

Faith

- **Heb 11.1:** confidence of what we hope for, assurance of what we do not see
- Idea of living as if things that are not, are; i.e. things promised in the future or things unseen/invisible
- Taking God at His word and acting accordingly
- Lived trust; standing on the chair

Hope

- **Common hope** – a strong wish/desire

- I hope it doesn't rain this weekend while we are at the lake.

- **NT hope** - a confident expectation of a better future rooted in conviction that God raised Jesus from the dead

- **Eph 1.18:** I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people

Practically

- **Common hope** – fuel for prayer
 - **Ps 37.4:** Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.
 - **Be aware:** Hope deferred makes the heart sick (Prov 13.12)
- **NT hope** – an anchor for our soul in troubling times
 - **Heb 6.19:** We have this hope (relationship with the Father through Jesus) as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.

Hope pushes us into posture of waiting

■ Hope is future focused

- **Rom 8.24-25:** But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.
- **Patience** – usually translated ‘endurance’ or ‘perseverance;’ the capacity to bear up well under difficult circumstances power to withstand hardship or stress; also translated ‘perseverance’ and ‘endurance’

- **Romans 15:13** — May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.