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My dear babe,

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I'm just sitting here relaxing after my hike. It's 7:00 and I just ate a little bit of supper. Such a beautiful day today - you would have loved it, too! I got up today around 9:30, put gas in my car, stuck 2 apples + celery + carrots, + camera into my day pack + took off. Your map was great, Hen you sure knew all the landmarks. I was tempted to hike up the pinnacle, but they had lots of signs posted saying you couldn't hike there - but it was beautiful. The mountain peaked red + yellow + orange. I need to get directions how to go up a different way. I enjoyed the ride on the backroads with the windows down + the radio up. The air smelled so good and it was about 65° and sunny. I hiked up to our spot ^{on Applegate trail} + felt happy + sad at the same time when I looked down + remembered what went on there between us - lot of lovin'. It was one of the first times I ever touched you I remember. But, our relationship has grown so much since then. Anyway, I went down + was sitting on a rock right by the stream and it was so peaceful. All you could hear was the water trickling and the sun was shining in the water and through the trees. Every once in a while, the wind would blow (a nice warm breeze) and lots of yellow + orange leaves would

fall down. I was sitting there thinking about you
and praying for you. I sure did miss you and
was sorta sad not to be with you, but I was glad that
I wasn't remembering things we did as if we would
never do them again or do even better things. I know
we'll go hiking a lot and have such great times being
together. I'm looking forward to it with great expectations.
You think we have a close relationship now - just wait
till I can get you, man. I can't wait, babe! Anyhow,
I took along the pocket size International Version you
gave me and I read James ~~twice~~ through + Peter
The Lord showed me a lot of things in those 2 ~~books~~
books about how my life should be and how He wants
me to allow Him to change me. I also had a great
time of prayer there in the park. I felt so at peace and
so close to God. I find myself thanking Him for you
all the time - for your continual love and obedience to
Him and thanking Him that I know you and can
be with you. I was so impressed with the beauty.
I hiked up further then, after I sat down there about
2 hours - I don't know how far I walked (miles)
but I walked about 2 hours more then stopped
a little at a tree then headed back to the car.
It was a great day, Hen. I love hiking (esp uphill)
and being out in the sun and fresh air.
What a life! The path was covered with fresh

Crunchy leaves. At the top, looking down onto our spot, there's some trees and I carved our initials in one of them, with a sharp stone. We'll have to go back there sometime + I hope it's still there. Tonight, I'm just gonna sit in by the fire and do some sewing.

I went to Hackman's last night to buy a book called 'Knowing God' by J.I. Packer. We're going to be using it for Bible Study Tues. nights. It looks like it's real good - about the attributes of God. And you - are something I priced a Pepie Study Bible like mine at Hackman's - babe. You shouldn't spend so much money on me. Thank you so much for such a generous gift as that. I really love it - use it all the time - It'll be my Christmas gift from you - alright? - really don't get me anything - there's nothing that I need, honestly babe.

I was reading in Psalm 119:165 - 'those who love Thy law have great peace, and nothing causes them to stumble.' The Lord has taught me so much about peace lately. I feel so much like crying when I see how the Lord works. Normally, I'm very impatient + anxious when I don't know exactly what's going on, but lately the Lord is teaching me to rest in Him and trust Him for things and He gives me such a peace about things

You wouldn't believe what a peace I have about
you being there at school. I totally trust you and want
you to be happy + have close fellowship with others + the
Lord. I'm not anxious about not seeing you, because
I have a peace that the Lord wants you there. I do
miss you, very much, but the Lord has helped me
to be patient to wait. He does give a peace which is
beyond all human comprehension. That's why a lot of
people don't understand how, if we love each other so
much - you could go to school and I would accept it.
Well, it's the Lord. I know, Carolyn says - if Jeff
would ever go away to school, she'd leave him and
Cindy says she'd never let David go away without
her because they're too close (also she implies that
we're not as close as they are) but I think we're
closer. People don't understand it, because they
don't have the Lord as their strength + their peace.
Also, I want the Lord's will and I know it's being
accomplished right now, so we're blessed and it makes
me happy that His will is being done. But He doesn't
take away my missing you - in fact it's increased
all the time cause I do long for you + desire you,
but He gives me the strength to endure and the hope
of the future which will be so much better.
I'm confident, His will, will continue to be done on
our lives as we yield to Him and wait for His
timing. He is good. His lovingkindness ~~is~~ is
everlasting!

Your map came on Friday and it was just on time!
Thank you. As I said before - you amaze me at how
you remember things - Great!

As for your theory. It rained here all day Thursday -
me day after your rainy day. Friday was
beautiful - sunny + warm (60°) - Maybe it's
only 1 day late.

Thanks for sharing Genet. I read it last night and
it was good. She really had faith in God. She didn't
even ever see Ham before or know what he was like
but she trusted God + since He wanted them together
she went. That's beautiful - she must have been
beautiful (outside + inside)

I'll check into the train for you as soon as I
find out I'll let you know! Sounds good!

Sunday 10/29/78

Babe, how are you today? I'm fine. I went
for a bike ride + such a beautiful day it was! I
stopped in at my nanna's - she asked about you.

Church this morning was real good - about our
relationships with others (believers + nonbelievers)
It was really good and the Lord spoke through Dave
to me. We sang 'And can it be' and I thought
about you and missed your voice. Oh, if you were
here right now, I'd hug + kiss you all night.

You are beautiful and loving + I'm so anxious
for Thanksgiving. Oh babe, when I get a hold of
you... watch it. You are so near + dear to me. I
want to be a part of your life + have you know
me so intimately. I desire you! and I'm gonna
get you.

Thus says the Lord,
Stand by the ways and see and
ask for the ancient paths
where the good way is, and walk
in it.
And you shall find rest for your
souls. Jeremiah 6:16.

My prayer for you is that you may find
rest for your soul + constantly know His
peace + presence.

I love you more
and more.
Valerie