The Power Of Faith To Save
Lkue 18:35-43, Vv.42

Intro:
1. Faith in God is an absolute Spiritual necessity.
2. Our relationship to God comes by faith.
3. Our service to God is by faith.
4. Our contentment in this life is by faith.

B. What then is faith? Hebrews 11:1-6
Hebrews 11:1-2
1. "Faith" = ηπισκοπή = "firm persuasion," the conviction which is based upon hearing, not upon sight, or knowledge; a firmly relying confidence in what we hear from God in His Word.
2. "Then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
3. When we hear God's Word, aided by His Spirit, we accept it in its totality as fact. This belief is our faith.
4. Faith is never defeated. Even in seeming failure, it is victorious.
5. The three Hebrew men. Dan. 3:17-18

C. What does faith do?
Verse 11. It becomes a platform or foundation upon which we must stand in order to have hope: εμφυσον "things expected to come in the future," "a gladly and firmly held prospect of a future good." His coming, rewards, etc. These are things the Hebrews would lose (rewards) by going back into Messianic Judaism.
"Substance" = ουσία = "what is set or stands under," "underlayer," "foundation," "that which is the foundation." Verses 1-3: Evidence = εέλγγεος = "proof," "demonstration," the evidence that proves a person is guilty of a crime.
John 16:8. II Tim. 3:16 "Reproue" = convict.

1. It is useful. "For by it" vs. 2, 3, 4, 5.
2. "You cannot please God without it." "Impossible" = δύνασθαι = "lacking power," "unable"