

A LETTER FROM DR. SEAN LUCAS

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My dear Friends:

I know that you'll be praying for Camp Palmer this weekend. Camp is beyond capacity this year—as you know, we sold camp out in record time and have tried to squeeze folks in off our waiting list. It will be a sweet time (although it is supposed to rain every day in Mentone). I'm looking forward to bringing four messages from the life of Joseph, emphasizing that God is with us, even when we don't feel like it, when we don't see him, when we are at the bottom. And I'm especially looking forward to our 50th anniversary celebration on Saturday and our worship service on Sunday.

While it is always right to pray for safety, I would really ask you to join me in praying for conversions and for further commitments to discipleship. Most of us can remember a time at a Christian camp where God got a hold of us, perhaps for the first time, perhaps for real. For many of the young people (and maybe even adults), being away from our regular routines, enjoying God's world and Word, there is space for God to enter into our hearts in new and fresh ways.

I think in general we need to pray more specifically that God will convert men and women, girls and boys in our midst. That's not a Baptist prayer; that's a Bible prayer. It's biblical for us to pray that God will change the hearts of those around us, those whom we love, those whom we know and live beside. We know God's Spirit is at work in unique ways when those who have never heard the Gospel or those who have run from it are soundly converted and brought to faith in Jesus Christ.

And that happens as we pray. So join me this week as we pray for Camp Palmer, for the children there, and, above all, for a work of God's Spirit to bring several to a saving faith in Jesus.

In the grip of God's grace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a long tail on the 'n'.

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