

*A Confidential Letter to Pastor Chuck Smith.*

October, 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Our dear Pastor Chuck,

Though I write this letter, I say "our" because you are just as dear to Dorothy as you are to me! During long nights when we lay awake, we include you and the multiple perplexities around your life and ministry in intense intercession and much love in our Lord Jesus.

You may be aware that Jeff included us as privy to your recent wise letter to Senior Pastors of the Calvary Chapel Movement. To my prayerful understanding, this is an essential first step, but of itself, will not bring the revival you, and my, heart long for.

I asked the Lord: "What can I say to Pastor Chuck at this time?" Strangely, but certainly, my heart was directed to: 1 Chronicles 28:9,10.

*"And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve Him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth the imaginations of the thought: if thou seek Him, He will be found of thee; but if thou forsake Him, He will cast thee off forever. Take heed now; for the Lord hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary be strong, and do it."*

No doubt you ask: "What can I do, apart from writing to all my senior Pastors and thereby seeking to preserve the integrity of the Calvary Chapel Movement?" This is a most vital and commendable first step!

What I am about to say comes from a heart of love and conviction but may be painful for you to read and act upon. However, "*faithful wounds of a friend.*" If, in the process of your reading this letter I lose the cherished relationship of one whom Dorothy and I still consider to be "our" Pastor [We come to Church with you every Sunday and regularly listen to your "World Review" program and, over the years you have greatly enriched our lives] then, that is the price that Dorothy and I are prepared to pay.

In my concern for you, first and foremost, is the "bewitching" involvement you have allowed your youngest daughter, Cheryl, to exert on your heritage of ministry jewels. I speak from personal experience so I again share the fact that I am aware of negative insinuations of Cheryl about her mother and the demeaning of your integrity by Brian. In a long car journey from Temecula, when Brian attempted to twist my mind against you, I knew from that moment that he could never be my Pastor.

The demonic infection that demeans you among your pastoral staff, and indeed among your congregation, with consequent division, discontent and murmuring, has come from these two family members whom you entrusted with be an extension of your God-given ministry.

I am reminded of Diotrephes who, “loveth to have the pre-eminence among them” and, “prating against us with a malicious tongue.” Yes, Chuck, this problem springs from the two you greatly love, have taught, endorsed and entrusted which sadly has resulted in division and discontent among your precious flock!

Certainly, we know that the Holy Spirit cannot be manipulated for self-serving ambitions. “The fruit of the Spirit is love that seeketh not its own.” Surely the evidence of a Spirit-filled life is the overflow of His amazing liberating love. I well remember the President of my Bible College saying: “It is possible to exercise the gifts of the Spirit without the power of the Spirit!”

For a true and genuine spiritual revival among His people at Calvary Chapel, you Chuck, are the key! Let me quote the verse of a cherished old hymn:

*“The dearest Idol I have known;  
What ere that idol be,  
Help me to tear it from its throne,  
And worship only Thee.”*

Of course, your wise letter to the Senior Pastors will probably meet with resistance by some. But I am constrained of the Lord to exhort you, dear Chuck, not only to deal with the critical situation you face by applying “Band-Aids.” Deep surgery, painful though it be, is critically needed at this time. Only then will Jesus truly have His correct position as Lord of the Church. And only then, when soon we meet Him face to face, will we be “*unashamed!*”

May the Holy Spirit be released in a new way through Calvary Chapels to bring: “*conviction of sin; of righteousness and of Judgment to come.*”

By His enabling grace and in the bonds of Calvary love,

**Signature removed**

**Most competent teacher and bible scholar that taught at Calvary Chapel Bible College  
Highly recognized and appreciated by both Chuck and his brother Paul**

**He was dismissed from Calvary Chapel Bible College Murrieta  
by Brian Broderson**