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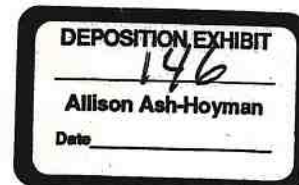
Thank you for taking the time to locate me and to share a bit of how your life has progressed since 1975. I am sorry to hear that my actions not only had a traumatic affect on your life in 1975, but that there has been a significant ongoing affect upon all your relationships since then. It is personally painful and humbling to hear of the extent that my actions have messed up your life. I had hoped that God had graciously blurred the memories in your mind and that you had moved on to have a wonderful life. Your message seems to indicate that has not happened. I am deeply sorry for that and hope that you will be able to forgive me for the pain I have caused. Please forgive me for how I acted toward you. My actions were undeniably deplorable.

As for me, I have lived the past thirty years regretting that moral failure in my personal history. It was a very sobering lesson in reality and it has served as a constant reminder of what I am capable of doing if I do not keep myself morally disciplined and personally accountable to others. I am grateful to God that I was able to learn this lesson (with all its pain) at the beginning of my years of ministry. The experience has affected all of my relationships as well. Since that time, I have never allowed myself to be alone with another woman other than Ruthie. It has also shaped my expectations of those who have worked on staff with me. My awareness of the potential for moral failure in anyone has moved me to hold those around me to a very high standard of integrity.

Thank you again for contacting me.
I pray God's best for you.

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