, I haven't much to offer---but whatever you can do with me and thru me, I give myself, body, mind and soul, to you to use as you see fit. It isn't much to give, but here I am---take me and use me as YOU will," ---He will take us at our word, and if we keep humble and small in our own sight, He can use us in a greater way than we dreamed. Didn't mean this for a preachment---just a sort of heart-to-heart talk, and I wouldn't have written it if I didn't love you a lot, Basil, and feel God has called you to more than you have so far let Him do with you. I'll probably be here another six weeks at least, unless I have to return to keep the program on the air at Seattle and Spokane because of KNJJ blundering. Give my regards to Honor. I have another hundred letters to answer---yours was #1 on that pile. 'bye now,

*Basil Wolverton*