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Recap of 7/6/08:

1. *In chapter 15 Abram is fearful. His fear may have be caused by: fear of reprisal by the Easter Kings he had just raided; by second thoughts about having refused the spoils of the victory of chapter 14; or by the delay of God giving him a child, on which the promises of God hinged.*
2. *As God does throughout the Scripture for His people, He encouraged Abram (other Scripture where God encouraged the discouraged are John 9:35 and Acts 23:11).*
3. *God told Abram to focus on Him. He was his shield (protection, safety) and his reward (no earthly material gain could compare with what Abram had in God).*
4. *When we find ourselves fearful and discouraged we are in effect doubting God's character and His provision for us. Abram was "... as safe as God Himself could keep Him" and "... as happy as God Himself could make him." (Matthew Henry)*

"Faith Conquers Fear" (pt. 2)

Genesis 15:1-21

I. Fear vs. 1

II. Faith vv. 2-6

III. Future hope vv. 7-21