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Ken,

I really miss you Ken. I get so lonesome for your love at times and sometimes Satan really lets me go to doubting if we'll ever get together. I know it will be a long time but I really can wait because first of all - you're worth it and also because I believe the Lord wants us together - so I can wait for his timing. I'm seriously considering getting an apartment for these next 2 years coming up. I know it would be expensive, but I just feel I don't want to be here any longer. It's not my family, but I feel the need for a change - ~~to~~ please pray about it - I'm not sure if my Lord is leading me that way. I'm confused about what He wants me to do in the next few years - and I was thinking - if you come home in May and then work at camp this summer - I would just rather be alone (in an apartment) than be here alone. And babe, that's not to discourage you from doing anything, but I just ask your prayer because it's just not clear to me at all what I'll be doing in the next year or what He wants me to do. I just get sad about things sometimes - too sentimental I guess.

Karen called me tonight and wanted to know about the pictures. She said their honeymoon was good. She also said that she liked the Corolle chair but she already has 2 sets of it - so she asked if we minded if she took it

back + brought a hamper with the money. I said it was O.K. - they should get what they want.

I talked with Sandy (John's girlfriend) tonight at church. I feel bad about what I had said about her not liking me (that was probably just me) - We had a real good time of sharing. She's a neat person. They have an apartment - John is living there now. She has her hair fixed really neat - she looks real pretty. It sorta hurt me cause she asked me if I really cared about you + loved you since I let you go to Chicago. She made it seem like John + her were more in love than what you + I are because when they're separated for a few days - she's really upset. Hen, I do care about you more than ever even. I want for you to be happy and for the Lord's will to be done + I know He wants you at school. And I know you love me. Do you think she's right?

My ankle is still sore. I'm gonna try to run tomorrow. I also got a cold - not bad - but my head is congested.

Thurs: I ran today after work - only 2 miles though cause my ankle started to ache at 1 mile I didn't have to stop - it wasn't killing me - but I wanna be able to run tomorrow, too.

Got your letter today - You can cut up the 2 pumpkins and put candles in them + put them in your room. Glad you got to see everyone on Sunday. It sounded strange when you said that Trinity's

rules + regulations are liberal and that being negative you must have changed, babe - doesn't sound like the old you.

I've been reading Job and I've been learning a lot. Especially with Kipie's notes. They are so helpful - I've learned so much! I'm drawn to read it every night. Thanks so much, babe. The Lord really uses our suffering to purify us and have us trust completely in Him. It really hit me when God says to Satan in 1:8 - "Have you considered my servant Job? For there is none like him on the earth, a blameless + upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil." Man, if God could say that about me! The shameful thing is - I know He couldn't, except for that Jesus is my righteousness. Then there's so much that I need to learn about. God, has really been using His word to teach me. He's so patient with me. I really want the Lord to change me and make me like Him. I've been reading Mark which portrays Christ as a servant. I like reading about what Christ was like on earth so I can pray specifically to that end. All His traits are certainly desirable. Thanks for sending those verses in Psalms. I've really been getting into Psalms + Isaiah for quiet times. I love those 2 books about the most on the whole Bible. They are so beautiful. So much to know.

I like when you call me virtually and your babe. It makes me know that you still feel close to me and care for me.

Henry, you better believe I'll pick up you + Dave when you get to Portland. Anytime of night or day just call me + I'll be glad to come. Maybe, if possible you could get me directions there so that we can + have to talk long on the phone once you get there cause I think it's long distance. If it's possible. I do have off Thursday - (Thanksgiving).

Work has been strange lately. So hard to get used to - I feel like I've been demoted. When Nanc was there - she treated us assist. as equal with the P.T.'s because she thought we were very capable. Well, Judy. doesn't feel that way so now she took away a lot of our responsibility. First - we're not assigned any new pts - she + Nikki take them all - I guess we're not qualified or something. Also us 3 have assigned areas to clean up + Nikki + Judy will supervise to see that we do it. Also PK + Judy take new pts and also total hip + knees + neat patients like that and we do all the rest - hot packs, massage, ultrasound, percussions + ambulations. My favorite patients to do - I'm no longer capable of doing - remember I told you I like to see their progress (↑ ROM) - well what can I say. Also, we clean the whirlpools whether we used them or they did. (it is like us + them) We're really sticking together (us 3)

We're really gonna start bringing it up about Saturdays - I feel if we're not capable enough to take certain patients - we're also not capable enough to work Saturdays without supervision of P.T.'s. We're not going to take any new patients on Saturdays since we're not allowed to during the week. I feel so lit down. I guess I just have to get used to it. I'm not mad - just sad. I guess it might be like that somewhere else, though. Really babe, I'm not complaining about it, but I know you understand how I feel. Pray that my attitude would be right and never bitter.

That's neat about Sarah. I'll pray for her about the decision between Moody + Trinity.

Babe, I pray for you and I know the Lord will bless you for your obedience to Him.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits:

Who pardons all your iniquities
Who heals all your diseases
Who redeems your life from the pit
Who crowns you with loving-kindness and

compassion

who satisfies your years with good things.

so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's

Psalm 103:2-5

Loving You Always
Val.