

instruments to perform His will. We are not people off here trying to do something in our own power. The sovereignty of God, the fact that His plan is all made from the beginning, and it's all part of His plan, and no matter how bad it seems to us, at times, it's all part of His plan and sin is here, but He is dealing with sin, and it is all part of His plan. I think that the reformed doctrines are a great help and encouragement to us, and I think that they are vital, but I don't think that they are in a category with those doctrines which are of the most practical importance in reaching souls for the knowledge of Christ and teaching them to go on and live for Christ. But then, you can name perhaps a dozen vital facts of the reformed faith, and I believe those facts just as thoroughly as any of my colleagues in Westminster, but I don't give them quite the same importance. But, below them there are several hundred others that they put in the same class with those, and on the same level with the great fundamentals, and it is extremely vital, I feel, that a man have liberty to do what he wants to do and study the Scripture for himself. I have found this, that when your emphasis centers on the periphery of things, you are apt to develop a blank wall on the essentials. I have met individuals who could spot arminianism three blocks away, and yet could walk right up to modernism and never know it. When your emphasis gets in peripheral matters, you are ~~xxxxxxx~~ in danger of losing understanding of the central matters. I believe in these peripheral points, but I think they should be put in their prospective places. America was the great overvaluation of the

Well, I would say that those last three years at Westminster were the three most unhappy years of my life. Because I was realizing more and more, I as I saw how the seminary was moving away from what I had understood was to be the goal when I had started there. And then when Dr. Machen died the last strong anchor that was holding it was taken away, and the year before Dr. Machen died the way other members of the faculty were criticizing him was terrible, because of his great