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Genesis Chapter 15 - Questions

1. (:1) I am always curious, when the LORD says "Do not fear" - why is the LORD saying "Do not fear"? Abram has just finished winning a major battle against powerful adversaries. Why would he be afraid? (hint: you can tell from the LORD's words after the "do not fear".)
2. (:2,3) Was your answer to Question #1 right?
3. (:2,3) Who is going to inherit Abraham's fortune if he dies right now?
4. (:4,5) What was the promise God made to Abraham?
5. (:6) What is faith? What does faith do for us? Was Abraham righteous before God? Why?
6. (:7) The LORD is about to "strike a covenant" with Abraham. How does He begin?
7. (:7-11) What is Abraham told to do to set things up for the "covenant-striking"?
8. (:12) A deep sleep comes upon Abraham...can you remember other people in scripture who fell into a deep sleep so that the LORD could do something huge in their life? (Genesis 2:21, Genesis 28:11)

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9. Why would God do that?
10. (:13-21) What are the good and bad things God promises will happen to Abraham and his descendants?
11. (:16) Why were they going to have to be slaves in a foreign land for 400 years?
12. (:17) What action on the LORD's part sealed this covenant?
13. Was this covenant conditional or unconditional? (Is there an "if"?)
And what difference does that make to us? *(Romans 4:11 "And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. So then, he is the father of all who believe but have not been circumcised, in order that righteousness might be credited to them.")*