

O beloved sister Gwendolyn, our dear sister in the Lord Jesus Christ,

I had believed you were a sister already, by being in tune with the Holy Ghost, reading your testimony on your website, and hearing you sing, et cetera, but after hearing your testimony, I know that you are. The Spirit did own your testimony, which I heard today, prayerfully. Again, I don't say that lightly, it is the most sacred title a person could truly have: brother or sister in Christ! I have been unable to write you back to this point, nor am I able to write you back for as long as I would at this time, but I do not want the devil to sow discord between brethren in any wise, so I am staying up to write this - discord between true brethren in the Lord Jesus Christ, which thing God hates (Pr. 6:16-19). Further, I don't want you to be unnecessarily wondering why I have not responded, and thus tempted to think that I don't care for your soul. I had said that I would help you in any way I think profitable under God (when you in essence said you were fasting and seeking the will of God, don't hold back anything profitable) and I meant it. I do care about your soul, sister Gwendolyn, more than you could possibly know, carrying it night and day of late in prayer, at times with tears before God. I would lay down my life for you to be saved, if God so led. It has been my duty and my privilege before Him, Who has made me a pastor and an elder in the faith once delivered unto the saints. He put you on my heart, for you were His burden. The burden did not start with me. BTW, I was anointed for this calling to be a preacher and minister of the Gospel in January 11, 2009 – after being crushed so low that I didn't think anyone had ever been that destroyed (much like I am sure you felt, sister), yet God called me to pick up my cross and follow Him. I have done so with all of my heart for many years and I intend to do so unto the shedding of my blood, if God so honors me. I have consequentially become the filth of the world and the offscouring of all things unto this day in following the Lord so (as the Apostles were who were the most godly men on earth, and the most hated – see 1Cor. 4). Sister, I had suicidal thoughts before I was saved, and great depression, like you had in the situation with your husband, but praise the King, Love lifted me, and you too! Continue in His love, dear sister! Should I not be so burdened for the true saints of God around the country and world, like Paul was for the Corinthians and saints in the world in his day? I believe I should, or my heart is not right in the sight of God: *“Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ”* (2 Corinthians 11:1-2).

I must reiterate, sister, I am very encouraged in the Lord Jesus Christ by your zeal and sincerity, which was manifested in your testimony, that I heard, as it has been in other ways. It is no wonder the Lord has so burdened a whole church of persecuted yet not forsaken saints for you, praying night and day! His precious saints here in Wells, which He has gathered together from every back-round, location, denomination, race, intellectual ability, social and economic status, et al, and is preparing to take His Gospel, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, with the Holy Ghost of God sent down from heaven, to the whole world (a world that has generally never heard it, even in America – not with the Holy Ghost and you can't preach the Gospel without the Holy Ghost in truth – 1 Cor. 4:1-5, 1 Thes. 1:4-5) – though it cost us our lives. They are not our own anyway, we are bought with the price of blood (1Cor. 6:20). As the beloved hymn goes,

*So send I you to labour unrewarded
To serve unpaid, unloved, unsought, unknown
To bear rebuke, to suffer scorn and scoffing
So send I you to toil for Me alone
So send I you to bind the bruised and broken
Over wandering souls to work, to weep, to wake
To bear the burdens of a world a-weary*

*So send I you to suffer for My sake
 So send I you to loneliness and longing
 With hart a-hungering for the loved and known
 Forsaking kin and kindred, friend and dear one
 So send I you to know My love alone
 So send I you to leave your life's ambition
 To die to dear desire, self-will resign
 To labour long, and love where men revile you
 So send I you to lose you life in Mine
 So send I you to hearts made hard by hatred
 To eyes made blind because they will not see
 To spend, though it be blood to spend and spare not
 So send I you to taste of Calvary*

Some of the brethren were already saved before they came, BTW, some were not, but now they are here and God is with us in power, sister. Holiness, wholeheartedness, prayerfulness, spiritual accountability, self-sacrifice, the knowledge of the Scripture, and persecution all abound! Further, men are set free from sin in our midst, and not justified therein (see Mtt. 11:1-6; also, Pro. 10:16, Pro. 14:25). Praise God, He built the house or I would not want anything to do with it, nor could it be sustained in truth (Ps. 127). This burden, sister, is not merely us, but the Holy Ghost in us. I hope you don't think it strange, for any biblical church is a burdened church and a prayerful church according to Scripture, and if it is not so in a church, no matter how sound in "form", it is denying "the power thereof", Who is Christ, and that church is not the Lord's or walking under His headship, which is salvation. *"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth"* (1Tim. 2:1-4). And again, *"And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves."* (Mat 21:13) And finally, *"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers"* (Act 2:42). This passage teaches us that the Apostle's doctrine, which was the true doctrine of Christ that He taught them for 3 years, begets and coincides with "prayers", thus whatever doctrine we have is not in truth God's wholesome doctrine, no matter how smooth it seems to our carnal understanding, if this is not so (whether Calvinistic, Armenian, Presbyterian, or many others – Also read Acts 2:42-47 and you will see other fruits that will be there if the Doctrine is right: fear of God is manifest, covetousness is destroyed, gladness of heart, praising of God, unity and abounding love, transparency and accountability is implied, the power of God, Christ is exalted, the leaders are respected because God is with them, et cetera).

"It is an undoubted truth that every doctrine that comes from God, leads to God; and that which doth not tend to promote holiness is not of God" (George Whitefield).

The reality of our burden for you, sister, is fearful, and wonderful. Fearful, because it certainly means that there is a need to be burdened which God perceives, and thus the Lord is praying through His saints Whom He has made a Kingdom of Kings and Priests (implying intercessors)... and glorious because the LIVING LORD JESUS CHRIST knows you and loves you (2 Tim. 2:19) and is still pursuing you unto this day! Praise the Lord! I remember in your testimony, you didn't see affliction and troubles that way when you were in a backslidden estate (assuming you were saved at 19), that they were the goodness of God, who would not let you go on in the way of pride and sin, but you repented and the Lord has had mercy upon you. Bless His name! *O Love that wilt not let me go,
 I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe,
 That in thine ocean depths its flow May richer, fuller*

be. Sister, when I say the saints down here are burdened for you, I mean real saints, saints that have forsaken everything for the Lord, on every hand, just like you. Not merely saints in form, but saints in heart that worship God Who is spirit, in spirit and truth, all the time. Saints that evermore present their bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God which is their reasonable service, and who are not conformed to the world, but transformed by the renewing of their minds to prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God (Rom. 12:1-20). Saints that love holiness, hate pride, love humility and biblical subjection, just like you, and always keep a good conscience lest they should go shipwreck, as you mentioned in your testimony. Saints that can say like Paul, *“And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men”* (Act 24:16). O beloved sister, there is no other kind of saints but this. Sadly in Christianity today they have tried to make another kind that makes it to heaven but is not on the altar to death daily for Christ, but it does not hold water biblically, and is a farce. O may the Lord have mercy and wake up this generation from their slumber, in the Anabaptist ranks, as well as every other circle of professing Zion! If a person is not doing this, their reasonable service, they are not walking as a Saint but are denying the Lord which is unreasonable, whether they were formerly saved or not; they are not heaven-bound, but hell-bound. O how fearful! I know that is intense, but it is so. Please go to my blog on our website, and click on the button-link to “An Address to America” and read the section in there about a quarter of the way down, called, “To My Regenerate Brethren, God is No Respector of Your Persons: A Warning Against the Folly of Christian Presumption,” to understand more about this:

<http://www.thechurchofwells.com/ryans-blogSister>. FYI, there is a couple of things that I had a concern about in your testimony, they were in this regard. First, I am not saying that you believe this, but you made surrender to seem in a measure optional (in my opinion), at the beginning of your testimony and perhaps you were not quite as sharp as I believe you should be all the way through. You said something like this, “Its a message I’ve become passionate about, because I think God wants it for all of us in the different phases of our lives.” Truly, and I believe you agree with this, if those ladies don't yield/surrender/submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, Who is salvation and unto death, they are denying the Gospel and will not inherit the Kingdom of God (Rev. 2:8-11, Rev. 2:26, Mtt. 10:22, Rev. 12:11, etc.). Second, one other thing I don't believe you fully understand is biblical Headship, Authority, or Subjection. I don't want this to affect you in the future (I believe it has in the past, with your husband and father, for instance - I can speak more to you about this when we Skype Lord willing), because it is a matter of life and death. I have seen many fall away into legalism, or flat out worldliness, for lack of understanding this doctrine. Truly, it is fearful and serious, dear sister, and because I want you to make it to heaven, here is a link to a blog post by brother Jake on Biblical Subjection. In this blog post, The Absolute Authority of Jesus Christ, there is a sermon of mine at the bottom, I believe it is imperative that you listen to - there is also a couple important sermons by Rolfe Barnard, here is the link: <http://www.thechurchofwells.com/jakes-blog/the-absolute-lordship-of-jesus-christ>. Pray for revelation, look at the Scriptures I quote, have a willing heart, and God will help you, no doubt, for He is for you (Jn. 6:63)!

If I could share more about the beloved saints in our midst, I would. Many of them have suffered like you, some even worse than you, if you can imagine that, all for the sake of the Gospel. Such persecution is the promise of God, if we are following Him in truth (Jn.16:33, Acts 14:22, 2 Tim. 3:12). We have no martyrs yet, but we have had guns pulled on us numerous times in the last 3 weeks, and we have been beaten, slandered, sought out by the authorities, the FBI, framed by the media, forsaken by brethren around the world in every denomination without a hearing, I could go on but I won't. We will I am sure have many martyrs in the future, I must say, because the Bible prophesies

about many martyrdom's of the true saints in the End-Times, and it is only God's sovereign hand that that has been held it back thus far. I say all that, but truly the Lord took you through a mighty severe trial, sister, and is still taking you through one, I do not want to in anywise downplay your suffering, *but look at the fruits!*? When many of God's people have fallen by the wayside in the recent years, you are still surviving, though I do believe the Devil is after you right now, and so is the Lord, blessed be His name (Ps. 12)! He is still leading you, because you are walking in all the light that you have and so He is giving you more light (Jn. 12:35-36, Mk. 4:24). Keep the same heart you had at the beginning unto the end and the Lord will help you... He is helping you for this purpose, I doubt it not, like you had thought: "I look back at that prayer now, that prayer that I signed, and even though there were times that I strayed away from the Lord, I felt like it was this prayer and my heart that was one of the reasons God continues to pursue me, because I had told him, 'I want you to do whatever it takes to work out your will in my life.'" Sister, amen! Truly, I must affirm that the reason the LORD did not let you perish in the gainsayings of your husband, or the fall of many true brethren in our generation, that have been mightily used of God in the past, is because you prayed this prayer and had this heart! I have looked near and far around Christianity in America over these past years, whether in the Calvinistic circles, Anabaptist circles, or Armenian circles, or any other groups, and I have not found many as serious about the Lord as I perceive you to be. I have also watched many of the leaders of Christianity that were anointed of God fall. I just heard about another one last week, that ran off with another woman despite his afflicted wife! He was over 60 years old! What a shame to the name of Christ, by which he was called. Sadly, this man was greatly revered by Keith Daniel, Denny Kenaston, Don Courville, et al., but he has brought blasphemy now against the name of God! He was proud long before he did this. O where was the accountability? Sadly, there is not much around Christianity today, because it is not a biblical system. Thus God is done with the system of Christianity as a whole, He is saving a remnant and establishing biblical churches! Bless Him! In a biblical church this type of things wouldn't be happening. O may the Lord make us one, that is our prayer and diligent burden! We are seeking it with all our might for many years now, with much opposition, more than I could express. Perhaps I can share more about this when we speak.

A Timely Sermon on Walking in the Light: <http://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=11203152143>

Lastly sister, I have been diligently seeking the Lord Jesus Christ as to what He would have me to say to you regarding Daniel Lopez, as is the case in everything I have said to you, or ever will say, by God's grace (1Pet.4:11). It is not easy for me to say this, and I pray that you hear me in the fear of the Lord, if you believe the Spirit of God is with me. I believe God has been trying to show you that lately, for your own sake. I know that you care about Daniel, it is obvious. I also know that you met him before us, although I must say that the Lord lead us to your music long before we met you and gave us a burden for you. I also know that he helped you with the website and led you to the KJV, notwithstanding, please hear me out in the fear of the Lord. These things are no sign that the Lord is with Him. I, along with the other elders in our church, have a congregation of 70 believers that are almost all walking in the beauty of holiness, and I couldn't do that, nor the other elders in our midst, if the Lord was not with us and had not called us to this (Mtt. 7). You can come and taste of the fruit of this lampstand anytime that you would like, sister, you can also speak to the brethren, any of them as much as you would desire. You know a tree by its fruits and they are the fruit of our ministry. Like Paul, our general lot for many years has been one of fighting to keep the brethren under the Lordship of Christ beyond our strength and with many tears (2 Cor. 4:5). I don't believe any pastor is really a pastor after God's own heart if he cannot understand the following: *"Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears"* (Act 20:31). I only share these things and other things, sister, to establish some credibility because I know that I have been very forward with you in this message, though I have never even met you in person. I am

cleaving to God in all that I have said, FYI.

Sister, having sought the mind of the Lord as to what He would have me do with your request, and having looked at the communication we have had with Daniel, I believe I am willing to meet with him in person, alongside other brothers, but I cannot lie and say that I am not troubled for him, truly. I cannot say that he is a brother, I do not know that by any means. I have dealt with many that have behaved themselves like he has in our limited communication with him, zealous over the Sabbath, or head-veils, or eternal security, and sister, they have not been walking with God, nor have they been men of God, but grieving the Spirit of God and being men of contentions who are trying to win a debate in the flesh, which is sin and a token of a false prophet (Gal. 5:19-21). I am not saying Daniel is assuredly not just a young zealot that needs some biblical accountability and sharpening, but again I say, I am afraid for him. God does not like us to hatch things out in the flesh, he has mentioned that BTW - biblical doctrine is revealed by God's Spirit in an atmosphere where God's Spirit is revered. The Scripture warns of contentions men, straining at gnats and doubtful disputations, that they are proud: *"If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself."* (1Ti. 6:3-5)

Much more could be said, but I am afraid for his soul to say the least and I am afraid for yours in submitting to him in any wise as though he were an elder. It will be to his detriment, puffing him up, and I fear to your spiritual troubling. I do not want him to draw away a disciple after his own self, from the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 20). I am afraid that he will zealously affect you, but not well, and perhaps already has (see Gal. 4:8-21). I am afraid that he is striving about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers (2 Tim. 2:11-26). Sister, I have 2 out of the 3 discourses between him and the younger brother, and I will send them to you at your request, and show you what I mean, if you would like them. He did not have charity for the brothers in these communications, I do not believe, but much pride in his communication toward them and an agenda (at least subconsciously) to exalt himself based upon his alleged spiritual revelation of the Saturday sabbath (I am not saying that these young brothers had none themselves, especially one of them, but they are under biblical headship and are reprov'd and exhorted and rebuked daily, is he?). He was not speaking these things in the Spirit, I do not believe. He twisted Scripture to justify the Sabbath, for instance in Acts 15, terribly. He was invited to come meet with the elders in the discourse with Ronnie, and despite that, started going off about the Sabbath day to a younger brother in our church, following division and not peace, and having no bridal over his tongue (Pr. 17:27-28, Pr. 26:12, Pr. 29:20, Heb. 12:14, Rom. 12:18). The brothers didn't have much they could do but stop talking to him, because he was coming after them regarding keeping the Saturday Sabbath in such a way that he was not "easy to be entreated". In other words, I believe he strove with the brothers and did not exercise the wisdom from above (Ja. 3:13-18), but went about this all wrong. The wisdom from above, if you will read that passage, is God's protocol in such situations, just like there is a protocol in a court of law when a judgment is being made, and if it is broken a person is cast out of the court room. If a man is not exercising the fruits in James 3:13-18 in his communication, the passage is teaching that he is not speaking by the Spirit, but rather speaking wisdom from below - which is sensual, devilish, earthly, etc. I can explain more about this too, when we speak.

Sister, I believe there was strife and vainglory in his heart, though he knows it not (Pro. 17:14, Gal. 5:26, Ph. 2:1-11, Pro. 20:3), and I am grieved that he was not seeing his sin. He spake as though he was an elder and had received these doctrines by revelation from God, but sister how much has he suffered, and did he really receive them from God, or from youtube? What are the fruit of his

converts, does he have any, for he is certainly boldly teaching doctrines as though he is an anointed elder and teacher? Is the Spirit of God affecting men to prayerfulness, a burden for souls, self-sacrifice, brotherly love through him, or merely keeping the Sabbath on Saturday, and looking down upon others that don't and trusting in that, as opposed to the righteousness of Christ alone? You have acknowledged these things are the most important thing, prayer and evangelism namely, in comparison to veiling. Is it any different in this issue? Do you know his testimony, sister? I can send you mine, and have been very vulnerable with you, and transparent. I will show you my children when we speak, you will meet my wife. Our whole church is praying for you night and day! Our lives are almost in the public eye, because of all that watch for our fall. When was he crushed and tried, sister, like you and Moses, David, and all the other true saints that God was leading in the paths of righteousness? I sincerely would like to know what you know about his testimony, because the brothers couldn't get much out of him, when they tried to ask about it. In fact, I am concerned that he did not understand the New Birth, in my perception, when the brothers asked him about it! That is the foundation stone, and without it a person is dead, sister. Truly, he is making himself out to be a teacher, and he had trouble with the term, born again, and/or being crucified with Christ, if I am not mistaken (or similar terms), which is troubling.

Please sister, hear me out. I say these things in love for your precious soul. It breaks my heart some of the things that you have gone through, which I believe could have been avoided with proper spiritual headship. Don't submit to me, BTW, any more than that the Spirit of God is with me, those are the biblical terms of submission. But if He is with me, you should honor the King Jesus Christ speaking through me! Again, do you know who is keeping Daniel accountable? Do you know what church Daniel is going to, or who he is submitted too? Is the Spirit of God with him? The witness of God is greater than the witness of men (1 Jn. 5:6). And "he hath given the Holy Ghost to them that obey Him" (Act 5:32). If the Holy Ghost is not with him, though his arguments seem ever so smooth, beware of him (Rom. 16:17-18). Sister, he was very quick with the brothers to come after them in regards to the Sabbath, yet he didn't seem to want to talk about anything else, like the most important things - are you saved, do you know Jesus Christ and love Him as your life and with all of your heart, etc.

I fear idolatry, sister. A man's idol comes out of his heart, he can't help it. Whether cars or even head veils, or if someone is right with the Lord, it is Jesus Christ the King that He is speaking of and he doesn't want to talk about much else, and he is burdened to know if people really know the LORD (Jn. 17:3), not just some minor conviction or doubtful disputation. You have in no way been contentious as he was with us, BTW, sister. Further, I have perceived the Lord working in you mightily in the last week, even praying through the night that one night. Even your messages seemed much more humble toward the end of the week, I believe the Lord was giving you ears to hear Him. Furthermore, sister, I found on YouTube a "Daniel Lopez" on a Seventh Day Adventist site, where they were teaching that Sunday worship is the mark of the Beast, and the remnant of God are merely those that keep the Saturday sabbath. This is damnable and serioius heresy, sister, if this was him on this website where he was asking for counsel and this was being taught, and I don't know any other Daniel Lopez's that are so burdened for the Sabbath. It is one thing for a person to have a conviction about such an issue as this, but it is another when you are overcome in pride by it and are thus forsaking charity toward true brethren, accountability and submission in the fear of God, et al (1 Pet. 5:1-8). Although again, I don't agree with it in the slightest and I do not see it in Scripture (see Romans 14). Lastly, on the Seventh day Adventist site, Daniel Lopez asked what he should do on the Sabbath. The man that obviously runs the site and put up the video responded with many things. Daniel said thank you, apparently submitting to the Seventh Day Adventist. He then said, "Wow, thanks for sharing this video I did not know this until now and I did ask god to forgive me. Its a great feeling I cannot explain." It was on April 19, 2014, just before he met you, and so boldly told you

about these things, apparently, as though he received them from God? Paul did not get his doctrine from a Seventh Day Adventist Youtube page, rather, from the Lord: "For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ" (Gal. 1:10-12). O sister, I don't want you to be deceived, like you were with your husband, whom you must have thought was saved, right? Do you still think he was saved, but just backslidden, BTW? I can give you many Scriptures of how women can be deceived spiritually, when we talk, they are fearful. It started with Eve in Genesis 3, I know you are familiar with that passage, and this is precisely why even the most godly women need power on their heads. I fear this man is possibly a deceiver who is deceived at worst, that is not saved, and a proud young man at best that needs some brethren to come around him and help him, but I am willing to be proven wrong, if he will come and meet with us in person. "Hatching out" such controversial doctrines on a chat forum is carnal.

I am willing to talk to him, sister, but I desire to talk to you first. I have Scriptural reasons for that. I put that in your hands, and will await your reply. My prayer is that you will read this e-mail in the fear of God, and maintain charity for me. O please consider these things! I know that it is the Lord that has burdened us for you, and thus I leave all of these things in His hands. I did not want to hold anything back from you, because I don't want you to be deceived from your dear Lord Jesus Christ that bought you with His blood, even for a moment or in any measure. Eternity is on the line for us, always, until we get our glorified bodies and are carried up with chariots of fire to glory, having kept that which we had from the beginning - child-like faith in Him and the Holy Ghost. Please be considerate of these things, and if you are tempted to think that I spake too strongly, please consider my tears.

We love you in our dear Lord Jesus Christ, though we have never met you in person. As it is written, "They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word" (Psalm 119:74). This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. (1Jn. 1:5-7)

Here is a Scripture, showing the power of some, even true brethren that are deceived to subvert others if their mouths are not stopped, O so subtly. May the Lord forbid it from happening to us:

"For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. One of themselves, *even* a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians *are* always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies. This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith; Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth. Unto the pure all things *are* pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving *is* nothing pure; but *even* their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess that they know God; but in works they deny *him*, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate." (Titus 1:7-16)

Here is a Scripture on the need for biblical eldership, to not be tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine:

“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.” (Ephesians 4:11-16)

Here are some Scriptures on avoiding foolish contentions and strivings about the law, and geneologies and such like things (I believe and am assured the Saturday Sabbath issue is one of them, and is guilty of turning many people away from the cross, unto the snare of the devil):

As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, **that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine.** Neither give heed to fables and endless geneologies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do. Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling; Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm. But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully; Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.
(1Ti 1:3-11)

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained. **But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.** For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation. For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe. These things command and teach.
(1Ti 4:1-11)

If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness [harmonizes with, and leads

men to, and makes men]; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

(1Ti 6:3-8)

O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science [knowledge] falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen. The first to Timothy was written from Laodicea, which is the chiefest city of Phrygia Pacatiana.

(1Ti 6:20-21)

Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel: Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound. Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself. Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers.

(2Ti 2:8-14)

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some. Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

(2Ti 2:15-26)

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was. But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

(2Ti 3:1-17)

“For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. One of themselves, *even* a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians *are* always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies. This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith; Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth. Unto the pure all things *are* pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving *is* nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess that they know God; but in works they deny *him*, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.” (Titus 1:7-16)

But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men. But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.

(Tit 3:4-11)

One more important Scripture, relevant to my burden:

"For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ. As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any

man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God. Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, (Touch not; taste not; handle not; Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh."

(Col 2:1-23)

*God bless you and keep you sister,
Your sincerest and greatly burdened servant, burdened in Christ,
Ryan Ringnald*

P.S. I like Zac Poonen, it was surely the Lord that led you to him. I believe the Spirit of God was with him. I have not heard much from or about him for a while though, so I pray and hope that he is still standing in the grace and Spirit of God.

A Hymn on my heart for you, which is a favorite of our church. God Leads Us Along (G.A. Young):

*In shady, green pastures, so rich and so sweet,
God leads His dear children along;
Where the water's cool flow bathes the weary one's feet,
God leads His dear children along.*

*Refrain:
Some through the waters, some through the flood,
Some through the fire, but all through the blood;
Some through great sorrow, but God gives a song,
In the night season and all the day long.*

*Sometimes on the mount where the sun shines so bright,
God leads His dear children along;
Sometimes in the valley, in darkest of night,
God leads His dear children along.*

*Though sorrows befall us and evils (Satan – In my hymnal) oppose,
God leads His dear children along;
Through grace we can conquer, defeat all our foes,
God leads His dear children along.*

*Away from the mire, and away from the clay,
God leads His dear children along;
Away up in glory, eternity's day,
God leads His dear children along.*