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Ken,

Hi - just got home from work - what a day. My neck has been really sore on the left side - one of the doctors checked it out + said it was a tension spasm. Well, I don't know about that but I just know it hurts! I put heat on it and it didn't relieve it at all.

I called Dr. Weston's office this morning.

The secretary said he absolutely could not write out a prescription for an x-ray cause he hasn't seen you in a while - but she said your family doctor probably could - so I called your man and she said she'd get Dr. Meyer to write one for you. Hey babe - I love you - take care of it - cause I want you. I'm praying for you in this time.

Thanks for your nice letter to me where Dave and Marynell wrote to me. You have such nice friends babe. Tell Marynell she picked the right guy to have as a big brother cause you're the greatest to talk to and have as a friend (and a lover - but don't tell her that). I'm glad the Lord provided her + others for you. He is good and I feel content because you have such good friends. ☺. Are you bringing her home with you over Thanksgiving since you said I'll meet her sooner than I imagine? It's o.k if you do, babe. I'd love to meet her. (hope I didn't wreck a surprise). As for Dave - well - he sounds pretty neat (bondservant of Moody - huh?) - I'll pray for him. Just let him know

that I'm not worth all the boasting you are doing about me. He'll be disappointed when he does meet me after how you build me up. Dave is blind, also let him know that I think he's just jealous. Actually Ken - you're doing the same thing to me - only I don't have anyone to tell + grieve to.

My dad is doing alright. I guess he feels a little better lately. In fact today - he went out (for 4 hours) and sawed a whole big pile of wood for the fireplace (you'll be warm when you come home - but not cause of the fire). He said his toes were really cold when he came in. Thanks for praying for him - he doesn't complain but I'm sure he's anxious about his work getting done. I'm sure the Lord will bless him in this time though.

Last night I brought my T.V. into my room and watched ~~Ed to Billy Joe with Bobby Benson~~ It was good. Remember we went to see it together? I brought the T.V. in because my parents had company in the livingroom and I really wanted to see that movie.

The Lord has been teaching me much about knowing him and how I should be living. Especially in Ephesians, I'm learning about how my relationship with others should be. I want to be pleasing to Him and treat others the way Jesus treated people. I never used to really care about what I said to others (I guess it showed) - or if they were hurt by what I said (at least I never cared like Jesus wants me to care. With His help I am changing - I still do fail, but He forgives and shows me what to do.

Eph 4 + 5 are so helpful.

'But now you are light in the Lord, walk as children of light - (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth); trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord' 5:8-10.

I know I need to have better relations with my family, also - (that is my first concern). It's been getting better. All the times I've gotten disgusted + impatient with my parents - it's been my fault. I need to be more understanding. I've been taking time to talk ~~up~~ with my dad and Beth. I've left my dad out of many things happening in my life. I've always blamed him for our poor relationship - but it was me, too (mostly). Also, with Beth, she doesn't need anybody else telling her what to do - (she has enough of that). I need to talk with her more and not get disgusted with her. I really desire right + good relationships with my family. I'm just finding out now as I talk with them - that I hardly knew them before - I knew about them i.e. their interests + what they do but not how they think and their opinions + future dreams. I always had turned them off (my selfish ways), but I'm enjoying getting to know them. I truly want whatever the Lord wants.

Babe - I got your hair in my letter - it's beautiful! - I miss smelling + touching it. It's

always so soft and smells so like you. Oh, I miss being close to you.
Thanksgiving will be great.

Guess what? I already know what I'm getting you
for Christmas - how about what? I know you'll like what
I'm getting you. - No wondering about it this year.

You are constantly on my mind, babe. You're so
good - I love everything about you. I love what you do
to me. You're such a loving person - you taught me
how to love. Thanks for all you teach me, babe.
I realize now, how much I depend on you and how
much I enjoy depending on you. I miss it a lot.
I wonder if I've learned all that the Lord is teaching
me through this or if there's more. He's taught
me ~~so much already about my part in our relationship.~~
I want to make you happy for always. I want to
please the Lord and you. You're so important to me.
I give myself to you

♪ I surrender to you ♪

For Always
All ways,
Valerie