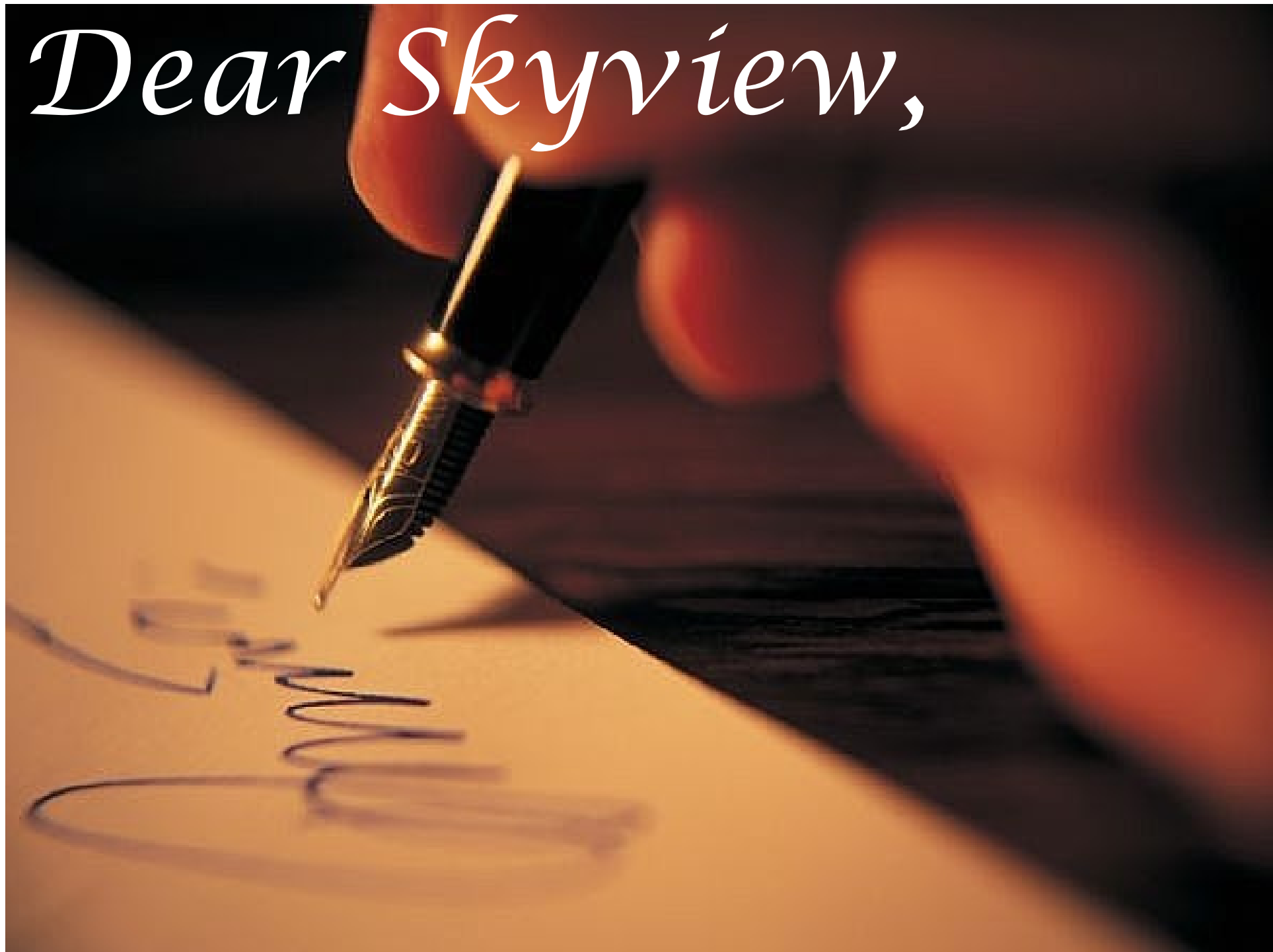


Dear Skyview,



A Letter to Skyview

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Letter Structure

- From/To
- Greeting (What's going right)
 - Thanksgiving/Encouragement
 - To God for something about recipients (Phil 1-7)
 - Establishment of unity (1 Cor 1:4,10)
- Message (What's going on)
 - What needs to change
 - Teaching/refocus
 - Gal – beware false teachers, death of self
 - Cor – Addressing divisions, disorder, “church problems”
- Conclusion
 - Practical takeaways
 - Gal – Fruits of spirit, benevolence to all
 - Prayer/Well wishes (“Grace be with you”)

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Acknowledgements

- Kids/Teachers
 - Parents/Teachers teach kids about God
 - Kids teach us what God is all about
- Leonard Gregory
 - Commitment
 - Same job for a long time
 - Married for over 70 years
 - Same pair of shoes for 46 years
- Paul Collier
 - Encouragement , Courage, & many other things
 - “Prison Epistles” example (Eph, Philip, Col, Phil)
 - Moved his chemo from Friday to Monday so he could worship

What's going on?

- “We can be so much more than we are” – True worldwide
- Are we growing?
 - Sun am/pm/Wed attendance #s
 - Wed prayer service – many missed a great opportunity
- What are you doing to help?
 - Spiritual indifference? See Amos 6:1 (woe) and 4:4-5 (going through motions?)
 - Social reasons?
- How are you encouraging others (Heb 10:22-25)?
 - Excuses/Complaints (Phil 2:12-15)
 - Are you a part of the solution or a part of the problem?
- How are you growing (1 Cor 3:1-2)?
 - What kind of food do you need/desire?
- Could you prove that you are a Christian in a court (Eph 2:8-10; Ja 2:14)?
 - What would the evidence support?
- What changes will you make?

Encouragement/Practical Matters

- We have agreed to what we have a greed (Heart).
 - Where does your treasure lie (we do what we want)?
- We have a greed for what we have agreed (Time Mgt).
 - We make ourselves “too busy”.
 - Have the life & blessings that GOD has given you made you too busy to serve GOD?
 - It’s ok to say: “no, I have other priorities”.
- Encouragement cycle vs Discouragement cycle
- Be prepared – teachers, students, parents (Abby, Kyleigh, Lily)
- Be a solution, not a complainer
- Move up front
- Insert yourself into someone’s life who you don’t know real well (open your home)
- General rule: You get out what you put in.
- We worship God, not ourselves.

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- So what?