

4/17/79 Tues.

My little chipper,

I just called your mom to see if you had called that you got back OK. Sorry to hear that you had to wait so long for your ride. I'm just so thankful that you're there now. Paperbound. I was thinking about you taking Greek and I think it sounds pretty neat. My husband (the Greek scholar!) I couldn't tell you either way, what to take. I just know that I'll help in whatever way I can no matter what your courses are. I know the Lord will show you what He wants as you seek His face and I am praying about it. He'll give you a peace about it if you commit the whole thing to Him. You ask me what I picture you doing in 5 years from now. I could picture a couple different things, like like living on a farm with you - a very out of the way place with a few animals and starting our family there. I could also picture you as a pastor - but not as easily. I could also see us going to a different country and ministering there. It's hard to know.

I think if you work with the kids at church this summer, that'll be really good. I see a gift of teaching in you, also encouragement <sup>(exhort)</sup>. I think they'll all like that & the hiking trip sounds great. I guess I could give you up for a couple weekends. Doing that also might help you to find out where the Lord's directing you.

Well, the guy who won the Boston Marathon made a record 2:9:27  
That's great! What a feeling to have won a race - esp. the Boston  
Marathon. You know, I think with enough training + perseverance,  
I could finish 26 miles - not win it, but at least finish it.  
That's still a goal I have. What a good run today - I felt like  
my strides were longer and it came so natural. I'm starting  
to do sit ups after my run. They come easy after running -  
maybe it'll firm up my stomach muscles. It's getting  
warmer out and it's really beautiful to run. I love the  
way you encourage me to run. You're my biggest influence  
in a lot of things. Thanks for standing behind me.

Today I called Laura Scott's mom. It was nice to talk with  
her. Laura's living in Wappinger Falls, New York. She doesn't  
have a job yet + her mom pays ~~her~~ seems home sick. They  
were home over Easter + she said she'd tell Laura to call me  
next time they come home. I got their address so I'll send  
an invitation to them. It would be good to see her again.  
We got Cindy's invitation today also. It's pretty nice - white  
paper with brown ink. It has a raised flower design on it.  
Mikki was telling me that her invitations cost \$375.00  
I think that's crazy. Those I can't wait to see! Maybe  
they're made out of gold or smethin'. My mom called a few  
caterer's today - they're an expense, too.

LATEL:

I just came in from outside ~~for~~ beautiful out tonight. Beth, Vicky + I played frisbee. No one plays as good as you do, babe. I love the way you play - you throw it so well and do these tricky catches and you run for it. I hope your finger feels OK soon. Maybe you sprained it real bad. Then, it was nice with the sun setting tonight, so I decided to run again - I only did like another mile or maybe less but it was so nice.

I decided I'm gonna do that ~~watch~~ ~~see~~ after work and then again later after supper. I love to watch the sun set as I run.

That book on the act of marriage is really good. I read a few chapters last night before bed. It's a very open and honest book. Maybe you ~~should~~ want to read it when you come home this summer.

Henry, I love you so much and be assured, I'll be praying for you with all the work you have to do. Just think, in only 5 weeks, we'll be together again and it's ~~the~~ last trip (from Chicago) you have to make without me. I love the way you are Hen, I love your coolness about everything - like you have everything under control. That makes me feel real secure and I love it. I think we get along pretty good babe + I'm excited about our life together. I'm anxious to see Chicago with you. Thanks for being so good to me. I'm happy with you. If I'm with you + have nothing else, I'm happy. ~~All I need + want is you.~~

You're my love,  
Valerie

And my God shall  
supply all your needs  
according to His riches  
in glory in Christ Jesus Phil 4:19