Faith
Session 1: Biblical Faith

What faith is not

John 20:24-25 "Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

Carnal = of the five senses; see, hear, feel, touch, taste

Living from the carnal means that a person is relying on their senses, natural ability or natural logic.

1 Corinthians 3:1-3 "And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?

Fate is also not faith. Phrases like "Jesus take the wheel", "God is in control", "If it's supposed to happen it will happen" are phrases that are often used by believers but they are not representing the God kind of faith.

What faith is

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

Pistis = conviction of the truth

Hope = to expect or confide

Evidence = proof

Hebrews 11:1 (amp) "Now faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality—faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses]."

Faith is the total conviction of an expected outcome.

2 Corinthians 4:18 "while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 Corinthians 5:7 "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

Where does this confidence, this faith come from? It comes from knowing the will of God.

How do we know the will of God? Know Him, Know His Word!

John 17:3 "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

Hebrews 1:3

John 14:9

Colossians 1:15

1 John 5:14-15 "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him."

Faith begins where the will of God is known.