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December 29, 1965

Mrs. Miriam Swanson
4848 North Leonard Drive
Norridge, Illinois

Dear Miriam:

I wish to thank you for the lovely letter received from you relative to my part in the memorial service for Everett. I assure you, Miriam, that to me it was an honor to participate in it. I thought a great deal of him personally and in my quiet times during the period of his passing, I did not succeed in biting back all the tears. I feel that we have sustained a great loss in the earthly work of our Lord. We need Everett's kind of leadership.

Once after a Founder's Week program at Bethel in which there had been a somewhat futile theological effort, Grace and I sat in the bleachers and looked down on the main floor where Everett was seated. When we went home that night, I remember saying to Grace, "I wish Everett Swanson had been in the pulpit tonight. I somehow feel that something very unusual for God's glory would have happened had he been preaching."

One of the things that always impressed me about him was his quiet, unobtrusive way in which he conducted himself in meetings of that kind. He was always a Christian gentleman in the highest degree, and as far as his affections for you, Miriam, he never got over his courtship days!

Enclosed you will find a check for \$15 for the work of Compassion. This was voted by the Deacons to be sent in place of a floral gift at the time of the funeral.

May God's abundant grace encourage your heart and enrich your life in these difficult days of adjustment. We thank God for the association we have shared together in our Lord's glad service and for the glorious hope of an eternal reunion with your loved-one and ours!

Kindest personal regards,

Yours, under His shadow,

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