

Letter 15
Intermission
(The Lone Ranger)
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Dear Dan,

Rest is now what I need as I inquire of the Lord to see what to write next.

A few Letters ago the Lord alerted me to a piece of software that writers use called "Scrivener". It is MAC only right now. I am using it to write the drafts of these letters. It is way cool.

I have MAC machines, one of which has VM-Ware Fusion and WIN-XP on it. My most recent acquisition is a MacBook Air, the last model with Snow Leopard on it. It's gotta be the best all-purpose laptop around. Macs are most reliable. I have almost become a Mac "fanboy". I won't go any further than "almost" because to me, proceeding further than that, would put me right at the door of idolatry. I stay as far away from those doors as I possibly can. The Lord alerts me if begin I stray too close. I can however, be grateful for Steve Jobs, Apple, and their products (wouldn't becoming a "fanboy" of anything start down the road of idolatry and consorting with a familiar spirit?)

Earlier I mentioned that the Lord might use these letters as part of His Testimony. Please know that you are free to share any letters EXCEPT the prologue, because that identifies me personally. Not for my sake, but for those I know who are part of our story that may not want to be made public. I have been trying to figure out how to honor individuals while writing without divulging their identities. The Lord is directing this and we will soon have a solution. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, here is why the first few episodes of "The Lone Ranger" became important to me.

Over the years when I used to attend Sunday Services, and also while listening to radio preachers, I would hear them say from time to time "there are no Lone Rangers in the church." "OK, you're the preacher, so you must know" was my default attitude. But there was this still, small voice that indicated "not so fast there..."

In about late 2006 (M) and I would visit my Dad. There was a new shopping mall that had been built just around the corner from where he lived, and there was a Target store there. During one of our visits to Dad, we stopped at Target to get some things. Right at the front was where the "dollar" rack was, and I liked to look for cheap DVD's there. It was there that I saw the Lone Ranger disc, with episode One on it. "Wow" I thought. "Now I can see how the Lone Ranger actually started". And sure enough, there was the beginning and facts of how the Lone Ranger became just that.

That was the disc the Lord had me send to you after I was through with it. You have the story so I won't get into details. But I found it interesting that pastors would use the Lone Ranger analogy in a negative sense without knowing the whole story, and that the hearers would be deceived by not having ALL the truth about the subject.

There are Lone Rangers in the Church. These are they who are faithful unto death, yet still live to fight, and win. Just as it is written:

Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Rev. 12:10-11

Blessings...