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. . . Greetings once again to all the saints and my friends who are in tune with The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Oklahoma. We are very happy to be back with you again at this time. We want to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have written in and expressed their interest in the messages from time to time. We still have a number of each of the messages in typewritten form. So it is not too late to obtain a copy if you will write in and let us know which one you desire to have. There is no charge for these, but we send them out free upon your request. Then, too, we do thank all of those who have helped to share the cost of this work of faith. May God bless you each one richly.

Now, let us turn to I Corinthians, chapter 13 and read a part of verse 13. "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three;"

I have been considering this text and have decided to use this one verse for the next three broadcasts. I want to take these three things: faith, hope, and charity and break them apart and examine each one of them carefully, and then in the third week, when we have the message upon charity, put them back together again and see the completeness of these fundamental virtues!

So, now, for our first message of the three graces, we shall concern ourselves primarily at this time with the subject of faith. This is the first step toward God and an indispensable one. First let us consider what it is. In Hebrews, 11th chapter and verse one, we read:

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

This is the best definition I know. However, in Webster's Dictionary we find that faith is defined as: allegiance to duty or a person; belief and trust in and loyalty to God; firm belief in something for which there is no proof. So we see then that faith is accepting that which cannot be proved by natural reasoning. Let me be quick to add that even though certain things cannot be proved by human reasoning, neither can their existence be disproved by the same method. This is why so many today are unwilling to accept anything which they cannot fully understand by the standards of human reasoning.

The old proverb which says to: "Believe nothing you hear and only half of what you see," is all too often used as a yardstick in this modern age of scientific learning, and ever-increasing knowledge. But I am here to tell you that what we need is a return to the fundamental teaching of the holy scriptures and a firm belief in the existence of the eternal things as recorded in their holy pages.

Do you know why more people are not pleasing God? Let me show you in Hebrews 11, and verse 6.

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that

