



SUNDAY 16

## FAITH AND HOW IT WORKS



***Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1).***

A lot of people have some confusion about faith and how it works. They often say, "I prayed, I believed, but I didn't get what I prayed about." That's the first indication that they don't understand what faith is and how it works. Faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen.

That means faith calls real what you hope for; what you've hoped for is now present. That means when you say you have it, it's not so you can "get" it; rather, you know in your heart that you already have it because faith is the evidence of unseen realities. For instance, if you ask God for a job or anything; don't say, "I'm expecting it; I believe it will come." Rather, say, "I have it already."

If you don't have that inner evidence, then what you have isn't faith. True faith never staggers; it doesn't "try" to get something from God. Faith is the evidence; it doesn't recognize or accept impossibilities. Faith doesn't ask "Why didn't I get it?" Because faith already got it! The Lord Jesus