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Dearest Way Corps brothers and sisters:

Greetings and God's best to you during this holiday season. I am sitting here, looking at a picture from The Way Magazine of the sunflower with the quote, ". . . unto whom every heart is open like the sunflower to the sun." I think of The Way Corps whenever I see that because Doctor has shared it so many times with us. Specifically, I think of your love for God's Word and your hunger to learn more so that you can stand faithful in service as you endeavor to lead and to love God's people. The awesomeness of our responsibility to reconcile men and women back to God grows richer and deeper in my heart as I learn more of His love for us.

The other night, I was teaching an open meeting in Syracuse, New York, and before I began to speak the Word, I felt inadequate and unsure of myself. Thoughts raced through my mind regarding my inability and my unworthiness to present what God has given us.

And then I remembered God and His great love for us that He would entrust us with the gospel, and I quietly asked Him to give me the wisdom to speak so that people could understand His Word. It was one of the greatest nights in my life. I know that God energized my believing, and the Word did the work.

I am ever so thankful to you because I understand the commitment in your hearts and your desire to be your best for God. Truly as you continue to be faithful, you will be able to add some polish to your earthen vessel. Yet one thing I have seen in my own life in which I endeavor to grow and learn is that I really haven't gotten any better. Eleven years ago, I received the righteousness of God. I was justified; I was sanctified; I was redeemed. What I have seen is that I have not gotten better, but God has gotten bigger.

My special prayer for you, The Way Corps, this holiday season is that the power of God and the strength of His might will be magnified unto you as you continue to look unto Him. I love you with all my heart. You are God's best. Merry Christmas, and God bless you.

Pat

Pat Lynn

P.S. John is in Rome City teaching the One God class to The Way Corps, but I know his heart is with you, and his love is very great for you. His believing in you and for you is a great example to me of a leader's responsibility to believe the best about his people. I know that if he were writing this letter, he would want you to know that he, too, is thankful to God for the privilege and joy of serving with you in the Northeast Region.

P.P.S. Yet remember, I am funnier.