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Dear Way Corps:

I feel like Jeremiah when he said, "I am black" (Jeremiah 8:21), referring to the deep pain and mourning in his soul for the hardness of heart and unbelief in God's people and especially the leadership. I knew there would be some challenging days once the assignment letters went out, especially involving the 98 people we dropped from active Corps during Placements; so I purposefully kept myself here at Headquarters and asked many of the Cabinet to stay put when they themselves had planned well-deserved time off. The spiritual rage that mounted against Headquarters surprised even me! The only explanation as to why the adversary was able to "kick up his heels" basically within the designated Way Corps is the massive volume of evil thinking fomented first against me and then against the other Trustees and the leadership who made decisions at Placements. "Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?" (Acts 4:25). That phrase of truth certainly comes to my mind. I believe we are rooting out and digging up the slothful and unproductive side of evil as we work heartily and vigilantly from Headquarters in these categories. I gave Mark and Sheryl Haggard the "bum's rush" out of here because their hardness of heart and lack of "saltiness" were finally exposed after years of acting as though they really stood with the current Board of Trustees. They are nothing more or less than the same kind of "foggers" that we moved out of here years ago, in that they don't care what I think, only what Dr. Wierwille told them years ago. They harbored grandiose imaginations of egotism that they were among the few left who are really holding the line and keeping God's blessing here at Headquarters. The egotism in their hearts was repugnant and sickening. They were moved out of here as quickly as possible. The same just happened to a long-standing Corps grad and Staff person--more from a practical point of view, but harboring the same egotistical thoughts against my instructions for months, even years, and against the instruction of others who back me up in the Word of God that I teach in the ministry I endeavor to represent. That is Toni Kraft.

It is time to declare "open season" in the Corps household on this kind of hypocrisy and slothfulness that erupts with grand, evil thinking and murmurings against us leadership. It is time to bring the sword down in wrath (not in a physical sense, but in a sense of marking and avoiding and cleaning them out). It is time that they receive the consequences of their adamant hard-heartedness against the decisions of the Trustees and the leadership of the ministry who allowed God to work mightily within us.

I was reading a record in Numbers 16 recently where, after Moses and Aaron had "cleaned house" and the ground opened up and swallowed the murmurers and backbiters, the very next day those people who were left and who had indicated

that they stood with Moses were murmuring against Moses and Aaron! That is an apt description of things present. In addition to the evil thinking engendered from those dropped from active Corps, some of those "busted back" from their previous assignments (because of debt and other indications of spiritual slothfulness) allowed the adversary into their thoughts, and many of you who are friends of these are thinking evil because we have taken the stand that you should have taken! It's time to clean house in an even more adamant manner. It will require great diligence on the part of you who really stand. You will know spiritually the spiritual hitchhikers and counterfeiters. We Trustees have shown our leadership here how to dig out these cop-outs who have hidden in the household, taking the grace of God in vain. The fact that I had to dig the Mullinses out of our Region leader fellowship, as well as the Haggards out of our Staff, shows how certain ones have deceptively entrenched themselves by their good words and fair speeches. On my part, it required straight revelation to smoke them out! Once God showed me the evil present and I moved on the guidance, that evil was clearly documented by those who lived and put up with it over the years. It's time for you who really stand with this ministry to move even deeper into the spiritual walk on the way of holiness and even deeper in your commitment to "It Is Written" and clean out the unproductive evil and hypocrites in the Corps household. We still have "pharisees" planted in our midst! The Corps fellowship in your state should be so strong that these cannot function and would be easily exposed. They might say the right things and act the right way and even come to the right meetings, but there is no driving passion, no honest depth of saltiness, and no genuine commitment to move this Word and stand with us. That is evil, and it is the kind of entrenched, slimy, web-like evil that holds everyone back and puts weights on the backs of all of us who want to move swiftly and quickly. Eliminate it! Clean it out! Stop compromising and putting up with it! If you mean business with God and what I am saying, then you will know what to do.

We also dropped others from active Corps since that placement letter went out. This includes people who messed up marriages or who just coasted along, allowing the adversary to keep them in the Corps household due to their friends and to their semi-committed behavior. This includes Bruce and Carole Naylor. They treacherously entrenched themselves into people's hearts over the years. They refused to budge or grow in commitment to the level of leadership that should have been manifested, refusing even direct Board of Trustee confrontation and help. They hid and covered themselves over, like an infection.

It's amazing to me that since we started to move on cleaning out the Corps household even deeper during Placements, I've received so many letters from people that I haven't heard from in years! Letters from people we decided to drop from active Corps crossed in the mail with that assignment letter! What a counterfeit. Now many of these are "sharing their heart" and telling me how committed and blessed they are and how much they're doing. At best, it's "too little, too late." If you get your leg pulled by these sob stories and this emotional malarkey, then your weakness is showing itself, too. If your mind is still so weak and fragile and anemic regarding the truth that you could fall prey to these counterfeiters and "slugs" and "sloths" where you would take their word against my word before God, then you are one of the ones who should be eliminated. You can't fool God, and the true God works within our committed souls. The immense volume of evil thinking that was exposed when these letters went out to the Corps household is appalling and repugnant and amazing to my heart. I can only do what I can do. I'm in only one

place at one time and have the strength of only one human being by the power of God; therefore you have to take a stand in your area. I can vouch for our top leadership who were at Placements. They'll help you if you want it. The Corps household in a state or in a country should be strong, pure, and up-front with each other in full sharing. That's how we Trustees build our Trustee Cabinet fellowship, and from that, the fellowship of the entire Staff. If I am "uncomfortable" working in the presence of someone, then I make up my mind to find out why; and that thing is "taken to the wall" until whatever evil or misunderstanding or confusion that exists is exposed so that we maintain a true, open sharing and genuine, fully persuaded believing in our fellowship. You must do the same in the Corps fellowship of the so-called committed and salted within your state and country.

People have had all year to respond to my teaching from Corps Night, but many still harden themselves against basic Christian principles of living--for instance, in dealing with things on a daily basis and not letting chaff and ballast and resentment build up. . . . There are many who still reject that teaching and do not practice it; so at this stage, if that is still being rejected and not practiced, it can't be anything but spirit influence as they move from practical error to the deeper and devilish doctrinal error. So let's clean house and take it to this next level of purity that could only lead to the great abundance of the Word in rise and expansion.

In my heart, this is like the mandate that Mordecai and Esther received from the king, that the Judeans could protect themselves by attacking their enemies to isolate and eliminate them. Of course, I'm not talking physically, for we wrestle not against flesh and blood. I'm talking about those who continue to harbor the adversary, who continue to give place to the resentments and fears and lack of commitment against us in the ministry, those who are basically wolves in sheep's clothing, acting like they are salted Way Corps men and women; but when the acid test of the light of the Word is there, you know they will scurry for corners to hide. They are inactive and evil and unsalted in true believing.

John 3:19-21:

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd.

But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

Ephesians 5:13:

But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.

Another way of looking at this regards the confrontation from Moses to Pharaoh in Exodus 9:17: "As yet exaltest thou thyself against my people. . . ." This is what the unsalted do. They exalt their own bad habits of lying idolatry to the end that it hurts the people that we assigned them to bless. They would rather hold fast to their sin and unbelief and hard-heartedness than honestly deal with and eliminate

it so that God's people could truly be blessed by an energized ministry in their midst. They "refuse to humble" themselves to God's Word (Exodus 10:3).

A few days ago, when my mind was "under siege" from the adversary because of the evil thinking, God lovingly and tenderly worked in my soul to read Psalm 75. It was in verse 7 that my heart was especially comforted: "he [God] putteth down one, and setteth up another." That's exactly what we did in Placements. God worked in us to will and to do of His good pleasure. We simply called the shots that He wanted called. People "paint themselves into a corner" by the mental feeding of their lust and selfishness and wrong logic. Then we are the ones left to dig it out, repair the cavity of rottenness that developed in the household, and believe to keep it from spreading to affect others.

Proverbs 22:10:

Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.

This is the only way to alleviate confusion and scorn and evil work from some of the Corps household situations; so make a move.

If any of the Corps, by their actions or words, still refuse to take believing action against their debt, then, of course, this clearly indicates hard-heartedness, lack of salt, and unproductive evil. I'm not saying everybody should be out of debt yet, but those who just stay with the status-quo slothfulness, making no believing effort, should no longer function in The Way Corps household. Proverbs 22:7 says, "the borrower is servant [a slave] to the lender." That is just exactly how the adversary continues to control aspects of people's lives. It's one of the great indications of "love of money." What keeps the devilish influence out is the adamant mind-set to the Word.

In recent Sunday Night Services, I boldly and clearly admonished the entire ministry (which would go double for the Corps and triple for the clergy) on the salt-covenant commitment that God expects out of the true disciples. Yet, even in light of those presentations, some in the Corps household allowed the adversary to use their minds as a means for his fiery darts to attack those of us who truly are endeavoring to do what is right and stay on the way of holiness in our ministry and in our lives. My response to that junk:

Psalms 18:6-8, 13, 14:

In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.

There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire.

Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.

It's "open season" and there is "no limit"; so let's get the house clean and keep it that way. Remember, even those we drop can show their willingness to wake up. We could allow them to come back in residence and confirm themselves as active Corps. Those who continue to harden themselves against the genuine teaching of the present truth have to be numbed and negated and entrenched in religious-"senses faith"-"mental assent"-spiritual slothfulness, having forgotten their first love of the "It Is Written" logic and life-style. Coming back in residence and fulfilling all the conditions therein would bring them up and get them back on track. That's the way I see it. It's my responsibility to be right on these matters; so stand with me or walk away, but let's move.

Thank you who love God and His Word for responding to this charge! It's worth it, now and throughout all eternity....

Sincerely,
In Christ,



L. Craig Martindale

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PS. For your further learning, here's the letter I sent to the _____s, dropping them from active Way Corps. Later, I found out she hadn't even heard Special Leadership Tapes II! Talk about slothful!

Ezekiel 2:5:

And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.



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June 2, 1994

Rev. and Mrs.

Dear

It is obvious from your letters back to me, via Don's request, that you don't "have a clue" as to how hard-hearted both of you happen to be. 's letter, especially, is venomous and coldhearted toward any attempt of ours to try and wake you two up as to how inactive you really are as Way Corps. How wonderful of you to readily admit that you have made no effort to be a part of Corps Night this year (that alone should necessitate your being dropped), or that did not take the Rise and Expansion seminar (which I have stated on several occasions on Corps Nights that it is one of the most important spiritual events of our ministry year), or that you have made no plans to be a part of the new Advanced Class (which you seem to be proud of for some stupid reason), or that in essence you say that you are perfectly happy with the way you are living your lives and you don't give a damn what Don or I think. Well, I don't give a hoot what you two think. You are wrong. You are not active and committed and passionate for the truth as Way Corps. You do about as much as would be required for an "active believer", but certainly not anything close to what should be expected from Way Corps. I suppose you think you can stay spiritually on top of these things by not giving any effort toward getting into the Corps Nights and seeing what's on my heart and direction to The Way Corps. You are so far behind spiritually that I doubt if you can catch up even if you wanted to...which you apparently don't want anyway.

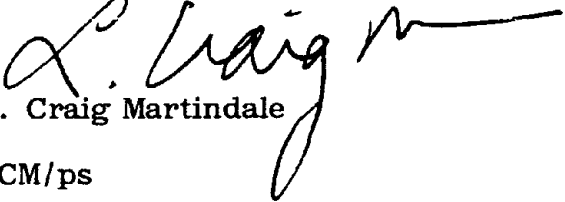
I'm sure you think you're right. I'm sure you think you're doing everything you can. You're wrong in both cases. It's also obvious that you're doing what some of our other Corps have done this year to God and the ministry, and that is using your child as an excuse not to be a part of what you should be a part of. These are not just "functions"! These are key events where the household of God is getting together, and you flip it off like it's just some kind of jaycee or little league meeting in your minds. Well, the hitchhiking days are over. I'm tired of the rest of us carrying you two spiritually as Way Corps because you haven't carried your weight for several years. So, consider this your "dropped from active Corps" status letter.

The only thing that would change my mind would be total, unabashed and genuine apology to the Board of Trustees, but I seriously doubt that can happen real soon.

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Some day if you really mean business about being committed and salted overseers in the Church, then you might want to approach The Way Corps again and reenlist and go through the program. You've forgotten so much and learned to live with such bad, watered-down habits that nothing short of going in residence again could possibly help you wake up to the degree of "saltiness" that you have to be. Sorry about it, but you've painted yourselves into the corner, and I'm just calling before God the honest status that you deserve and have earned.

Sincerely,
In Christ,


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Larry Panarello

PS. It's also very clear from your letters and from your lives that • is not the spiritual head of his family. That sin alone would necessitate being dropped from The Way Corps. I don't know who you all think you are, but you better wake up.

Also, you are considered "inactive clergy" with no rights or responsibilities in The Way Ministry household as ordained clergy.