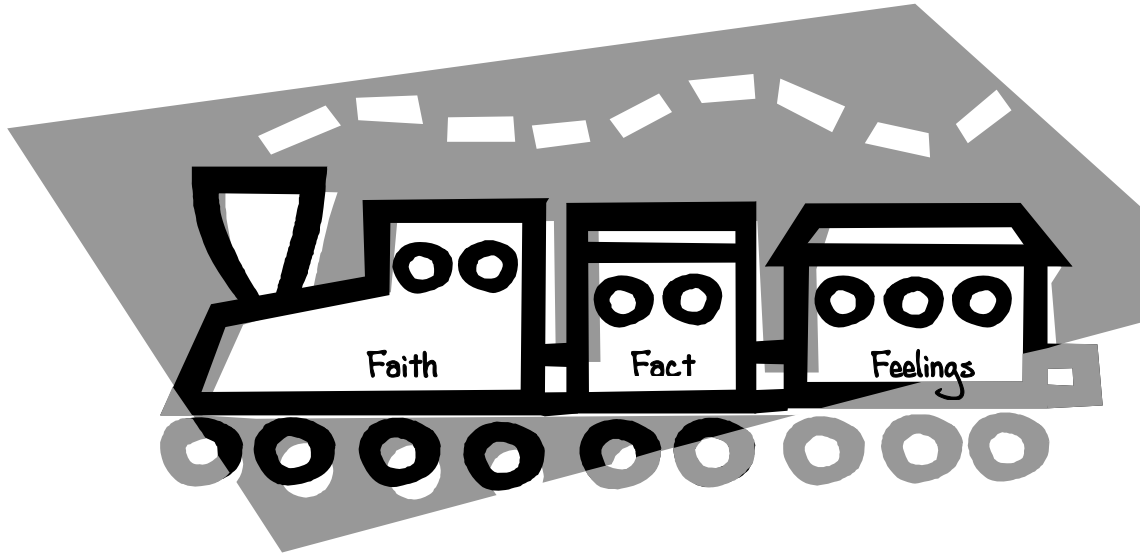


Faith-Fact-Feelings Train Illustration



Let's use the metaphor that our lives are like a train. In an average train, you have at least three cars—an engine car, a “coal” car, which carries the fuel for the fire, and a caboose. What is “driving” your train? What is the engine?

Faith is the engine of the train that pushes us through life. The coal car, which is what keeps the engine running, is the facts of God's word—TRUTH. And the caboose is our emotions.

Now, no train can run without an engine or fuel. They are essentials. But you can go without a caboose. So, when looking at situations in life—especially the hard to understand—look and see what is driving your train. It should be faith fueled by the TRUTH (facts) of God's word. IF this is true, it doesn't matter what your “feelings” or “emotions” tell you.

Remember, emotions are good, and they are from God, but they are not always reliable. They can change depending on the circumstances of our lives. We have to choose to stand on what God says is true—regardless of the situations around us. Feelings should never be the “engine” of your life. Never put your feelings above your Faith in the Facts.