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The following letter-form was brought about as a means of teaching my children the Word of God through the mail. And of course, quite naturally so, that's the reason I begin these letters with "Dear Children" and end them with "Love Dad". So for the rest of you who participate in these weekly messages, please keep their original intended purpose in mind.

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Dear Children,

Our last sermonet – **“Jeff Fenholt: Running With The Devil!”** – was the Lord God Almighty's most recent attempt to rescue Brother Alan from the snares of the Devil. Because you see it was a few years back that Father God warned Brother Alan that his “Christian contemporary music” (CCM) would take him to Hell if he didn't give it all up for Jesus. So he gave it up! But like the “dog returning to his vomit”, Brother Alan recently partook of an unhealthy dose of Jeff Fenholt's demonic “Celtic Glory” album... and the overpowering witchcraft of “CCM” has once again taken control of his soul. So now that Brother Alan's eyes are glazed over in a “CCM” trance, it's time to tell the story of how his most recent backsliding adventure all came about.

You see it was more than a year ago (5/22/10) that Brother Alan finally produced his long awaited sermonet **“How I Forsook Christ For Christmas!”** I mean, trust me; it was something that he really didn't want to confess before the whole wide world... but confess it he did. Finally!!! Well, kinda sorta anyway. Which is the very same reason that I've been given this writing assignment of today – **“How Alan Richardson Forsook Christ For Christmas!”** – to fill in the gaps so that everyone (including Brother Alan) can see the real story as God had intended.

So, where do we start? Well how about in the beginning, at Jimmy Swaggart's 1997 Thanksgiving Campmeeting (Alan at bottom right of picture receiving prayer at JSM). Because you see it was in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, during those five (5) days of Campmeeting services, that I was introduced to Brother Alan by a very unlikely source – my wife Annie. But anyway, from that point on the Lord saw to it that Brother Alan and I fellowshiped as often as possible; either in person while attending Jimmy Swaggart Campmeeting services together or long-distance by phone.



In fact it was during our time together at Jimmy Swaggart's 1999 Easter Campmeeting that the Lord gave me a vision of Brother Alan receiving a miracle healing from God that reversed the crippling affects of his motorcycle accident from years past. I saw myself in the Family Worship Center lifting him out of his wheelchair into a standing position as

the Power of the Holy Spirit took control and did the rest. Instantly Brother Alan was supernaturally healed and began to walk.

So that was the vision I received while in prayer. And the very next day, at the end of the service, we did exactly what I had been shown to do. Two of us wrapped Brother Alan's arms around our shoulders as we lifted him out of his wheelchair into a standing position, but yet God's miracle did not instantly become a reality. In fact it was only a few minutes later that Brother Alan asked to be returned to his wheelchair because his arms were getting tired.

What a disappointment! I just knew that the Almighty was going to do what He had shown me in the vision... but yet it did not happen! So what went wrong?

Well, that night after the service I took it to God in prayer: "Why didn't Brother Alan get his miracle healing, Lord?" That was my question, and the answer I received was not what I expected: "Brother Alan will walk in the natural when he learns to walk in the Spirit."

Now it didn't take me too awful long to come to the understanding that it was my God-appointed duty to teach Brother Alan how to "walk in the Spirit". I mean, after all, I was the one in the vision that was lifting him out of his wheelchair and onto his feet. And of course seeing how it was only a week earlier (3/25/99) that I had lost my job as engineering manager with The Toro Company for speaking God's Word to the CEO, Mr. Ken Melrose, I had plenty of time to dedicate to my new student Alan. (See our 4/11/99 sermonet "**Snake Bit But Still Alive In The Holy Spirit!**" for more on the subject.)

So from that day forward I labored to teach Brother Alan the gut-wrenching task of "walking in the Spirit" as outlined in the following very simple but yet profound Words of Christ:

"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, **If any man will come after me, let him deny (G533) himself, and take up his cross (G4716), and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.**" (Matthew 16:24-25 KJV)

Deny (G533) [*ap-ar-neh'-om-ahee*] - From G575 and G720; **to deny utterly, that is, disown, abstain.** - deny. (*Strong's Hebrew And Greek Dictionary*)

Cross (G4716) [*stow-ros*] - From the base of G2476; a *stake* or *post* (as set upright), that is, (specifically) a *pole* or *cross* (as an instrument of capital punishment); **figuratively exposure to death, that is, self denial; by implication the atonement of Christ.** - cross. (*Strong's Hebrew And Greek Dictionary*)

You see the life-saving, life-changing process of "walking in the Spirit" has everything to do with giving up what we want (the flesh) in order to do what the Father in Heaven wants (the Spirit). In fact it's the same cross that Jesus has commanded us to carry that will actually crucify our flesh with every step we take in obedience to the Words of the Spirit:

“It is the spirit that quickeneth [gives life]; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words (G4487) that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” (John 6:63 KJV)

Words (G4487) [rhema] – from reo, to speak. A word spoken or uttered; a speech or sentence consisting of several words; a word, command; **denoting the operative or all powerful word or command of God**; a report, account. Rhema stands for the subject matter of the word, the thing which is spoken about. (*The Complete Word Study New Testament With Greek Parallel*)

The “rhema” Word of God! What an awesome Power to behold! In fact the book of Hebrews tells us just how amazing it really is:

“Who [Jesus] being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word (G4487) of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;” (Hebrews 1:3 KJV)

“And upholding all things by the word of his power - That is, by his powerful word, or command. The phrase “word of his power” is a Hebraism, and means his efficient command. There could not be a more distinct ascription of divinity to the Son of God than this. He upholds or sustains all things - that is, the universe. It is not merely the earth; not only its rocks, mountains, seas, animals and human beings, but it is the universe - all distant worlds. How can he do this who is not God? He does it by his word - his command. What a conception! That one simple command should do all this! So the world was made when God “spake and it was done; he commanded and it stood fast;” Psa 33:9. So the Lord Jesus commanded the waves and the winds, and they were still Mat 8:26-27; so he spoke to diseases and they departed, and to the dead land they arose; compare Gen 1:3. I do not know how people can “explain away” this ascription of infinite power to the Redeemer. There can be no higher idea of omnipotence than to say that he upholds all things by his word; and assuredly he who can “hold up” this vast universe so that it does not sink into anarchy or into nothing, must be God. The same power Jesus claimed for himself; see Mat 28:18.” (*Albert Barnes’ Notes On The Bible*)

The “rhema” Word of God! He spoke it, and all things were created; He speaks it, and all things are sustained. However, there is one part of God’s creation that does not automatically respond to His “rhema” Word on command... and of course I’m talking about God’s two-legged creation of man, woman, boy, and girl. Because it was in the beginning that God created man with a “spirit” that would allow him to hear God’s “rhema” Word and a “soul” that would allow him to choose to obey that “rhema” Word by walking in obedience to it:

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might

be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
(Romans 8:1-4 KJV)

Walking in the Spirit, through the process of hearing God's "rhema" Word and obeying it, is what brings us into a proper relationship with God the Father by making us one with Christ. However, if we reject God's "rhema" Word, and don't walk in the Spirit, God the Father will likewise reject us:

"I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words (G4487), and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words (G4487), hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting; whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak." (John 12:46-50 KJV)

Now that's what "walking in the Spirit" is all about... and it's nothing to take lightly! Because you see the choice is really ours: either we "walk in the Spirit" and make Heaven our everlasting home, or we bust Hell wide open! And the one thing that gave me some hope with Brother Alan was the following bold statement that he made in 2001:

"The only hell I'm going to face is hell on Earth!" - Alan Richardson (12/30/01)

Sounds like a commitment, right? Well, it was only a few months later that the Lord gave me the following Scripture two different times (3/31/02 and 4/12/02) concerning Brother Alan's progress (or lack of it) in avoiding Hell:

"And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry: And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it." (Mark 11:12-14 KJV)

Not a very good report card to say the least! I mean the thing about "no fruit" meant that Brother Alan was **not** being obedient to God's "rhema" Word... and the consequences were starting to look a lot like the "Hell" he said that he would never have to face. But seeing how it was my God-appointed duty to teach Brother Alan how to "walk in the Spirit" I kept on trying. In fact it was during this same period of time that the Lord had us to make several trips to Baton Rouge in order to give Jimmy Swaggart a few Words of correction from the Lord God Almighty. Talk about "take up your cross and follow Jesus"!

But anyway, that's what we did until that fateful day in May of 2002 when I became "homeless for Jesus" and was directed by the Father to move into the "Rescue Mission Of El Paso" where I would live with the homeless and minister to the homeless as assistant chaplain.

What a challenge... but what a blessing to have a place to stay! However, this was not a good situation for Brother Alan. I mean the Devil was doing all he could to stop me from helping him “walk in the Spirit”. In fact all my communication with Brother Alan came to an abrupt halt, with the exception of his phone calls to me on the pay phone.

Then it was on 7/8/02, less than two (2) months after having moved in with the homeless, that Brother Alan gave me a call concerning the following Word of warning he received from God Almighty:

“As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.” (Deuteronomy 8:20 KJV)

Now was that a scorcher or what? I mean just the thought of getting that one from God made my knees knock. That was definitely **not** what you would call a Word of encouragement for Brother Alan! He was in hot water, and it had everything to do with him **not** being obedient to the Voice of the Lord. In fact it was much later that I learned just what it was that God had commanded him to do that he wasn’t willing to do: **“Move to El Paso and become a part of the FMHCCI Ministry!”**

But that’s not even all! I mean just how far can anyone push the issue of disobedience to the Voice of God and still get away with it? Well, Brother Alan actually took it to the point that Father God had to enlist an evangelist/pastor in Houston to give a very simple illustration in order to remind him of the “rhema” Word from God that he was refusing to obey. Because you see it was in the middle of his sermon that the evangelist/pastor used two (2) chairs to unknowingly draw a parallel with what was actually taking place in Brother Alan's life. While sitting in one chair, the evangelist/pastor made the following prophetic statement about not being where God wants you to be: "If I'm here, but God wants me to be there..."

What a picture! It was in Brother Alan’s face! God was calling him to El Paso (the empty chair), but yet he was still in Houston (the chair occupied by the evangelist/pastor). Brother Alan knew exactly what God was saying through that real-life illustration performed during church. But yet he still did not obey God by making the move!

In fact it was not until 11/19/04 that God the Father finally tricked Brother Alan into moving by having him attend a crusade in El Paso, Texas. Because you see once he had arrived at the crusade, the Lord told him that he had better make sure that he stays where he’s at and not return to Houston.

What a merciful God we serve... and what a tough teaching assignment I had been given!

Walking in the Spirit is not as easy as it sounds. I mean hearing the Voice of God is one thing, but making yourself do what you know you should do is another thing all together. In fact it was only a few months later that Brother Alan blew it once again when he returned to Houston for a Benny Hinn Crusade and ignored what the Voice of God was telling him to do. You can read all about it in our 4/3/05 sermonet **“Christians Who Make God A Liar”**, and here’s a sample of what you will find:

So along with Brother Alan's move to El Paso came an apartment that I could call "home". Then on the 22nd of February 2005, God's promised "promise" of the phone number kinda sorta became reality... And just what do you think I meant when I said "God's promised promise 'kinda sorta' became reality"? Well you see Brother Alan placed his order for the phone transfer on a Tuesday morning, then that same afternoon he boarded a Greyhound Bus for Houston, Texas. His intended destination was the Houston Benny Hinn Crusade (see "**Benny Hinn And The Pope!**"), and of course our daily phone communication was an important part of that mission. However, the very next morning there was a glitch in the phone transfer, and our phone service was no more! I mean our phone service got totally disconnected!

...Because you see the way it all happened was that Friday morning the Lord put it on his heart to make a call to SBC (Southwestern Bell Company) and straighten out the transfer problem. I mean it was a very simple thing to do, and it would have only taken a few minutes of his time to make it all happen, but it never happened because Brother Alan didn't make it happen! In other words there were other things that got in the way of him doing what God wanted him to do. And as a result of his actions (or lack of), SBC didn't get called on Friday, and the phone didn't get connected on Friday...and **God Almighty became a liar!**

Now looking back at the sequence of events that led up to this very compromising situation, we find the following Word from God that was spoken to Brother Alan, through Sister Cyndie, almost one month earlier:

Prophetic Word for Alan on 2/4/(05)

Alan, God loves you and He cherishes your heart for what you are. He does not ask anything of you but just to receive His love as He pours it out to you, and I pray that what He has already planed for your life will start happening soon. I pray that He will increase you faith to trust in Him even to a level in which you will not able to comprehend. Things will happen very soon in your life to test your faith. It will be a tough road to walk down but I pray that the LORD'S hand will be upon you to keep you from falling. Alan, It is very important that you remember this letter that I am writing to you today. Please print it out and look back at it when you are going through your trial. Remember to look to Jesus when things are happening and remember that the LORD have already give you a warning ahead of time through me. He is going to prepare you for a higher calling and it's about to start soon.

"And the Lord said, 'Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you [desired to have], that he may sift you as wheat. "But I prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me [been converted], strengthen your brethren.'" - Luke 22:31,32

That was a portion of God's Word to Brother Alan through Sister Cyndie, and it was shortly after having read it that I sincerely sought the Lord concerning His intended meaning of it. Because you see when I read the part where "Jesus warned Simon (Peter) about failing God" I immediately thought about what Peter suffered shortly thereafter... that is after Peter denied Jesus three times before the rooster crowed. I mean Peter had boldly declared that he would willingly die for his Master, but when the time came for him to "prove it" he failed miserably. And it was because of **Peter's failure to**

willingly die for Christ that the resulting **“guilt and condemnation”** almost caused him to throw in the towel and walked away from his calling. In other words Peter’s **“faith in Jesus”** almost failed (died) when he failed God by **denying Christ**.

So, not wanting to see Brother Alan go through a similar situation, I prayed more earnestly as to whether it was an absolute – was it going to happen regardless? And, that’s right about the time the Father gave me the following Scripture as His reply to my concern:

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14 KJV)

Well that’s what the Father gave me, and it was likewise the first Word in His chosen Scripture – the **“IF”** – that let me know Brother Alan had a choice in the matter. In other words Brother Alan did not have to become another Peter by denying Christ. However, the only way he was going to get around it – the **“IF”** – was by **“turning from his wicked ways”** and seeking God for every step of his daily walk; **by hearing God and obeying God in all things**:

“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.”
(Proverbs 3:5-8 KJV)

So with the preceding excerpt from **“Christians Who Make God A Liar”** in mind, are you starting to see the degree of difficulty that I was encountering with my student? Well, let’s not stop there. Because it was only three (3) months later that the Lord gave me the following list of Scriptures to give Brother Alan as a “wake-up call”:

Thus saith the Lord! Alan’s Scripture reading for the 8th of July 2005: Proverbs 6:9-11; 19:15; 20:13; and 24:33-34.

“How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.” (Proverbs 6:9-11 KJV)

“Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.” (Proverbs 19:15 KJV)

“Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread.” (Proverbs 20:13 KJV)

“Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man.” (Proverbs 24:33-34 KJV)

Now just to clue you in, this thing about God calling Brother Alan a “sluggard” had everything to do with his lazy attitude towards doing “whatever” the Lord had instructed him to do (walk in the Spirit). And the “whatever” we were dealing with at the time was Brother Alan’s lack of motivation in completing the writing assignments he had been given by the Father. It seemed as though he would not motivate unless I stayed on his case full time! So in order to help him set realistic goals for his writing assignments, we started asking the Father in prayer for a “drop dead” completion date for each one.

Well, with the dates in place, Brother Alan knew when a project needed to be completed, but yet his “sluggard” attitude persisted. I had to constantly ride him hard in order to get him to finish his writing assignments on time.

But then came the day when God the Father said “enough is enough”... and it came about in a very unusual sort of way. Because you see I had just gotten on Brother Alan’s case about an up-coming writing assignment’s “due date” when the Lord rebuked me for having said what I said. I was really perplexed to say the least, and rationalized it as having come from the enemy of God. However, it was shortly thereafter that I received a Word from a Brother that went something like this: “The Lord is telling me that you have un-confessed sin in your life.”

Now the minute my mind processed the part about “un-confessed sin in my life” my blood turned ice cold. Fear stuck me in an overwhelming sort of way! I had to find out whatever the “sin” might be and deal with it quickly. So I fell on my face before the Lord in prayer and soon discovered that the “sin” was my correction to Brother Alan after the Lord had made the decision that “enough is enough”. And to further help me understand my sin, the Father directed me to read Bob Hoekstra’s “Day-By-Day By Grace” devotional for the day:

Day-By-Day By Grace

November 29

Jesus' Example of Grace for Our Speech

*You are **fairer** than the sons of men; **grace** is **poured** upon **Your lips** . . . Let **your** speech **always** be with **grace**, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one. (Psa 45:2 and Col 4:6)*

In our two previous meditations, we saw Jesus as our two-fold example. First, He exemplified the suffering that prepares us for more of God's grace to work in our lives. Second, He exemplified the related issue of God's grace developing our lives comprehensively. Now, we consider **Jesus' example of grace for our speech**.

Centuries before the Messiah (Jesus) came into this world, the Psalmist prophesied of the **words of grace** that would flow from His mouth. "*You are **fairer** than the sons of men; **grace** is **poured** upon **Your lips**."* The manner in which the **grace** of God guided and poured forth through the words of Jesus set His speech above that of every other person. Those who listened to Him during His earthly pilgrimage testified of this fact. "*All bore **witness** to Him, and **marveled** at the **gracious** words which*

proceeded out of His mouth" (Luk 4:22). One of the distinctive aspects of Jesus' words was the unique authority that this outpoured grace imparted. "Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was **teaching** them on the Sabbaths. And they were **astonished** at His teaching, for **His word** was with **authority**" (Luk 4:31-32). At one point in Jesus' ministry, the Jewish leaders wanted the temple officers to take Jesus into custody, but they returned empty-handed. "Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, 'Why have you not brought Him?' The officers answered, "**No man ever spoke like this Man!**" (Joh 7:45-46).

The Lord intends for this same grace to impact our speech. "Let **your speech always be with grace.**" When we humbly allow the Lord to flood our speech with His grace, our words have a heavenly flavor to them: "**seasoned with salt.**" His grace will also add heavenly wisdom to our words: "*that you may know **how you ought to answer each one.***" This causes our speech to be edifying to others, because our words are ministering God's grace into their lives. "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary **edification**, that it may impart **grace** to the hearers" (Eph 4:29).

Lord Jesus, Your words are the kind of words I want to speak – words permeated with the grace of God. Please forgive me for the many words I have expressed that were corrupted by my own fleshly wisdom or selfish interests. I humbly ask You to season my speech with heavenly righteousness and godly insight. I long to impart edifying grace to all who hear me speak. In Your holy name, I pray, Amen.

Wow! It is truly awesome the way God works! My sin was exposed on 11/29/08, and the 11/29 devotional from Bob Hoekstra was specifically meant for me. I had spoken a word of correction to Brother Alan that wasn't from God. What I had said was of my flesh and not of His Spirit. There was no "grace" in it!

So after having discovered the truth of my error, I immediately went before Brother Alan with tears in my eyes. I had heard from God and was very serious about putting this entire issue under the Blood of Jesus. I asked for his forgiveness, but yet forgiveness did not seem to be forthcoming. With a stern look on his face Brother Alan said that he forgave me, but his emotions did not show it.

And then came the BIG test. Because it was on 2/14/09 that the Lord gave me the following Scripture concerning the bed sore that had developed on Brother Alan's rear end:

"Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead."
(John 12:1 KJV)

So what in the world did it all mean? We didn't have a clue! But the one thing we did know was that Brother Alan was suppose to seek the Lord for direction on what to do about his bed sore before doing anything about it. And it was during this particular part of Brother Alan's learning to "walk in the Spirit" that he really did well. Because it was exactly six (6) weeks to the day (3/28/09) from the time I received John 21:1 (2/14/09)

that Brother Alan received the following Word from God that directed us to admit him into the hospital the very next day: **“The fear of death is passed!”**

You see the test that Father God had put Brother Alan thorough had everything to do with his fear of dying as the result of a bedsore. Was he willing to trust God with his life while waiting on a “rhema” Word from God on what to do about it? Through it all Brother Alan persevered... until the time of his bedsore testing had passed. He had successfully “walked in the Spirit” by walking in obedience to the Father through his physical suffering.

Now that was the end of Brother Alan’s “bedsore” testing, but yet it was really only the beginning! Because you see it was after having been admitted into the hospital that the doctors presented him with two different methods of treating his condition. The quick and easy method was to have the wound surgically closed, and the second method was to allow the wound to heal on it’s own through negative-pressure wound therapy (NPWT) – a therapeutic technique using a vacuum dressing to promote healing in acute or chronic wounds.

So Alan had a choice in the matter!
And his choice was the right choice
in that he wanted to do what God
the Father wanted him to do. So
following some very serious prayer
he chose option #2 after having
first heard from the Lord that He
would heal him without surgery.
Awesome!



However, it was some seven (7) months later, and after many medical setbacks, that the wound was far from being healed. So during the last week in October of 2009, Brother Alan took it to the Lord in prayer and received absolute confidence, through the following Scripture from the Father, that his “promised healing” would take place:

“For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know in whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I committed unto him against that day.” (1 Timothy 1:12 KJV)

You see the truth of the matter concerning this thing about “walking in the Spirit” is that it’s not going to be easy! And as Brother Alan was finding out, the mental suffering can really get extreme when the healing you proclaimed that God said He was going to do doesn’t happen as you expected. I mean that’s right about the time a whole lot of people with good intentions start telling you to go for the surgery... and then you start doubting that you actually heard from God about a “promised healing” in the first place. It can really get tough! But Brother Alan held his ground.

Now as we continue along with this story of “**How Alan Richardson Forsook Christ For Christmas**”, please keep in mind Brother Alan’s involvement in the sermonet “**Christians Who Make God A Liar!**” Because you see in that particular message we told about a promise God made that was predicated on Brother Alan doing what the Father had instructed him to do... but when Brother Alan didn’t follow through with his obligations in the matter, God’s promise didn’t become reality and God became a liar.

“**Christians Who Make God A Liar!**” I mean you would have thought that Brother Alan would have learned his lesson... but he didn’t! Because along with God’s promised healing of Brother Alan’s wound came a writing assignment from the Father with a “drop dead” due date of December the 14th 2009. You see the title of the message was “**Be Careful What You Pray For**”, and it was all about the prayer that Brother Alan prayed (the one that the Father so graciously granted) in which he asked God Almighty to give him a bedsore. And the reason for his request was that he was tired of suffering for Jesus and wanted some bed rest. Now you tell me, was that a dumb prayer or what?

But anyway, after a few months of the mandatory bed rest, Brother Alan was more than ready to get on with his healing and get back in his wheelchair. However, as Brother Alan would soon find out, God’s “promised” healing was predicated on his “walking in the Spirit” by completing his writing assignment on time. In fact the following “true confession” from Brother Alan will give us a few of the details of how he made God a liar just one more time:

“**Sin brings consequences and I must take responsibility and pay for my own.** I had a Holy Ghost due date of December 14 for “**Be Careful What You Pray For**” and did not fulfill it. I thought I was on track to write a testimony by that date – as I had from bed earlier in the year – but it was not everything the Lord wanted in it.”

So Brother Alan actually thought he was “on track” with his writing assignment??? I don’t think so!!! In fact, letting the truth be known, I watched in horror as Brother Alan spent the majority of his allocated writing time on things of the world such as his annual ritualistic Christmas card mailing. God the Father’s very important writing assignment took a back seat to the “Christmas” pagan holiday! And then on the 14th of December Brother Alan handed me a “minimal effort” three-page document that truly reflected his lack of dedication in taking up his cross and following Jesus.

Are you starting to get the picture? I mean do you remember what happened to me back in November of 2008 for strongly encouraging Brother Alan to do what God the Father had instructed him to do that he really didn’t want to do? I got scolded, because the Father had decided to let Brother Alan motivate his own “self” in his writing assignments... seeing how he wasn’t willing to learn from the coaching that I was giving him. So I held my peace by keeping my mouth shut, and “**Be Careful What You Pray For**” did not get completed on time. And then it was seven (7) days after Brother Alan missed his deadline that the Father gave me the following Word for him:

12/21/09 – “**God is going to hold Alan more accountable now that he’s out of the fog.**”

You see Brother Alan was in his right mind when he chose to neglect the task that the Father had put before him. This time he had no excuse! And then three (3) days later the Lord spoke the following Word that made it perfectly clear what he had done:

12/24/09 – “Alan: all is not well with your soul – you have forsaken Christ for Christmas.”

What a powerful Word of correction – “all is not well with your soul” – and Brother Alan knew it! In fact it was less than three (3) weeks later (1/13/10) that he resubmitted “**Be Careful What You Pray For**” with an additional five (5) pages for a revised total of eight (8) pages. But of course that’s the way he should have done it in the first place, and in time for that very special deadline the Father had given him. Because you see it was on 1/9/10 that the Lord gave me the reason Brother Alan’s “drop dead” date for submitting “**Be Careful What You Pray For**” was the 14th of December. You see it was on the same day back in 2003 that my God-chosen wife Sandy (Sandra) also chose to forsake Christ. (See “**A Christian Marriage Outside The Law**” for more on this subject.)

Brother Alan had sinned against God, and his health problems were starting to show it. In fact the following Word from the Lord was given shortly after his missed deadline:

1/6/10 – “God says Alan’s bladder problem is because of his sin problem: “Why have you been so stubborn?”

Now if that wasn’t bad enough already, it was only thirteen (13) days after Brother Alan resubmitted “**Be Careful What You Pray For**” that he was put back in the hospital (Triumph Hospital) with a serious wound infection. And it was on that same day (1/26/10) that the Lord gave me Psalm 68 as applying to his situation:

“Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.” (Psalms 68:1 KJV)

That was verse one (1) of God’s chosen Scripture for Brother Alan, and it basically described the remaining thirty-four (34) verses of the chapter. In fact the subtitle listed for Psalms 68 in my Jimmy Swaggart Study Bible is “A Song Of Triumph”. Wow! The Lord gave me “A Song Of Triumph” on the day that Brother Alan was admitted into Triumph Hospital. Was God the Father trying to say that Brother Alan now had the victory?

Not hardly! God Almighty was only giving him another opportunity to win the victory. Because you see the wound infection came about after a substitute “home care nurse” took care of him... and that very same nurse just so happened to be a witch. In other words, Brother Alan’s enemies won the victory over him... and he ended up in the hospital once again.

But anyway, the situation was getting worse by the minute. Then on 2/2/10, in total desperation, I sought the Lord for a Word on Brother Alan... and the Lord gave me Mark 11:14 while in prayer:

“And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it.” (Mark 11:14 KJV)

Things were not looking good at all! The Scripture I was given concerning Brother Alan was all about the fig tree Jesus cursed “for ever” because it was not producing any fruit. This was the warning that should have put the fear of God in Brother Alan... but it didn’t! Because it was only three (3) months later that he would add sin unto sin by disobeying Father God one more time by not producing the required fruit.

Because you see it was owing to Brother Alan’s late delivery on “**Be Careful What You Pray For**” that the Father gave him “**How I Forsook Christ For Christmas**” as an opportunity to repent and confess his sin before the whole wide world. And once again he was given a “drop dead” completion date... but this time it had much more meaning. I mean, after all, Father God gave Brother Alan the 5/7/10 due date for a reason – it was his one (1) year anniversary of having met his God-called wife (Sandra Lopez) at the wound clinic.

Now you’ll never know the anguish I endured having to watch Brother Alan openly defy the Lord God Almighty by refusing to write what he knew he must write: “**How I Forsook Christ For Christmas**”. It was spiritual suicide! I knew it and God proved it! Because on 5/7/10 the Father gave me the following Words to speak concerning Brother Alan’s “just reward” for his most recent sin:

5/7/10 – “**Your obligation to Sandra has ended. You did not prepare yourself by walking in obedience to me.**”

Wow, and double wow! The first due date Brother Alan missed (12/14/09) was the date my God-given wife Sandy (Sandra) disobeyed the Father and broke up our marriage. But yet the second due date that Brother Alan missed (5/7/10) actually broke up his marriage to his wife-to-be Sandra. What a bust!

Now at this point in time (5/7/10), in order to help Brother Alan document the step-by-step details of how he failed God one more time, the Lord had me to print out the following list of seven (7) things He had spoken to me about Brother Alan... and it even included a very graphic picture of Judas Iscariot:



How I Forsook Christ For Christmas

12/21/09 – God is going to hold Alan more accountable now that he’s out of the fog.

12/24/09 – Alan: all is not well with your soul – you have forsaken Christ for Christmas.

1/6/10 – God says Alan’s bladder problem is because of his sin problem: “Why have you been so stubborn?”

1/9/10 – God gave Alan his “Be Careful What You Pray For” due date for a reason: December 14 was the day Sandy forsook Christ also.

1/26/10 – Psalm 68 – Alan goes to Triumph Hospital.

2/2/10 – In desperate prayer, seeking God for a Word for Alan, God gave me Mark 11:14.

5/7/10 – God says: “Your obligation to Sandra has ended. You did not prepare yourself by walking in obedience to me.”

So did you get the picture? Well, I didn't choose it – God did! Because you see it was right about the time I was compiling Brother Alan's list on a Word document that the Lord instructed me to take a look in a magazine that I had never looked through before. A Brother had left it in our apartment, and the Lord wanted me to check it out. So I flipped through the pages, and it was right about the time I got to the painting of Judas Iscariot that the Lord told me to include it in the print-out for Brother Alan. And of course the following is the Scripture that gives all the gory details of what it's all about:

“For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry. Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.” (Acts 1:17-18 KJV)

Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus, and the demons took his soul. Not a pretty picture, but that's the picture Father God chose to portray for Brother Alan in his very compromising condition as a so-called “follower of Christ”. And then the very next day (5/8/10) the Lord gave me yet another Word for Brother Alan:

“Yet in this thing ye did not believe the LORD your God,”
(Deuteronomy 1:32 KJV)

You see the preceding Scripture is all about a missed opportunity. Because way back at the time of Moses, there were a whole lot of people in the nation of Israel, from twenty years old and upward (except for Joshua and Caleb), that were not allowed to enter the Promised Land as the result of their continued “unbelief”! In fact these “unbelievers” actually “perished” in the wilderness! Not a pretty thing! And just as it was with Brother Alan, their unbelief was not a one-time (overnight) thing. It was the accumulation of 40 years of rebellion to God's Word.

So Father God was not at all pleased with Brother Alan's “unbelief”. No doubt! But then nine (9) days later (5/17/10) the Lord reminded me of what took place at the Jimmy Swaggart 1999 Easter Campmeeting. In a vision He took me back in time to what actually took place so many years ago as we lifted Brother Alan up out of his wheelchair in preparation for his healing... only to have him ask to be returned to his chair a few minutes later because “he was tired”. Little did I know that Brother Alan's “sluggard” behavior would bring about such catastrophic consequences some eleven (11) years later. And after having received the vision, the Lord confirmed His righteous judgment on this “un-Believer” (Brother Alan) through the following Scripture:

“And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.”
(Matthew 13:58 KJV)

Brother Alan blew it! He lost his miracle healing! What a shame! He gave up the “good fight of faith”. And five (5) days later (5/22/10) he finally documented a “confession of guilt” concerning his most recent overdue writing assignment:

“I had a “target date” to finish *this* one – “**How I Forsook Christ For Christmas**” – by May 7, 2010 (the 1st Anniversary of God’s ordained meeting between me & Sandra López, nurse with Triumph Hospital) but I missed that date too. I believed “**How I Forsook Christ For Christmas**” message was ordained of the Lord because he gave me a vision on January 14 of a handbag with a strap when I prayed for confirmation, and I perceived the bag to represent a weight or a yoke that would be there around my neck until the completion of the message.”

Now there’s a lot more that needs to be said about the “handbag yoke” around Brother Alan’s neck, and we will cover that later on in this message. But anyway, it wasn’t too long after his recovery from the wound infection that the doctors dropped the bomb by telling him the wound needed to be closed surgically – it wasn’t going to heal on it’s own.

So God’s promised healing of the wound did not happen, and Brother Alan made God a liar one more time. But this time it was much more serious. In fact the Lord saw to it that Brother Alan’s surgery took place on 7/19/10 – the day on which the infamous “9th of Av” would begin at sundown. Talk about a spiritual picture of gloom and doom!

You see the “9th of Av” actually started on the very same day that the Jewish people decided not to trust God to give them the victory over the giants (Deuteronomy 1:32). God had already delivered His chosen people from Egyptian slavery, and taken them safely through the unmerciful desert wilderness, but yet when it came time for the Jewish people to go on in and take the “Promised Land” they flat out refused to do it. So, from that day until now, God has continued to “celebrate” the Jewish people’s “day of disobedience” by allowing great disasters to come upon them on the 9th of Av. **In fact this day is the most solemn event in the yearly calendar for the observant Jew, for it is the day that God destroyed both the First and the Second Temple. Wow!**

So do you remember where we’ve seen that foreboding “9th of Av” Scripture before? Well, Deuteronomy 1:32 is that same Scripture Father God spoke the day after Brother Alan missed his 5/7/10 deadline. And likewise, it was the Lord God Almighty Who saw to it that Brother Alan’s surgery (the one he had been promised he wouldn’t have) was on a “special day” as a way of “celebrating” his “day of disobedience”.

But that’s not all! Because it was on 7/22/10, three (3) days after Brother Alan’s surgery at Los Palmas Hospital, that the Lord showed me the relevance of his new God-given hospital phone number – “521-**1549**” – through Joshua **15:49**:

“And Dannah, and Kirjathsannah, which is Debir,” (Joshua 15:49 KJV)

So just what in the world did it all mean? Well, for starters, here’s what “Smith’s Bible Dictionary” had to say about it:

“A town in the mountains of Judah, Jos 15:49, one of a group of eleven cities to the west of Hebron. **The earlier name of Debir was Kirjath-sepher,**

"city of book", Jos 15:15; Jdg 1:11 and Kirjath-sannah, "city of palm". Jos 15:49. It was one of the cities given with their "suburbs" to the priests. Jos 21:15; 1Ch 6:58. (Smith's Bible Dictionary)

Now in the truest sense of the word, "Debir" means a "Word from God" (oracle). In fact the following Scripture and commentary will give us more of the details on how it applies to Brother Alan:

"And unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a part among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, *even* the city of Arba the father of Anak, which *city is* Hebron. And Caleb drove thence the three sons of Anak, Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmi, the children of Anak. And he went up thence to the inhabitants of Debir: and the name of Debir before *was* Kirjathsepher. **And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjathsepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife. And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife." (Joshua 15:13-17 KJV)**

"Caleb was "head" (Num 13:3) of the Hezronite family in Judah; while Nahshon son of Amminadab was head or prince of the whole tribe (Num 1:7). He and Oshea or Joshua, alone of the twelve, on returning from Canaan to Kadesh Barnea, encouraged the people when dispirited by the other spies: "Let us go up at once, and possess the land (he does not for a moment doubt Israel's ability; not Let us try; success is certain, the Lord being on our side), for we are well able to overcome it" (Num 13:30). His character answers to his name, all heart. His reward was according to his faith (Num 14:24). "My servant Caleb, because he had another spirit, and hath followed Me fully, him will I bring into the land where unto he went, and his seed shall possess it."

Forty-five years afterward Caleb reminded Moses of God's promise, adding that now at 85 he was as strong as then. "Hebron therefore (the land he had trodden upon in faith as a spy, Deu 1:36) became the inheritance of Caleb, ... because that he wholly followed the Lord God of Israel" (Jos 14:8-9; Jos 14:14). He dislodged the three sons of Anak , Jos 15:14, and gave Achsah his daughter to Othniel, son of Kenaz his brother, for taking Debir." (Fausset's Bible Dictionary)

You see Brother Alan's "1549" Scripture names one of the cities that was a part of Caleb's reward for faithfully trusting in the Lord God Almighty. I mean, after all, Caleb was not a part of the "9th of Av" crowd – he followed the Lord! And likewise it was this same city that was involved in Caleb's promise to the man who would successfully defeat the giants that inhabited it – **he would give him his daughter's hand in marriage!**

So are you starting to get the picture of how this "1549" applies to Brother Alan? Well, he didn't defeat the "giants" in his own life by obeying the "Word of God" (Debir)... and therefore he was denied the hand of Sandra Lopez in marriage having been "judged" unrighteous by the Lord God Almighty (Kirjathsannah, the palm tree – a symbol of judgment). And you see one of those "giants" had everything to do with the "handbag" that is still yoked around Brother Alan's neck. But please allow me to explain.

You see it was during the time that Brother Alan was in the hospital having his wound surgically closed, that one of the nurses, a prophetess, spoke a Word from God that branded him as “just another Achan”:

“And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me. And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done: When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it. So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran unto the tent; and, behold, it was hid in his tent, and the silver under it. And they took them out of the midst of the tent, and brought them unto Joshua, and unto all the children of Israel, and laid them out before the LORD. And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them unto the valley of Achor. And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones. And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, unto this day.” (Joshua 7:19-26 KJV)

Now with that Scripture in mind, it should be abundantly obvious that no one in their right mind would want to be branded as “just another Achan”... especially someone that claims to be a follower of Christ. But yet according to God’s prophetess, Brother Alan had earned himself the title. And then on 9/15/10, the day Brother Alan returned from the hospital following his wound surgery, I discovered the radically rebellious reason for this “branding”. Because as I was unpacking all his stuff, I found idol #2 in his backpack: “music CDs” – the same ones God the Father had forbidden him to play. Just like Achan, he had hidden his coveted “Christian contemporary music” (CCM) in the backpack on his wheelchair so that he could worship in secret when away from my presence.

What a bust! So if “CCM” was idol #2, then what were idols #1 and #3? That was my prayer, and it didn’t take too awful long for the Lord to give me His answer. Because what the Lord showed me is that Brother Alan’s #1 idol is “women”, and his #3 idol is “fast machines” (cars and motorcycles).

Now with the “women” in mind, it became abundantly obvious that the “handbag” yoked around Brother Alan’s neck had everything to do with the “giants” in his own life that didn’t get defeated when he didn’t obey the Father by finishing “**How I Forsook Christ For Christmas**” on time.

“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.” (Galatians 5:16 KJV)

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”

(Romans 8:1 KJV)

So, if Brother Alan would have obediently “walked in the Spirit”, by finishing his writing assignment on time, he would have overcome his “lust” for the women (the handbag strap would have been loosed) and thereby become the proper spiritual husband for his God-given mate Sandra Lopez. But seeing how Brother Alan didn’t follow through, it didn’t happen... and his “help meet” Sandra Lopez was “no more”!

But that’s not all! There’s more! Lots more! Because on 10/30/10 the Lord gave me the following Scripture especially for Brother Alan:

“And the priest shall take the lamb of the trespass offering, and the log of oil, and the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before the LORD:” (Leviticus 14:24 KJV)

Now just in case you didn’t know it, the preceding Scripture was the Old Testament sacrificial offering required by God Almighty to “purify” the stinking-rotting flesh of a “leper”. And of course the Father had a very good reason for having me give that Scripture to Brother Alan... but Brother Alan didn’t take the hint. Because it was only thirteen (13) days later that the Lord showed me the “pornography” Brother Alan had downloaded on the FMHCCI ministry computer only hours earlier. The “flesh” of the “leper” had become totally corrupted... and the situation went downhill from there! In fact the following excerpt from our 4/3/05 sermonet **“Christians Who Make God A Liar”** suddenly became hauntingly real:

“That was a portion of God’s Word to Brother Alan through Sister Cyndie, and it was shortly after having read it that I sincerely sought the Lord concerning His intended meaning of it. Because you see when I read the part where “Jesus warned Simon (Peter) about failing God” I immediately thought about what Peter suffered shortly thereafter... that is after **Peter denied Jesus three times before the rooster crowed**. I mean Peter had boldly declared that he would willingly die for his Master, but when the time came for him to “prove it” he failed miserably. And it was because of **Peter’s failure to willingly die for Christ that the resulting “guilt and condemnation” almost caused him to throw in the towel and walked away from his calling. In other words Peter’s “faith in Jesus” almost failed (died) when he failed God by denying Christ.**”

I watched as Brother Alan’s “faith in Jesus” failed, just as I had seen it happen so many times before in others who denied Christ for one reason or another. He had decided that “walking in the Spirit” was just too painful for him to bear, and it was all because of me. I had been too hard on him, he said. He was going home to mama and didn’t know if he was ever coming back. And with that in mind, the reality of God’s Word to Brother Alan, as spoken through another Brother only a few days earlier, became blatantly clear:

10/29/10 – Brother James Daniel says to Brother Alan, **“Grow up!”**

What a mess! Alan Richardson had joined God’s army, but yet he wasn’t willing to receive discipline as a disciple of Jesus. In fact it was during the time of my Air Force

“boot camp” training (some forty (40) years earlier), that I personally witnessed soldiers “break” under the pressure and “cry for their mama”. And of course it was this type of soldier that got exactly what they cried for – a dishonorable discharge and a bus ticket home to mama.

So Brother Alan had failed to please God by “walking in the Spirit”, and now he was determined to satisfy his “lust” by “walking in the flesh”... and nothing was going to stop him! In fact it was because of his continued efforts to blame me for his demise that the Lord gave me the following Scripture on 11/27/10 as a warning for me to avoid his trap:

“But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.” (2 Timothy 2:23-26 KJV)

There was absolutely no turning him back, and there was no use arguing about it! Then on 12/1/10 I watched helplessly as Brother Alan put on his newly purchased “**Pontiac GTO**” cap (in honor of his idol #3 – “fast machines”) and headed out the door for Christmas with mama in Houston. I knew he was headed for trouble! There was no doubt about it! He was on flesh-pleasing mission and he left his once-cherished red witnessing cap behind as proof (“**Relax – God is in control – Proverbs 3:5**”). God is “in control” of those that allow Him control, but Brother Alan was totally “out of control”!



Now even though the situation looked to be without hope, there was still an opportunity for Brother Alan to turn things around for the glory of God and the salvation of his soul. Because it was only a few days into his Houston stay with mama that the Lord instructed him to purchase a “12/29/10 return flight ticket” to El Paso, Texas. However, by the time Brother Alan finally made the call for reservations (he likes to put things off until tomorrow), he found the earliest affordable return flight to be 1/5/11.

Not good! Here was an opportunity for Brother Alan to correct his “stiff-neck and hard-hearted ways”, but the Devil was working overtime to stop him. In fact it was shortly after getting the news about his delayed return that I took it to the Lord in prayer... and the following 12/29/10 devotional from Oswald Chambers – “**Deserter Or Disciple?**” – was where He directed me. I mean, the choice was now Brother Alan’s: would he depart Houston for El Paso on 12/29/10 (either by means of hitchhiking, bus, or whatever), or would he become a deserter in the army of God?

My Utmost For His Highest – Oswald Chambers

Deserter or Disciple?
Dec. 29 2010

From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more —John 6:66

When God, by His Spirit through His Word, gives you a clear vision of His will, you must “walk in the light” of that vision (1 John 1:7). Even though your mind and soul may be thrilled by it, if you don’t “walk in the light” of it you will sink to a level of bondage never envisioned by our Lord. Mentally disobeying the “heavenly vision” (Acts 26:19) will make you a slave to ideas and views that are completely foreign to Jesus Christ. Don’t look at someone else and say, “Well, if he can have those views and prosper, why can’t I?” You have to “walk in the light” of the vision that has been given to *you*. Don’t compare yourself with others or judge them— that is between God and them. When you find that one of your favorite and strongly held views clashes with the “heavenly vision,” do not begin to debate it. If you do, a sense of property and personal right will emerge in you— things on which Jesus placed no value. He was against these things as being the root of everything foreign to Himself— “. . . for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses” (Luke 12:15). If we don’t see and understand this, it is because we are ignoring the underlying principles of our Lord’s teaching.

Our tendency is to lie back and bask in the memory of the wonderful experience we had when God revealed His will to us. But if a New Testament standard is revealed to us by the light of God, and we don’t try to measure up, or even feel inclined to do so, then we begin to backslide. **It means your conscience does not respond to the truth. You can never be the same after the unveiling of a truth. That moment marks you as one who either continues on with even more devotion as a disciple of Jesus Christ, or as one who turns to go back as a deserter.**

Well, as I sure you can imagine, Brother Alan did not make God’s 12/29/10 departure date from Houston. He became a deserter in the army of God! But the situation was not entirely hopeless. Because it was a few weeks later that the Lord spoke the following encouraging Word through Brother John Lewis:

2/8/11 – God says Al is dead, but not beyond help.

Now as enlightening as that Word might have been, the very next day I received a vision from the Lord that seemed to snuff out any glimmer of light that I found in it:

2/9/11 – Vision of Alan’s grave being covered with dirt in closure.

Things were not looking good for Brother Alan! Was it really over? Had his spiritual death and burial actually become final? Well, I was about to find out through the following email that the Lord instructed me to send him:

I got your letter in the mail.

In order for you to understand my answer to your question you need to first read "Steps Of Deception": <http://www.fmh-child.org/deception.html>.

On the 27th of April, at approximately 1:00 in the afternoon, David Wilkerson "Lost His Song" as he committed "self-murder" by driving his car, without his seatbelt fastened, head-on into a tractor-trailer logging truck.

David Wilkerson was deceived and so are you.

The following quote from Isaac Watts was meant for you: "Love not anything in this world so much, as that the loss of it should throw you quite off your guard, and make you abandon yourself to wild and extravagant methods of relief. Let your affections be so subdued, and kept in so good order, that the common calamities of life may not utterly confound, though they may surprise you."

...You have been deceived, my Brother. Wake up before it's too late... before you lose your song.

"Love not anything in this world so much, as that the loss of it should throw you quite off your guard, and make you abandon yourself to wild and extravagant methods of relief. Let your affections be so subdued, and kept in so good order, that the common calamities of life may not utterly confound, though they may surprise you."

And by the way, if you need some help in identifying how you've "abandoned yourself to wild and extravagant methods of relief" just let me know.

Now I really don't know which part of that email got to him the most. Was it "**Steps Of Deception**" or "**David Wilkerson Lost His Song**"? I really don't know. However, the one thing that I do know for certain is that **IT GOT TO HIM!!!** I mean the response Brother Alan sent was nothing short of the proverbial "bull in a china shop" after he's seen red. It was total devastation just as predicted in the devotional "**Deserter or Disciple?**" Brother Alan's conscience no longer responded to God's Truth... other than to totally reject it as being a lie from the Devil!

Things were not looking good for Brother Alan! But God kept right on trying. Because you see on 8/21/11 the Lord gave me the following "letter of apology" to send Brother Alan in order to address his "issues":

Dear Brother Alan,

The Lord has given me the following two Scriptures concerning the "tuna fish sandwich" escapade:

"From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?" (James 4:1 KJV)

"And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed." (Hebrews 12:13 KJV)

The first Scripture is easy enough to understand. I prepared tuna fish sandwiches as a means of mocking your "faith in tuna to heal your wound". Obedience to God's Word would have healed you but you weren't willing to obey Him. And it made me mad. You loved the sermonet "**You've Asked A Hard Thing Lord**", but yet you would not practice what it taught. And it made me mad. So I got in the flesh and prepared a meal that was not of God's Spirit. And when you refused it my flesh reacted in a like manner. So I was wrong, and I ask your forgiveness.

However, the second Scripture I do not understand because I do not know what has gone through your mind. Can you please explain to me how this "crooked path" that I laid out for you has caused your "lameness" to develop into such an open gaping wound?

In Christ,
Bruce

You see one of Brother Alan's reasons for not returning had everything to do with what I call "the tuna fish sandwich fiasco"... and it all came about as a result of him trusting in the "yellow fin tuna" for his healing instead of the grace of God. I mean it made me very angry to see Brother Alan neglect his "walk of obedience to God" and replace it with a "yellow fin tuna supplement" prescribed by his doctor. It was spiritual suicide! So if it was tuna he wanted, then it was tuna I provided... but then he didn't want that either... and I blew up. It was just too much for me to bear having to watch him throw away his blessing!

But anyway, it was several weeks after having heard no response from Brother Alan concerning my apology that the Lord gave me the following Word:

9/10/11 – "God says Alan has unforgiveness in his heart for me. He never truly forgave me the first time which made the second time so devastating."

That was the insight the Lord gave to me, and the following is what He had me to send Brother Alan six (6) days later (9/16/11):

Dear Brother Alan,

On 9/10/11 the Lord revealed to me what is going on with you. And this is it: Back on 11/29/08 John Lewis spoke a Word to me from the Lord: "You have unconfessed sin in your life!" Cold chills ran through my body as I received those Words. I immediately went upstairs and got on my face before the Lord in prayer. He showed me that a few days earlier I gave you correction about your past-due writing that was not of God. I came back downstairs and humbly, with tears, asked you to forgive me. I was truly convicted by God and I showed it. However, your face did not show that I was forgiven. And then came the tuna fish fiasco which inflamed the unforgiveness that was still in your heart from some 2 years earlier.

So it was early Saturday morning that the Lord told me why my most recent letter of apology to you was not accepted; because of the unforgiveness in your heart that dates back to 11/29/08. You need help! Have you become so blind that you cannot see?

"And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses."
(Mark 11:25-26 KJV)

In Christ,
Bruce

So that was the question the Lord had me to present to Brother Alan: "Have you become so blind that you cannot see?" And it certainly seemed that his resounding answer was "YES". Because on 10/3/11 the apartment rent became due, but Brother Alan refused to pay it. He said that he was not going to return to El Paso.

Well, at this point in time I had pretty much given up all hope on Brother Alan, but yet the Lord had me give it "one more try" with the following email to him on 10/15/11:

During our prayer meeting for Annie on 6/17/10, I received from the Lord "It was to do with the divorce" and you received "That which is hidden shall be revealed - that the truth come out - Lord thank you for your mercy!"

So, who was the "mercy" directed at? It certainly wasn't Annie because 6 days later she died and went to Hell. Her time of "mercy" was coming to a close because she hadn't repented of her sins against me concerning the divorce. You see God was getting ready to show me "mercy" by getting rid of the problem - "Annie" - that had caused me so much pain and suffering. Through her death the truth would come out and her corrupted divorce would be overturned. God showed "mercy" on me by taking Annie's life.

God means business, Brother Alan. Either you repent and come back to this apartment and the ministry, or God's "mercy" for you will end too.

If we (the ministry) lose this apartment before you return, you will likewise lose your soul.

Now you would have really had to be there to get the full import of what happened that night during our prayer meeting for my ex-wife Annie, but it was foreboding to say the least. And then for God Almighty to use it as a means of shaking Brother Alan loose from Satan's death grip on him! Talk about a drastic "emergence room" procedure! (See our sermonet "**In Memory Of Annie**" for more of the haunting details.)

But as we all know, not all "ER" procedures save the lives of the patients. And seeing how that email did not get a response from Brother Alan, the Lord had me to send the following "last chance email" to him on 10/20/11:

Dear Brother Alan,

The Biblical meaning of the number "23" is "death". As I'm sure you remember, Annie died and dropped into Hell on the 23rd. Your "drop dead" date for obeying God by keeping this apartment that will allow you to continue "walking in the Spirit" is October 23rd. Donna Navar understands that your everlasting life is dependant on your returning to 5227-D, and she convinced the owner to give you until the 23rd to pay this month's rent. If you do not keep the apartment by paying this month's rent by the 23rd, your disobedience to God Almighty will have reached the point of no return. This is very serious. I hope you understand:

"As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God." (Deuteronomy 8:20 KJV)

In Christ,
Bruce

So do you remember seeing that "ending" Scripture somewhere before? It was on 7/8/02 that Father God spoke it directly to Brother Alan as a warning... and 3391 days later He spoke it again! But would it make any difference?

Well I'm sorry to say that 10/23/11 came and went with no response from Brother Alan. And three (3) days later, after having cleaned out the apartment and filled up the dumpster, I became "**Homeless For Jesus**" once again. However the real heart-breaking reality of the situation was in remembering that on 5/6/10 Brother Alan confessed that God told him that if he leaves the apartment, and goes back to Houston, Texas, his salvation and any chance of salvation will have ended.

Many are called, but few are chosen! And that is the very sad ending of yet another real-life story: "**How Alan Richardson Forsook Christ For Christmas!**"

However, before we shut this one down, please allow me to share a few of the facts on this pagan holiday called “Christmas” – the one that Brother Alan chose to worship instead of His loving Father in Heaven:

The word "Christmas" itself reveals who married paganism to Christianity. The word "Christmas" is a combination of the words "Christ" and "Mass". The word "Mass" means death and was coined originally by the Roman Catholic Church, and belongs exclusively to the church of Rome. The ritual of the Mass involves the death of Christ, and the distribution of the "Host", a word taken from the Latin word "hostiall" meaning victim! In short, Christmas is strictly a Roman Catholic word. A simple study of the tactics of the Romish Church reveals that in every case, the church absorbed the customs, traditions and general paganism of every tribe, culture and nation in their efforts to increase the number of people under their control. In short, the Romish church told all of these pagan cultures, "Bring your gods, goddesses, rituals and rites, and we will assign Christian sounding titles and names to them. When Martin Luther started the reformation on October 31st, 1517, and other reformers followed his lead, all of them took with them the paganism that was so firmly imbedded in Rome. These reformers left Christmas intact. In England, as the authorized Bible became available to the common people by the decree of King James the II in 1611, people began to discover the pagan roots of Christmas, which are clearly revealed in Scripture. The Puritans in England, and later in Massachusetts Colony, outlawed this holiday as witchcraft. – Pastor David Myers

Now that was only a portion of what Pastor Myers had to say about “**Christ-Mass**”, and you can read the rest at <http://www.fmh-child.org/Christmas.html>.

So, if December the 25th is not the birthday of Jesus, then just whose birthday is it? Well, here are just a few more of the facts as found in “**Occult Holidays And Sabbats**” (<http://www.bibliotecapleyades.net/cienciareal/cienciareal20.htm>):

“**December 25** is known as the "nativity" of the sun. This date is celebrated as **the birthday of Tammuz**, the son, **the reincarnation of the sun god (Nimrod)**. Traditionally, December 21 is known as Yule (when the sun begins its northward trek in the sky and days begin to grow longer). The Roman Catholic Church moved the celebration of Yule to December 25. Even the name, "Christmas" is pagan! "Christi" meant "Christ", while "Mas" meant Mass. Since all pagan Masses are commemorating "death", the name, "**Christmas**" **literally means the "death of Christ"**. A deeper meaning lies in the mention of "Christ" without specifying *Jesus*. Thus, Antichrist is in view here; **the pagans celebrate "Christmas" as a celebration of their coming Antichrist, who will deal a death blow to the Jesus Christ of Christianity.**”

Now with the Antichrist in mind, is it any wonder that the Lord God Almighty got so upset when Brother Alan focused his attention on the birthday of Tammuz instead of on

Christ? I mean, after all, the Scriptures bare it out that the worship of Tammuz, whether in birth or death, was (is) an unimaginable abomination in the Eyes of God:

“Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth. He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations that they do. Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD'S house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.” (Ezekiel 8:12-14 KJV)

So now we know the truth: the Christmas holiday on December the 25th gives honor to the Antichrist and not Christ. But on what day was Jesus actually born, you might ask? Would you believe September the 11th? I mean, after all, the celestial heaven bares it out.

And now that you know the Truth, let's wrap this long-running sermonet up. I mean, after all, it was fourteen (14) years in the making. I dedicated fourteen (14) years of my life to helping Brother Alan “walk in the Spirit”, but he threw it all away:

“And my people are bent to backsliding from me: though they [the prophets] called them to the most High, none at all would exalt him.”
(Hosea 11:7 KJV)

And of course it's due to the fact that Brother Alan threw it all away that the following promise he received from the Father will never become reality:

Within a few years of me giving my life to the Lord, He said to me [Alan Richardson], “If you will worship God with every area of your life, you will even walk again.” He gave me Scripture to confirm this promise: **“Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth” - Mark 9:23 (KJV)**

So, Brother Alan decided not to worship God with every area of his life. In fact he even made a mockery of the following Scripture – his favorite verse:

“He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.”
(John 3:29 KJV)

Brother Alan's joy will not be fulfilled, cannot be fulfilled, because he heard the “Voice of the Bridegroom” (Jesus) but yet stubbornly refused to obey Him. And now it's time to drop the “Brother” prefix from Alan's name. What a shame!

So, **“How Do You Want Your Fire... Now Or Later?”**

Don't be like Alan! **Keep on keeping the faith in Jesus!!!**

Love,

Dad (Bruce Hallman)