issues and on most of the ecclesiastical matters, though we had always put our
emphasis on the basic task that we thought the seminary should accomplish. This
student succeeded in persuading the president of the Board that the institution
needed drastic change, and the latter ordered the Board to retire me and turn over
the direction of the school to himself. It became obvious that very soon most of
the faculty whom I had selected and trained through the years would be dropped and
replaced by others with entirely different attitudes. The Board proceeded to retire
me, while raising my ongoing salary $2000 a year, but depriving me of any effective
voice in the conduct of the institution.

I knew that this would mean the death of Faith Seminary as far as the objec-
tives were concerned that I had emphasized during my 34 years of leadership. Much
as I would have liked to retire from active teaching and administration so as to
devote myself to putting the results of my many years of study into proper written
form, I felt that this would mean betrayal of all that I had stood for and the real
end of the institution to which I had devoted so much of my life.

Dr. John W. Murray, the well-known evangelist, who had been a member of the
first class to go through the entire theological course at Faith, recognized these
facts and agreed to join me in establishing a new institution that would carry on
the identical witness and activity that I had developed during so many years at
Faith. When I spoke about this to other faculty members I found that practically
every one of them agreed exactly with my analysis of the situation. As a result
almost all of them came to Hatfield, Pennsylvania, and became part of the original
faculty of Biblical Theological Seminary.

Q: As you went through all these difficulties, did you have doubts about God and
why He permitted things to happen as they did? If so, how did you overcome these
doubts?

A: Whatever happens in our lives it is very important that we remember that God is
far greater and more important. His will is far more important than what happens to