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Grace is ~~your~~ yours and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

"Let your bearing toward one another arise out of your life in Christ Jesus. The divine nature was his from the first, yet he did not think to snatch equality with God, but made

himself ~~with~~ nothing, assuming the nature of a slave, bearing the human likeness revealed in human ~~shape~~ shape, he humbled himself, and in obedience accepted even death, death on a cross. Therefore

God raised him to the heights, and bestowed on him the name above all names; that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, in heaven, on earth, and in the deeps, and every tongue confess the Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. So you too, my friends, must be obedient always. Even now that I am away, than when I was with you before. Yes, you must work out your

own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God who works in you, inspiring both the

They are screaming for what you and I, as the Movement today, have to give. They are screaming for the knowledge, the models, and ~~the~~ the power to carry out the kinds of things that are going on.

It seems to <sup>have</sup> become utterly relevant and crucial to our lives, over this past year. The world has radically altered, and how to get in touch with the bottom of that is one of the depth things that we will be participating in during the Council here. Then, also, to know that we have those forms and models that are needed by them, and which they are asking for at this time.

Also, things have happened in the Church. You know, and we have said many times, that Church renewal is going on and on until the Church is renewed. And what you mean by that, of course, is that whatever is necessary for church renewal is at hand, and the hierarchy and the people in the Church know this; therefore everything is present for renewal, and it is just a matter of working it out now. Now, you might say, the Church-renewal forces ~~are gone~~ ~~They have just~~ died ~~Recently, in Latin America, they have died~~. Recently, in Latin America,

.....in Europe, where I have been most lately.....

and I noticed in both places, that ~~in/through/when~~ in years before/I had visited, in the area

church  
of/renewal, has collapsed. And as you know, we formed who we are, the Bug Model, out of

visits by Jack ~~W/~~ Lewis and Joe to Europe, and renewal there. And so you might say

we were ~~started~~ <sup>built</sup> on that renewal that was started there, at that ~~of~~ point. And yet they

are all gone today. It is the same in Latin America: the great renewal thrust that was

there in '65 (69?). All the things that were there in Europe before are gone. /Why/ The

only things that are left of renewal forces, you might say, are Taizé and ourselves.

will and the deed for his own chosen purpose."

I thought I would just make a spin with you about what has happened since we met last year at this time. Many things have happened, of course, and I will just merely touch on a few things and then look at our week together. In the area of what is going on in the world, you could select a thousand things, and yet you could try to plumb beneath those to get at the depths of what is going on in our day. Just one, maybe, that is not the depth, and yet it is not just the surface, and that was the Middle East war, ~~for~~ that threw the energy crisis throughout the world. And no one, I think, around the world is left unaffected. And people screamed out for new social forms around the world. And then the collapse of all the countries politically. How many were there? And they are still going ~~on~~ on. People not only screamed out for new social forms, but they screamed out for ways of participating in what is going on.

And so this kind of scream seems to be going on around the world, wherever you go, whatever you take a look at. Also, the world seems to be screaming for something entirely different.