

The next turning point was when we founded Faith. I'm very glad, of course, I made the change. Because I could still be with them today, but I would have been sort of a voice in the wilderness. I would be seeing so many people led in directions that I might not think wicked or even necessarily wrong but they were certainly distorted in their emphasis to the extent to which they might have undermined their possibility of being effective for the Lord.

Of course they dropped down pretty small for a while there, and for me to have been an influence to help build it up again in those directions -- I feel that I have not the slightest regret about that change.

Then there was the time at Faith when I was invited to Fuller. As J. Sanderson said when I said, Isn't it good I did not go there. He said, Maybe you could have prevented it from going bad like it did. That seems to me unlikely. Yet I know there were some strong forces there that were fighting to keep it from going that way. * Ockenga who was head of the board did not want it to go that way. Though he never made any real fight against it. Several of the faculty eventually resigned. One cannot say with certainty what additional influence I might have given might have kept it true. Today it is one of the biggest seminaries in America. Has a wide influence. And attracts a great many fine Christian people to it whom I fear get a lot of ideas that are harmful.

Whether my influence would have been sufficient to have kept it on track, I can't say, so I cannot either regret I did not, or feel very happy I did not go. I just don't know what would have been the Lord's will there.

Then there was the crisis in '56 when most of our folks at Faith left and founded Covenant. I felt the big reason they left was their dissatisfaction with McIntire. As I mentioned. I had felt more dissatisfied at an earlier time than they felt then but stayed in spite of it because I felt it was a real chance to serve. But I accidentally got pushed into the position of ~~seeing~~ seeming to be a great champion for him. And they I think rather foolishly said very little about their real reasons for leaving.

For instance they did not talk about how strong he was in it. They talked about a gathering of power. How he and I and 2 or 3 others were getting control which was a lot of nonsense. There was no gathering of power. He simply had the power. They made a big fight about Synod controlled agencies. I thought they were not major propositions, but I thought they were wrong in their fight on those and I wrote and spoke against those. A lot of my good friends went with them, and it's like the going to Fuller, perhaps more so. If I had gone at that time== of course they didn't ask me to, they never dreamed of the possibility. If they had really tried to get me, I don't know what I would have done.