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**Collection 514, Tape 45. Oral history interview with Rev. Raymond C. Ortlund, Sr. and Anne Ortlund by [Name Withheld] on February 13, 1995.**

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay, I'm going to read a statement. This is an interview of Dr. Ray and Anne Ortlund by [Name Withheld] for the Archives of the Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College. This interview took place on February 13, 1995 at 5 o'clock pm. This interview was conducted over the phone with Dr. and Mrs. Ortlund speaking from Newport Beach, California. Dr. and Mrs. Ortlund, I'm just...I know I'm aware of your *Haven of Rest* [national broadcast Christian radio program] ministry because I've been listening to it, not recently but many times I have in the past and I'm...

**R. ORTLUND:** Uh-huh.

**NAME WITHHELD:** ...and I'm also aware because of the little reading I've done about your ministry at Lake Avenue Congregational Church. I'm just wondering if you would be willing to tell a little bit about your life and ministry as far as a general history of...of where you guys have gone and come from.

**R. ORTLUND:** Sure. Well just to say this—that we've had four pastorates.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** One in...in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, a little country church...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...where we ministered for three years. And then we were seven years up at a...at a bedroom community [a residential suburb where people mostly commute outside the community for work] just outside of Schenectady, New York at the East Glenville Community Church...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...where I was the first full-time pastor.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** And then we were called to the Lake Avenue Congregational Church, which is a city church in downtown Pasadena...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...California.



**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** And then we had a very short pastorate at the....

**A. ORTLUND:** We were there 20 years.

**R. ORTLUND:** We were there 20 years [NAME WITHHELD laughs] and then we had a short pastorate at the Mariners Church at Newport Beach. But then we've been doing conferences and radio and so on since then.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** And writing

**A. ORTLUND:** [talking over] Our life...our life has three parts actually now, [Name Withheld]. Excuse my laryngitis.

**NAME WITHHELD:** That's okay.

**A. ORTLUND:** We write books.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**A. ORTLUND:** We just finished number twenty-three.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Wow.

**A. ORTLUND:** And about half of each month, ten to fifteen days a month, we are out speaking in conferences...

**[NAME WITHHELD]:** Okay.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...to churches and pastors and missionaries. And then Ray has a radio [program], *Haven of Rest*, five days a week.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right. Can I...

**A. ORTLUND:** That's our life.

**NAME WITHHELD:** ...can I ask you, what are your major themes of speaking when you go out?

**A. ORTLUND:** We speak on renewal and.... Actually, it all began with Wheaton because we had never seen revival there. We use the two words, renewal and revival, interchangeably.



**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**A. ORTLUND:** And once you've tasted that you just can't be satisfied with anything else [laughs]. And we've seen renewal, revival, really many times since.

**NAME WITHHELD:** But Wheaton...the Wheaton Revival of 1970 in which you participated, it was the first time that you actually...?

**R. ORTLUND:** Yes, the first time we've had...we ever saw just a...such a strong moving of the Holy Spirit. [A. Ortlund clears throat]

**NAME WITHHELD:** Wow.

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah, great time.

**A. ORTLUND:** Later that year we saw the Lord do the same thing in...with missionaries, not on such a large scale but a branch of Wycliffe missionaries...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...in Columbia...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...and then in '71 in Peru and in '72 in Ecuador.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**A. ORTLUND:** Meanwhile, in '71 also at Taylor University in Indiana...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...on another campus...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...and later in Bryan College...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...in Kentucky.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.



**A. ORTLUND:** And other places over...mostly overseas with missionaries in the years since.

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah, we've just.... The...the similar things about those (just to throw this in, Brian) was that we....

**A. ORTLUND:** His name is [Name Withheld].

**R. ORTLUND:** [Name Withheld]. I'm sorry. [A. Ortlund laughs]

**NAME WITHHELD:** That's okay. That's no problem.

**R. ORTLUND:** [Unclear] the name Brian here [all laugh]. [Name Withheld], I'm sorry. [A. Ortlund coughs].

**NAME WITHHELD:** No problem.

**R. ORTLUND:** The similar thing is that our congregation in Pasadena...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...prayed around the clock. As did some folks on the campus at Wheaton...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...as the...

**A. ORTLUND:** [speaking over] The...the president of the freshman class was a very godly young man and he initiated a chain of prayer around...

**R. ORTLUND:** ...around the campus.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...around the clock on campus.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** And then we had some dear people that committed to pray for us around the clock, ninety-five or a hundred of them. And they took fifteen minute segments each day...

**NAME WITHHELD:** From your church?

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah, uh-huh.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.



**R. ORTLUND:** And we were literally prayed for around the clock. Not to convince God of anything but just in the fellowship of concern and prayer.

**NAME WITHHELD:** And that was during the time that you were here at Wheaton?

**R. ORTLUND:** Yes and...

**A. ORTLUND:** Just for that same period of time.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...and also for all the other places that we went. And there.... And...and when you got that kind of prayer behind you, you know, God's going to do something.

**NAME WITHHELD:** And that...?

**A. ORTLUND:** [speaking over] I... Ray, maybe your memory is better than mine, I know that over the years every time we would go to pray, they would pray and there was an average of 600 that prayed day and night.

**R. ORTLUND:** Every time we went to ministry, yeah.

**A. ORTLUND:** Every time we went to conference speaking...

**R. ORTLUND:** Well....

**A. ORTLUND:** Do you remember a smaller number that first time?

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah, I know that in order to cover the fifteen minute segments...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...you needed...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Ninety-six.

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah, ninety-six.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.

**R. ORTLUND:** And sometimes there would be two and three, you know.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.

**R. ORTLUND:** But...



**NAME WITHHELD:** Wow.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...they covered the...the ninety-six, I know that. So, it was always...always that.

**A. ORTLUND:** The other thing...characteristic that we've seen accompanying revival, [Name Withheld], is not only the backing of strong prayer...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...but also this ingredient of confession of sin.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** We've never seen revival when it didn't begin with a very embarrassing, humbling on the part of somebody.

**R. ORTLUND:** And usually leadership.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** Either us...

**A. ORTLUND:** [talking over] Definitely

**R. ORTLUND:** ...it was either us...

**A. ORTLUND:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...or someone else in leadership. It was just interesting how God...God, you know, started with...with someone who had visibility...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...and broke in that way. But we go ahead. You ask us questions.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Well, that's good. You guys are giving me great information. My impression so far is that the revival here on Wheaton's campus in 1970 had a huge impact in your own lives and...

**R. ORTLUND:** Oh my [A. Ortlund laughs]

**NAME WITHHELD:** ...and ministry.



**R. ORTLUND:** Changed us forever.

**NAME WITHHELD:** That...that question hardly needs to be asked, am I right?

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah.

**A. ORTLUND:** It actually did on the Wheaton Campus too, [Name Withheld] (just to fill in), it came immediately after the decade of the '60s...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...when not only was there rebellion at Ber...Berkeley [University of California] and here and there, Kent [State University in Ohio, the site of the May 1970 student anti-Vietnam war protest where the Ohio National Guard fired into the crowd and four demonstrators were killed], but also the Christian campuses...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...and there was dope, there was pot...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...and other drugs on Wheaton's campus.

**R. ORTLUND:** And a...a generally ugly spirit...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...on the part of some. Not...not all, of course.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** Two weeks before we got there a bunch of the students had gotten Dr...President...President Dr. [Hudson] Armerding...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...up against the wall in the commons with his...with their fists raised and he didn't know whether...

**R. ORTLUND:** Well, they were....

**A. ORTLUND:** ...he was going to get out unscathed or not. There was simply an anti-establishment spirit...



**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...on campus.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.

**A. ORTLUND:** And ten years after that revival in 1980, Hudson Armerding told us that that week broke the spirit of that bad attitude on campus and for the...the next ten years following, each class had passed it onto the next class and there was a...a sweetness and a...a flexibility and...and a desire to learn.

**NAME WITHHELD:** That's wonderful.

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah. Have you talked to him, [Name Withheld]?

**NAME WITHHELD:** Talked with whom?

**R. ORTLUND:** Dr. Armerding?

**NAME WITHHELD:** Well, I've perhaps shaken his hand, but I've never talked with him.

**R. ORTLUND:** Well, he would be someone you should certainly call.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**A. ORTLUND:** To interview for this...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.

**R. ORTLUND:** Oh, yeah.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...because he was sitting on there on the stage the entire time. Very few of the other faculty were there but he never left.

**R. ORTLUND:** He was really very....

**A. ORTLUND:** He hardly slept day or night the whole two nights.

**NAME WITHHELD:** That's...that's quite something.

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Did you two ever get tired during those...those hours?



**R. ORTLUND:** Oh, yes but it was so stimulating that...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...that we were just higher than a kite, you know.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.

**A. ORTLUND:** There were two nights when it...well one night when it went through the night.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.

**A. ORTLUND:** And the next night...

**R. ORTLUND:** Went to about 1:00 or 2:00 or so.

**A. ORTLUND:** We were there Monday until Friday...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...and it went through Thursday night with just non-stop with hundreds and hundreds. Actually, the chapel was just about full all night.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Wow.

**A. ORTLUND:** And then the next night it went until about 2:00 in the morning. Then we had to catch a plane.... But actually, it was finished anyway because we...we said to each other it was like a boil being lanced, all that stuff had to drain out and then it was healed.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** And there was just joy and...

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...and there wasn't...it didn't need to be prolonged any further [laughs].

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh. That's wonderful that joy came and followed after that.

**R. ORTLUND:** Yes, there was real joy

**A. ORTLUND:** Oh my. I should say.

**R. ORTLUND:** Peace, comfort.



**A. ORTLUND:** Uh-huh.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Can you give me any specific examples of that that you saw among people?

**R. ORTLUND:** Well, I....

**A. ORTLUND:** Tell about that first fellow...

**R. ORTLUND:** Well the first...

**A. ORTLUND:** ...that started it all, Ray.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...well...well the first one that started it, I think he had said something before the meeting (I'm not quite sure) [unclear].

**NAME WITHHELD:** [talking over] This is the freshman...freshman young man?

**R. ORTLUND:** No

**A. ORTLUND:** [sound indicating disagreement]

**NAME WITHHELD:** No?

**R. ORTLUND:** Not the freshman. No, it was one of the....

**A. ORTLUND:** It was a leader on campus

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** I think he was on the football team and I had met with the football team. I've done that at Whea...at Taylor [University] later too.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** But our son was captain of the football squad then.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** And I think that we had had some in...contact with them. I had. And he said to me, "I really need to share something." So, coming from.... We had just had some praise at the evening service...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.



**R. ORTLUND:** ...and he walked up and....

**A. ORTLUND:** Before you were to speak, Ray.

**R. ORTLUND:** Oh, yeah, before. Yeah, of course. And he walked up and then shared his own...that he said, "I've been part of the bitterness..."

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.

**R. ORTLUND:** "...on this campus..."

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** "...and I have been part of the bitterness in my home. I've hurt my mother and father. I've hurt our family." And he said, "I've hurt the student body every here" because he was some...a...a, you know, a wheel [big wheel, a colloquialism for important person].

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** And he...he kind of broke down and cried and told how he...told his parents that he was sorry for what he had done with their family and asked their forgiveness. And he said, "And I...I also am standing before you and ask you to forgive me. God has changed my heart and He has.... I'm broken over this thing." (I don't know if he used those words).

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** But...and he turned to President Armerding and said, "President Armerding, I want you to forgive me" and there was a...

**A. ORTLUND:** [speaking over] He had not....

**R. ORTLUND:** ...there was a.... He was wonderfully relieved though and you could see the...the tremendous relief...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...that God gave him.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** He had not even finished speaking, [Name Withheld], when other kids began to come forward and they just lined the sides of the stage there waiting for their turn at the mike. And it went on through the night. At 7:00 in the morning there were still kids waiting, some of them a number of hours for their turn, when the...the announcement came.... Most of the faculty



hadn't been there anyway and didn't know what was going on...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...when the announcement came that classes were to start as...as usual at 8:00.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.

**A. ORTLUND:** So, they...they were told to break it off at 7:00.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** But the next night it continued right on.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Isn't that something.

**R. ORTLUND:** We were talking about the relief of joy

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**R. ORTLUND:** Every now and then the...there would burst out song.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah, after someone's testimony or someone's words there would be a burst of song, of praise.

**A. ORTLUND:** It was...it was strictly students' flavor. For instance, one of the gals said that she just had such hatred for her roommate...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...she just could stand her. And she said she went into her room that afternoon and the gal was taking a nap and she just had such compassion for her. Suddenly the Lord just gave her love for her. And when she woke up the two of them just reconciled and she cried and confessed her attitude which they were both very aware of...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...and that was over and one of the fellows stood up and said, "You gals wearing your mini-skirts are just driving us nuts. Please put your skirts farther down."

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.



**A. ORTLUND:** And, you know, it was very practical...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...and very student oriented.

**R. ORTLUND:** There would be....

**NAME WITHHELD:** [Talking over] That's really neat. Go ahead Dr. Ortlund.

**R. ORTLUND:** There would be some who came to share an exhortation and there would be others who came to share a prayer.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** They just wanted to pray.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** Or a scripture

**R. ORTLUND:** Or there would be others who'd share a scripture.

**A. ORTLUND:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** There would be others who just came to confess. Most of it was personal experience of what God had done. But there was all of that. It was the mixture. And there was nothing kooky...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...that was happening.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right, right.

**R. ORTLUND:** You know, there was nothing strange that embarrassed you at all.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** It was just...just so governed. And I know that we and...and...and Dr. Armerding and I sat on the platform and I...and I know we were praying that God would keep His hand on it. But, you know, we just sat down. We...we [unclear]...

**A. ORTLUND:** [talking over] Never...never spoke [laughs].



**R. ORTLUND:** ...did not lead it.

**NAME WITHHELD:** [talking over] Never...never got to speak, did you?

**R. ORTLUND:** We had nothing to do with it.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Can I...

**A. ORTLUND:** It was interesting that there were no charismatic expressions [gifts of the Holy Spirit as described in Acts 2, including speaking in tongues, words of prophesy, exuberant and audible praise and motions, laying on of hands] of any kind.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** But it wasn't quiet.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** Sometimes it was....

**R. ORTLUND:** Laughter

**A. ORTLUND:** They...they would break into applause.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** Or they would really laugh at something funny.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** Or there was a lot of weeping.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** It was...it was very life-changing.

**R. ORTLUND:** [talking over] It was enthus...it was very, you know, alive.

**A. ORTLUND:** Very fervent.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh., uh-huh

**R. ORTLUND:** It wasn't just somber at all. It was alive, as students would be and....

**A. ORTLUND:** I remember a fellow who said that he had cheated on an exam...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...and the professor was there...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-oh.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...and he told him in front of them and asked his forgiveness. Ray, do you remember whether he got to retake that?

**R. ORTLUND:** I...I don't know.

**A. ORTLUND:** I don't know. Anyway, that was a practical confession.

**NAME WITHHELD:** That's quite practical.

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Am ...am I correct in saying then that when you two arrived, you hadn't actually planned on anything of this sort?

**R. ORTLUND:** Oh, no.

**A. ORTLUND:** Heavens no.

**R. ORTLUND:** No, no, no. It was not even near our minds.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** We had never seen anything like this.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**A. ORTLUND:** Actually, the people at home were not praying for revival, that I recall. They simply were praying that God would give success to the meetings. When...just to give you, [Name Withheld], a little progression of the week...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...on the...the meetings were morning and evening...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.



**A. ORTLUND:** Monday to Friday.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** And Monday morning, Ray spoke on “I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live” [Galatians 2:20]. And when he finished, a bunch of...of hostile guys came around and said, “What do you mean throwing these clichés at us?”

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**A. ORTLUND:** “Crucified and all that.”

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** And some of the others were actually in the chapel that first morning. They were sitting there with their magazines held up in front of their faces.

**R. ORTLUND:** *High Times* magazine [publication of the drug culture] to show me that they were not going to be moved by anything [chuckles].

**NAME WITHHELD:** Of course, that’s...that’s one of the things that happened too, still happens. [chuckles]

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah, yeah.

**A. ORTLUND:** Well, we went across the campus that first morning (it was so cold) and we’d say, “Good morning!” to students and they would just say, “Humph.” [chuckles]

**NAME WITHHELD:** Really

**A. ORTLUND:** And...and the campus newspaper that week that we arrived, the headlines were “We Have the Hardcore Blahs.”

**R. ORTLUND:** I think the headlines, Anne, were just, “Hardcore Blahs.”

**A. ORTLUND:** Well the smaller print at the top said, “We have the...”

**R. ORTLUND:** I see

**NAME WITHHELD:** Wow.

**A. ORTLUND:** Uh-huh.

**NAME WITHHELD:** That’s....



**A. ORTLUND:** [talking over] Then on Tuesday night, there were several meetings that gathered in dorms after...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...the big meeting.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** And then on Wednesday night....

**R. ORTLUND:** I think...I think it...there came up, I don't know whether Tuesday or Wednesday, but there came a couple students from Asbury [College, where there had been a revival in a few days earlier].

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** And they...they were.... We did not have them come up and share from the pulpit.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Did you know they would be coming?

**R. ORTLUND:** No

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** No. And....

**A. ORTLUND:** Actually, revival had started at Asbury, you know...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...and after a meeting or two....

**R. ORTLUND:** [talking over] A week before or two weeks.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**A. ORTLUND:** It was just immediately before, Ray. They didn't even stay for most of those meetings. They hopped...a bunch of them hopped in their car and sped off to a couple of other Christian campuses to spread what was happening.

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah, they...they had gotten with students and encouraged...encouraged us...



**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...personally but also encourage the students...some of the students that were interested in this. So there...there was a word of what...that God was moving in other campuses.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh, okay.

**A. ORTLUND:** So, by Wednesday, there were people using the word “revival”...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...and it was Wednes...because they heard about...

**R. ORTLUND:** Asbury

**A. ORTLUND:** ...Asbury. And then Wednesday night after the evening chapel...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...there was a gathering in a parlor that is real close to the chapel, maybe in the building (I forget).

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**A. ORTLUND:** And maybe seventy-five or a hundred students stayed to hear what these Asbury guys had to say, about three of them.

**R. ORTLUND:** But I remember that in the gathering either Tuesday night or Wednesday night there was a black girl who was very hostile. She felt so hostile. And she was...she felt like a token person on the campus.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**A. ORTLUND:** She was from the Southside Chicago.

**R. ORTLUND:** And I remember Anne talking to her and I was standing there listening and she was.... What was the word she used, Anne? Ghetto?

**A. ORTLUND:** She was telling about life in the ghetto...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...of the Southside Chicago. And she was saying, “Check it out. Check it out” because she felt that we were so...



**R. ORTLUND:** [talking over] Check it out.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...unaware of her situation.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** And that we couldn't relate.

**R. ORTLUND:** Her pain and so on.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right. How did you guys respond?

**R. ORTLUND:** Oh, we just listened....

**NAME WITHHELD:** Or did you have to respond?

**R. ORTLUND:** We...no we didn't. We just listened and tried to be understanding...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...to her because she was hurting. And....

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** But there were all kinds of turbulence...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...in...on the campuses. But, you know, it was pretty much also at Wheaton. You know, the turbulence, the...

**A. ORTLUND:** The social ills

**R. ORTLUND:** ...the social ills and all was there.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** So that it was not.... You know, it was...it was really a struggle. It was.... There was a spirit of anger and so on. And so, we...and of course we knew about that...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...coming from a...a campus-oriented...



**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...church.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** So, there was not new.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** But I think the Jesus Movement [evangelical Christian movement of the 1960s and '70s primarily among youth and young adults that embraced charismatic expressions of the Holy Spirit, communal living, and a Christian manifestation of popular music styles] though that came about that time...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...was making also a strong impact. It certainly was in our own church, the last of the '60s and through the '70s.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah, yeah.

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Well, what...do you happen to remember what your messages were? Or do you...do you...?

**R. ORTLUND:** Well I...I know I spoke.... [A. Ortlund coughs] Yes, I...I think in the tape....

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** Did Anne send you a tape?

**NAME WITHHELD:** No, but I'm aware that there's a tape here that I could listen to.

**R. ORTLUND:** Well, I...I would listen to it...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...because on it Anne...Anne really gives the....

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** The first Sunday night we were home, we gave a report.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** And in that, gives the recourse of the messages...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...on the presence of God and some things like that.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Well, we do have that here so...

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah, okay. You've got that then.

**A. ORTLUND:** Yeah, actually I was supposed to be the first half of the message. And Ray and I came home so full. He asked me to speak first and then he was going to take the second half. I went on and on [R. Ortlund laughs] and finally he stood up and tapped me on the shoulder and cut me off and had no time for his own report...

**R. ORTLUND:** Well....

**A. ORTLUND:** ...so that was the end of the evening. And I remember I ran....

**R. ORTLUND:** Everyone loved it that I had to cut her off [laughs].

**NAME WITHHELD:** That's funny.

**A. ORTLUND:** I was so embarrassed. I mean, we were both so high...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...that I ran to a lady's room (the only place I could think of for privacy) and just cried and cried. I was so humiliated that...

**R. ORTLUND:** Oh no...I...

**A. ORTLUND:** ...[unclear] had to tell me to stop.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...everyone laughed and thought it was fun.

**NAME WITHHELD:** [laughs]

**A. ORTLUND:** But actually, Ray and I left right after that Sunday because the church leaders saw that we were exhausted...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.



**A. ORTLUND:** ...just emotionally exhausted...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...and they gave us a week here in the desert in southern California just to swim and sleep.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Well, that was good.

**A. ORTLUND:** But for six weeks, I remember I could not sing a hymn without tears and Ray was the same.... The Lord was so real that we could barely function in...in this earthly earth [laughs].

**NAME WITHHELD:** That's just amazing. Can you think of any negative effects that happened from the revival?

**R. ORTLUND:** Well, I don't.... You know, I think others on the campus would have to give that. I...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...I don't know of any. Dr. Armerding could maybe give some. But....

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** You know, I didn't.... There weren't.... It was interesting. There were no excesses or anything.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.

**R. ORTLUND:** God kept His hand on it very closely.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** And no one barking like dogs and so on [laughs].

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right, nobody barking up a tree.

**R. ORTLUND:** No, [laughs] that's right.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** And it was...it was just sweet. You know, it.... And....



**A. ORTLUND:** We're not aware of any negative...

**R. ORTLUND:** No

**A. ORTLUND:** ...nor have we heard since.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** No one's ever mentioned that. Almost wherever we go where there's a strong background of evangelical people...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...someone is there that was there at the.... I have a message that I usually give on revival...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...that I mention this and how God impacted our lives with it.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh, uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** And almost always someone says, "You know, I was there, and I know what you're talking about." And of course, there were people on the campus, [Name Withheld], that didn't even...it...it didn't affect them at. They didn't come. They didn't show.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**R. ORTLUND:** I think there were a lot of faculty that never took time even to come.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**R. ORTLUND:** And, you know, you can understand that.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**R. ORTLUND:** They're out there doing their thing...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...and they're busy, their church, and so on.

**A. ORTLUND:** It was really more a movement of the Indians though, than the chiefs [students rather than the college leadership].



**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah.

**A. ORTLUND:** Except for Dr. Armerding himself.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Wow. Well, that was a blessing.

**A. ORTLUND:** Yeah, I would certainly contact him.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**A. ORTLUND:** Twenty years before that in 1950...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...at the same winter spiritual life meetings...

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...or whatever, Dr...I mean, Pastor Ed Johnson had been a speaker...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...when revival came to Wheaton campus.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** And so, people began to say, "Well, it happens every twenty years."

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**A. ORTLUND:** And it was expected it in 1990 and of course it didn't.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** But the Lord doesn't always like to be kept...put in boxes [laughs].

**NAME WITHHELD:** Exactly.

**R. ORTLUND:** He...he was a dear friend of ours. Now I remember reading *TIME* magazine [February 20, 1950 issue] that...or *LIFE* magazine that had a write up on it and...



**A. ORTLUND:** Yeah.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...it said, "Was this planned?" And he [Ed Johnson] said, "Yes, but God planned it."

**NAME WITHHELD:** [laughs]

**R. ORTLUND:** And I remember that...that quote, reading that as a young student...

**NAME WITHHELD:** That's interesting.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...in 1950.

**A. ORTLUND:** But it totally surprised us. We did not expect....

**R. ORTLUND:** Blindsided us, yeah.

**A. ORTLUND:** Yeah.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Let me ask you because you're on this topic. This is a question that I was...that I have been wondering about in our class: Do you think this sort of event that occurred when you were here in 1970 could then be produced by giving students a chance to testify without stopping them? Or was there something.... What do you think about it?

**R. ORTLUND:** Oh, I...I don't think so. You know....

**A. ORTLUND:** Don't you think Ray there might be individual revival?

**R. ORTLUND:** Well, I would say this, that though if you tried to do it by merely opening the microphone to people...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...it would get off on other subjects...

**NAME WITHHELD:** This is true.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...and people would be announcing...

**A. ORTLUND:** Yeah.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...they would be announcing a...a mission to [pauses] the inter-city Chicago



and they would begin to use it.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** Now, none of that was done, see.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** They.... It was not.... That...that was out of order...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...and people knew it.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**R. ORTLUND:** And this was personal, very personal. And we didn't say that. Now...now when we minister now and we give a chance for sharing, we...we put fences on and say, "Now, this is not to announce a prayer meeting coming up in two weeks. This is not to talk about how you were saved."

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**R. ORTLUND:** "This is not to talk about a recent experience that you had three weeks ago."

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**R. ORTLUND:** "We want to know – Is God touching you right now? And what is He.... What do you have to say to your fellow believers?"

**NAME WITHHELD:** I see.

**A. ORTLUND:** We also....

**R. ORTLUND:** We put a fence around it pretty carefully.

**A. ORTLUND:** We preface it with two teaching messages. One on brokenness...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...what that means. And the other on transparency...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.



**A. ORTLUND:** ... and honesty before the Lord and others. "Walking in the light." 1 John [1:7].

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** So that they get the picture of what we hope will happen.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**A. ORTLUND:** And very sweet times can come from that. And sometimes it indeed becomes a true corporate revival.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.

**A. ORTLUND:** We see that from time to time. But there's nothing automatic about it.

**R. ORTLUND:** (I'm going to interrupt) Sometimes, you know, it's just flat. And...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**A. ORTLUND:** Yeah.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...And there may be a dozen people and...and that's it.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**R. ORTLUND:** And it...it was meaningful to them. But, you know, it was...it was individual renewal for them.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** And that's okay...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...because God doesn't need, you know.... That's...that's what God wanted to do and that's fine. And we don't try to force a thing, we just say, "Fine."

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** You know, we don't always do this because sometimes we know what they aren't even ready to share...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...so why...why press them into some kind of sharing that they are not ready for. So that.... We...we are very careful about it, [Name Withheld]. We don't.... We tell stories about of where we've seen renewal and revival to encourage them...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...but we also say, "Now look, we are not here for you to perform for us..."

**NAME WITHHELD:** Exactly

**R. ORTLUND:** "...or anyone else. We just want to give you the opportunity of seeing the Lord work in your midst if...if that's what you're ready for and what He wants in your lives." And we try to stand back at that point and say, "Now God, it's up to you."

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** And we always pray up a storm that nothing kooky will happen.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Exactly

**R. ORTLUND:** We were in a church for instance, up in...in Colorado, in a Presbyterian church.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** And that.... The...the sharing almost was embarrassingly...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...open.

**A. ORTLUND:** Ob...obscene

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.

**R. ORTLUND:** Almost....

**A. ORTLUND:** [talking over] It...it was verbal pornography.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah, it was....

**A. ORTLUND:** [talking over] That was the only time actually we've ever seen that.



**R. ORTLUND:** But...but somehow or other.... And that didn't smack of revival.

**NAME WITHHELD:** No, it didn't. I don't suppose it.... [laughs]

**R. ORTLUND:** That was kind of disrobing in public.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.

**A. ORTLUND:** It was confession, but it was not seemly.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Exactly

**A. ORTLUND:** The Holy Spirit is...is proper and...and He's a gentleman.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.

**R. ORTLUND:** But I think too, personally (maybe it was my own thing) but I was not ready for all that kind of garbage of...of personal...having been, you know, raped and all that stuff.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh., uh-huh

**R. ORTLUND:** You know, wow.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** And it...it was really...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Shocking

**R. ORTLUND:** ...it was...it was not.... I don't know maybe...maybe God was in that and I didn't see it, but it scared the liver out of me and...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...and out of the pastor.

**A. ORTLUND:** And we....

**R. ORTLUND:** [talking over] But most of the time it's quite...quite...quite monitored [?] in personal relationships with God, you know.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**A. ORTLUND:** We have.... We know this pastor and we've kept in touch and watched the



church since and I would not say (Don't you agree, Ray?) that there.... There was not a change.

**R. ORTLUND:** No

**A. ORTLUND:** The congregation did not get cleansed.

**R. ORTLUND:** In fact, it...it became troublesome, a troublesome church.

**A. ORTLUND:** Yeah.

**R. ORTLUND:** So, it.... You know, we've seen negative things too.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** We know.... But we didn't see that at Wheaton.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**A. ORTLUND:** Only that one time Ray, in Colorado.

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah, but I mean the point is...

**A. ORTLUND:** [talking over] I wouldn't.... I can't think of any others.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...we want to say that we've seen it, you know.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.

**R. ORTLUND:** And...and I'm sure there have been times when people said more than they knew, you know.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.

**A. ORTLUND:** There was a time in...in Peru a year and a half after the Wheaton experience when the revival among Wycliffe missionaries there [Wycliffe Bible Translators, a mission focused on creating biblical translations in every language], in the base at Yarinacocha...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...was so deep and so meaningful that it lasted for about seven years. And missionaries from other organizations that were in South America loved to come through Peru and just stay for several days just because they said it was like heaven on earth.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Wow



**A. ORTLUND:** And there was...the worship was so wonderful...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...and the small groups were just so functioning in reality and love for each other. And that.... It lasted as long as the leadership lasted...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Exactly.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...which was interesting because we've seen that revival seems to be longer term if the leadership is part of the brokenness and the...the humility that happens. And if he is not...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...then it does not tend to last as long.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay. Well, I would love.... I've been.... These questions about your personal ministry come straight from me because I enjoy hearing about it. But I'd like to ask you one...a couple more on the revival here...

**R. ORTLUND:** Sure

**NAME WITHHELD:** ...at Wheaton. What role.... Would you conclude then that the preaching...? What role the preaching had in the revival here in 1970 in your opinion?

**R. ORTLUND:** I don't know what role the preaching had. I think it probably was preparatory.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** I...I...I.... You know you're asking me the question and I wish I could say...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** "Yes, there were powerful times."

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...you know. There may have been. I...I cannot remember that.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**R. ORTLUND:** I....



**A. ORTLUND:** I think others would have to answer that question really...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...the role of the preaching.

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay. And you.... Now let's see....Have you been.... Okay, how would you compare the revival of 1970 right here with the others that you've seen? You've already told me quite a bit about...

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah.

**NAME WITHHELD:** ...other ones but just as far as....

**R. ORTLUND:** Well, we've never.... I'll tell you what, we...we...we have never seen anything on such a wide scale, at...at...except at Taylor University...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...and at... (What's the other one, Anne?)

**A. ORTLUND:** Bryan's...

**R. ORTLUND:** Bryan College.

**A. ORTLUND:** ... not as large.

**R. ORTLUND:** Not as large though.

**A. ORTLUND:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** But they were similar. But nothing as powerful as there and at Taylor. But this...Wheaton was in kind of a thing of its own.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**R. ORTLUND:** Of, you know.... So, I can't say....

**NAME WITHHELD:** [talking over] How did it differ from the Taylor one?



**R. ORTLUND:** Well, it was longer. I think it was more intense.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh. Did it come after that one?

**R. ORTLUND:** Yes, a year after.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** Uh-huh.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Alright

**R. ORTLUND:** And...and...but it was very similar.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** It was...it was a beautiful time.

**A. ORTLUND:** I think that's what struck us, the similarities.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah.

**NAME WITHHELD:** And you both were the...the ones who were speaking at both of those, right?

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah, yeah.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** There are.... You know, I...I just sensed that they were...they were just at the Lord, you know.

**A. ORTLUND:** Both were the same...had the same spontaneous quality. It wasn't anything we asked for, mentioned or suggested.

**R. ORTLUND:** No

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right, just a lot of prayer going on.

**A. ORTLUND:** Yeah.

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah, again it was people praying around the clock, I'm sure at Taylor...



**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...but also at home.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**R. ORTLUND:** And that...that really was the key.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Well, let's see. I've.... The...the term revival and renewal.

**R. ORTLUND:** Uh-huh.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Do you feel very comfortable calling what happened here in 1970 a revival?

**R. ORTLUND:** Well, you know, we're not authorities on it...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...so I don't know what others would say.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**R. ORTLUND:** But I...

**A. ORTLUND:** [talking over] That's the word Dr...Dr. Armerding uses.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** I...I...I don't...I'm.... You know, I think just I might...I might just say this, that it seems to me that revival, renewal are...have both...they have several things about them that if it's going to be protracted in any way...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...they need to have...I mean, it...it needs, if it's true renewal...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...it seems to me (and revival) there has to be a sense of...where it's personal and then it's corporate.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** It starts personal and corporate and then it becomes...it becomes even organizational or structural...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...in that it affects how you operate together...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...either as a church or as a con...ca...campus.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** That...that we've seen that when revival continues...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...if it has a longer term, [A. Ortlund clears her throat] there is a...the...that the structure of how you operate....

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** There...there is also, "Oh, yes now I see things in a different way."

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** So, there is a sense in which it's...

**A. ORTLUND:** [Coughs] Conceptual

**R. ORTLUND:** ...conceptual.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** You see, "Oh now this is the way we need to operate as a body."

**NAME WITHHELD:** I see

**R. ORTLUND:** And then it becomes structural, "Now if we're going to do this, we've got to allow for time for prayer. We have to allow for small group meeting. We have to allow for sharing. We...you know." And that's the way it...it took over at Lake Avenue [Church]...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.



**R. ORTLUND:** ...as we saw that it...if revival.... We...we went through a time of slow burn revival there that it became personal, it became corporate...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...and then it became conceptual, "Oh, this is the way..."

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** "...God I think wants us to do this."

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**R. ORTLUND:** And then we saw it became structural, that we had to structure life of the congregation a little different to allow for the continued movement of the Holy Spirit.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** And that takes.... That means that you can't do things as you did them all the time.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**R. ORTLUND:** And that takes a little courage.

**A. ORTLUND:** And that too lasted about...about seven years.

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah. There was just a sweet slow-burn revival.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Where at now?

**R. ORTLUND:** At Lake Avenue Church, yeah.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay, at Lake Avenue, okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** In the beginning...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...in the early '70s and onward.

**A. ORTLUND:** It came quite a bit after the Wheaton revival. In fact, people prayed for revival at the church for years before the Lord really brought it.



**R. ORTLUND:** There were a couple years after...

**A. ORTLUND:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...God began to do unusual things. And we began to...to crave God to do it.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah

**R. ORTLUND:** But Wheaton.... I...I would say was just a thing of its own and it's even hard to describe it...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...because it...it was just so much of God, you know.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**R. ORTLUND:** You didn't have a....

**A. ORTLUND:** [talking over] It had the qualities of God about it, the power...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** ...and the breadth of emotions and the basis in the word of God.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Uh-huh.

**A. ORTLUND:** There was a lot of scripture and hymn singing. A lot of...of the promises quoted and so on.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Right. Well, Dr. and Mrs. Ortlund the stuff that I heard today has been very encouraging for me personally and....

**A. ORTLUND:** Oh, good.

**NAME WITHHELD:** I...I mean that.

**R. ORTLUND:** Well, we like to talk about it because it's so important to us.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Yeah.

**A. ORTLUND:** It cleanses us again and we...

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah.



**A. ORTLUND:** ...long for it more than ever.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Well, you're...you're inspiring others so...

**A. ORTLUND:** [Laughs]

**R. ORTLUND:** Well...

**NAME WITHHELD:** ...I thank you for that.

**R. ORTLUND:** Happy to do that.

**A. ORTLUND:** And God bless you in this study, [Name Withheld].

**NAME WITHHELD:** Thank you. Is there any final comments that you can think of that are...?

**R. ORTLUND:** Well, let us know if you publish anything on it.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay, well let me tell you right now if you would like a copy of this tape, I can send you that. Would...would you...?

**R. ORTLUND:** No, you don't need to do that...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...unless... It might be good for us to have it.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Well, then I will.

**R. ORTLUND:** Yeah.

**NAME WITHHELD:** And....

**R. ORTLUND:** Well, you must listen to the other tape though. That'll give you...

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay.

**R. ORTLUND:** ...I think a...a clearer picture too.

**A. ORTLUND:** It came just forty-eight hours after we'd been in Wheaton.



**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay, okay, then I'll do that.

**R. ORTLUND:** That'll be good.

**NAME WITHHELD:** And then....

**R. ORTLUND:** [talking over] All right my friend it's nice of you to let us be [pauses]...share.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Well, thank you so much.

**R. ORTLUND:** Okay.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Okay, God bless.

**R. ORTLUND:** God bless.

**A. ORTLUND:** Thank you. Bye-bye.

**NAME WITHHELD:** Bye.

**END OF TAPE**

