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could get certain things and you would have great weaknesses. Well, actually we don't like to send people out with weaknesses. We want to send people out with strengths. We want to send people out whose life can count for the Lord and can really accomplish something Here at Faith, our roots go back to Princeton Seminary of the old days. Last night reference was made to the "old Princeton" - it's altogether different from Princeton Seminary today. But the "old Princeton" was an institution which had great force and had great influence throughout the world for a century. And we are anxious to retain everything and to maintain everything that was good in the "old Princeton". So I want to look a little bit at what it was that gave Princeton its strength in those days. One thing that gave it its strength was its stand for the Word of God. A liberal professor in John Hopkins University told me that back during the last century he said, "As German ideas about whether a book of the Bible was dependable or not, changed, Union Seminary in New York, shifted with these varying trends in Germany. It was up-to-date from this man's opinion in theology but he said, "Princeton kept right straight on on this attitude that all of the Bible is true." Well, Princeton was at variance with many other seminaries, many which were generally sound in those days, but nevertheless shifted with the shifting tides of belief as to whether a certain book was dependable or not as to whether a certain part of Christian doctrine was true. Princeton, during a period of 100 years, held solidly to the basis that this Book is God's word and that it is vital that we know exactly what this book teaches, that we understand what it means. Now that was a great element of solidity in the curriculum of the "old Princeton" - its stand on the Word of God , its insistance that it was entirely true. And out of this there grew certain things. One was that they devoted a great deal of attention to the study of the original language. Now in that we are following in the footsteps of the "old Princeton". And we are different today from most seminaries today, even of conservative stand. A man said to me a few years ago, "If you didn't put such a stress on Hebrew at Faith, you'd have twice as many students as you have. " He said, "I know of a great many students who have gone to - " and he named a certain