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My babe,

Hi. It was good to hear from you today. You are a great encouragement to me and now I'm looking forward to next year more than ever. To live with you - will be super. I do see how you've matured, not just since break though - even before that I could see it. I can't wait to be married to you - I know it will be the neatest thing. Sorry you have to go to those pre-marital counseling sessions alone. Isn't it lonely when you see other people together so happy. I mean, sometimes it doesn't even seem fair. But, when we finally are together, we'll appreciate each other much more and I think our relationship is really close + intimate. We know each other so well. I love that - I feel so confident with you cause you accept me. Babe, you can be assured that I want to be your partner in every part of our marriage. I mean, in everything - I want to back you up and help you with everything. I pray, I will never hinder you from what the Lord wants us to do by my selfishness + stubbornness. Or that I would make things hard for you. If we have to struggle through something - I want ~~to~~ ^{to} struggle together toward the same goal. Babe, I love you so much - how could I ever be set against you? Well, I tell you - it won't happen.

Can't say the name Sue Wuckter sounds familiar to me. That movie 'Through gates of splendor' sounds so good. Wish I could see it. I'm glad you got to see it. The book was so impressive to me. I was impressed with Elizabeth Elliott's bravery and love for these people. When I read it - I tried to put myself in her place - with you as Jim

and I tell you - she was really trusting in the Lord. Babe, I am praying for you a lot - about each class (upcoming paper due) and your PCW. I can imagine it's difficult. Your PCW sounds pretty neat. See there again, you'll be working with kids and I'm sure they'll look up to you and follow your example. That's the age group most influenced by older persons. That in itself is a real challenge. I'll pray for that and also that you'll be safe as you travel back and forth to it.

Babe, I feel bad, with all your work that you would go to find a printer and design the invitation. It's just smethin you don't need. Also, about getting me applications for jobs. Only do it, when it's convenient for you, Hen.

Founder's week sounds really good. The only familiar names are Jmi Crubbs + Howard Hendrick. So hope whoever you want for me they don't give the topics they're speaking on.

That book 'the measure of a family' sounds good we don't have it here, so when you bring it home, I'll read it. I can't wait to be a family with you. I'm so anxious for our marriage. Oh, wow. It'll be better than I can even imagine (and I imagine it to be pretty good). This Sunday - it'll be only 6 months away.

This sounds stupid, but just looking at your writing
in your letter makes me feel close to you - makes
me smile. It's so you. I have such a longing
for you, Henry. I'm really happy - that your classes
are good and your teachers - I hope they always
are as long as you go there to Moody's. (That
cracks me up - Moody's)

Hen, one of the things our wedding plans
our doing for me - is causing me to trust totally
in the Lord to work it all out. I've been praying
a lot, that I would not get upset about all that
must be done. I haven't really started to do much,
mostly just think about what has to be done and
when. I was looking up verses for our vows and
just thinking about the ceremony. That's definitely
something, we must sit down together and do
and it can go till Summer. Actually I have a peace
about the whole thing. The one disturbance is about
my attendants which still isn't settled, but it's
causing me to pray - hard. I want Hen to be
glorified. I can't even express to you, Gabe, the
real joy I feel inside anticipating our wedding.
I could just cry - I'm so happy. Looking for a gown
will be exciting and lots of fun. I think you'll like
what I like. It's so great that we almost always
want to same things. We'll be a good team.

I ran in the mud today. It didn't look quite as muddy as it was so I started out on the trail till my sneakers were soaked in mud. It was fun though - once they were coated I figured I might as well keep on. Hope they dry up O.K. afterward, I walked in the creek to sorta wash them and then ran in the street to dry them up. I feel much better now that I started running again. I was starting to get really lazy and feeling fat - not fit - even though I didn't gain any weight. I just get rummy when I don't do anything for awhile. Anyway, I'm getting back into shape for you. Hope you can handle it - or at least are willing to try to. You'll love every minute of it, babe!

You're so far away from me Henry. Right now, I just wanna hold you and squeeze you, smell you and just love you real wild. But just you wait - soon I'll be real close to you and I'll be able to hug you whenever I want. So I hope it comes fast. I love you, Henry and it reaches all the way out to you there at Moodys.

Thanks for the nice letter. I read it often because my Dex shows through in it and I love him more than anything I ever could love.

Be strong + courageous. Do not tremble or be dismayed for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go
Josh. 1:9

Miss You your wally.