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Henry,

Hi babe! I really love you. Thank you for calling me and for being so encouraging to me and so accepting of me. I love that about you. No matter how much I fail, you're always still accepting of me - just cause you love me, I guess. Well, I feel pretty good today - ready for another run. There was a big write up in the paper about it with a few pictures. Well, now I have a goal for next year. It was fun and I met a lot of nice people while I was running. I'm planning to stick to about 5-6 miles play now. I definitely don't want to stop running cause I really enjoy it a lot. On Oct. 14, there's a 5 mile run called a '5 mile classic' which starts at the Hamilton mall to Dehigh Parkway North. It's a real scenic route looking at the map. It's the Sat after you come home - I have to work but tomorrow I'm going to ask Nikki to work for me - if she won't, maybe I'll just take a vacation day. We'll see. I'd like to run it though.

I didn't run today, but I rode your bike. I rode around Inver Park and around the rose gardens. Then I stopped and played volleyball with those people I played with last week. It was fun. Nice day out today.

Last night, I went to the 'Capri' to see One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest with Jack Nicholson. That was a great movie. It was upsetting, but it was really a good movie.

I'm anxiously awaiting your homecoming. I have things I want to talk to you about that I just can't write in a letter. The Lord is keeping us close. It was such an answer to prayer to hear you say that you still feel close to me - even after all this time. I've been praying that we would stay close together and that you would still love me - and also it was great to hear I'm still your best friend - even with all your new friends. Thanks babe. You are an encouragement. I love you.

I just wanted you to know that Jim Pfefferer

is out at Trinity, if you even want to ask him for a ride home - like Thanksgiving or something. Just an idea.
I'm gonna go for now. I'll write again tomorrow.

9/18/78 - Monday

Babe, thanks for your encouraging letter of 9/14 and for your fervent prayer for me while I was running. I love you dearly, babe.

I'm really glad you've grown so close to Dave. That's real great when you can get along with your roommate so well. It helps when you need someone to talk with and share your burdens. 'Bear one another's burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ'. Gal 6:2. I'm glad you can share about your relationship with Him. I don't wish if everyone knows how much we love each other - only tell him not to be too impressed with me or he'll be greatly disappointed when we meet.

I'll pray for you as you memorize scripture - I know how hard that is sometimes

I'm glad you like my letters so much. It's really alright if you don't write that much. I appreciate the ones I get all the more - and besides you've been calling me. Don't ever feel that you have to write. I understand completely, babe. I love Palm along with your picture.

Well today I called the post office. I told them about the film being lost. They connected me to the place where film goes and it wasn't there. She told me that they put all mail through a machine and the film probably came out there. If it's really damaged, they throw it out, but if not - they either send it back to the film processor (Fuji film) or if there's an address on it (yours) send it back to you. So either write to Fuji and see if they got it or call the Chicago post office and see if they have found it. She said it probably did happen at Chicago's post office. I feel so bad that I didn't get them and you spent your money on it. I'm sorry.

I talked with Nikki today about having off Oct 14 for that race and she says it's a possibility. I'll know by the end of the week. Hope I can go in that race. I wrote a letter to Chris + Ed, Judy Dichterwalner and Chet so I'm pretty well caught up now. I really miss being with my friends. Well, I'm glad you're coming home soon - even though it's a hassle for ya and it costs you a lot of money. By the way, I'm finding out the latest flight you can go back on. I know United's but can't get a hold of Allegheny airlines. I'll try later.

Well, I'm going to go out and run now.

It's raining now - a real light, peaceful rain. It's so beautiful to hear while I write to you.

Here it is:

latest direct flights from Allentown to Chicago Sun Oct 8

United → 7:20 AM arriving at 8:20 PM

Allegheny → 4:36 PM arriving at 5:25 PM

Hen, whatever you decide to do is fine with me.

I'm just glad you're coming home to me even if I just see you for a minute. I'll try to be good - but I don't know - with you here - you'll just have to wait and see.

I love you more and more each day as I see Christ in you through your letters and phone calls.

'For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him

If we endure, we shall also reign with Him

If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He

cannot deny himself.' II Timothy 2: 11-13

see how great a
God He is

Thanks for being
proud of
me babe

Love,
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