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Hello Sweetheart,

It's Sunday afternoon and I have been busy all yesterday and today catching up on some of my reading. As I am writing this letter to you, my Darling, I am listening to a Christian program coming over the radio. Often I am amazed at the amount of Gospel that is being preached in America. I believe that any day, at any time, one can turn the dial of the radio and tune on a fine Christian broadcast. On Sunday (all day and evening till after mid-night) the air-waves are crowded with the Gospel. I praise the Lord for this fact. Today America is fulfilling a great task of proclaiming the Word of God to the nations. Clearly, this country is the bulwark of our faith, or the preaching of our faith. There are thousands being saved in this country daily.

In your last letter you feared the coming of war. Yes, by present world conditions, it does seem that war is inevitable. The Berlin situation is very acute. If Russia is not bluffing, unless there is outside intervention, war seem around the corner. I do not believe America is willing to turn back. But it does not seem probable that war will come yet at least. When the world is at war, the preaching of the Gospel is greatly curtailed. Consequently, it seems probable that war will be prevented for the time being by Divine intervention. Perhaps, Sweetheart, the times are later than we realize. Perhaps the coming of our Lord is near. It does seem highly improbable that the world could go through another conflict,

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especially an atomic conflict. It certainly would be wonderful if we could be united with Him. Sweetheart, we consider it wonderful for us - you and me - to be together. Yet human marriage is only a symbol of a much greater union - our union with Christ. We are made for Him and we can never be satisfied until we see His face.

We are Christians, Darling. We have committed ourselves to Him. He is our guide and He is caring for us. Whether war or peace, we know that His will can and will be performed. Need we worry? No! The only thing we are required to do is trust. Trust Him. Personally I do not believe there will be war yet. And if there is war, so what? The Lord is greater than all the nations combined and His will shall be accomplished.

Church starts at 7:00 and it is now 6:30. It takes from twenty minutes to a half hour to drive. So, I'll have to leave soon. See you later.

Got home from church about a half an hour ago. Elaine and I just had some crackers and chocolate milk. Don't you wish that you could have been here to have some with us? And don't think that I wouldn't have given anything to have my wife with me.

The pastor (Rev. Olson) spoke very well. He is a very fine man of God, graduate of Bethel College and Seminary and now working on his doctorate at Northern Baptist Seminary. He asked me if I could ~~speak~~ at the Sunday morning service on the 29th of August. I told him that as far as I know I could. Of course, maybe the Lord will make a way for me to visit you by then. This is very unlikely, but not impossible. Pray about it. I wrote another shipping line last week. Probably they will say "no." Whatever the answer may be, we must regard that answer as the Lord's will.

Did I tell you that I got another "A" on a test last week? That means I got one in Ethics and one in History. Happy day! I had ~~three~~ e

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tests so far in Ethics. The one I had an "A" on and another a "B" and haven't received my mark on the third. Had only one test in History.

No, time to hit the sack. So, good-night, Sweetheart. I love you.

Your loving husband,

Bernie