First’s of Genesis 15

- Vision from God
- *Fear Not/Don’t be afraid*
- Lord God
- The “Word of the Lord”
- *Faith Counted as Righteousness*
The “Word of the Lord” Came to Abram

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me...” John 10:27

- Bible reading
- Prayer
- Sermon
- Worship
- Invitation
Two Possible Responses

• Resist:
  “Today if you hear his voice do not harden your hearts...”  Psalm 95:8

• Respond:
  “Speak Lord, for your servant is listening!”  
  1 Samuel 3:10
Faith Counted as Righteousness

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- Faith: to rest, trust, stand, be fully persuaded; keep on believing
  True faith is more than just intellectual agreement...it extends to fidelity of life and consistency of behavior
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Faith

When natural understanding offered no hope or ground of expectation Abram believed and kept on believing, building his life on the promise of God.
Faith Credited as Righteousness

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Credited it unto

To be reckoned; counted; credited to; valued as; or computed as or imputed to in place of something else

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Righteousness
Right standing with God; Rightness;
Moral virtue; to be Justified

Romans 4:1-8; 18-25   pg 797
Hebrews 11:11-12; 17-19  pg 852
Faith...
Believes what God says,
*Lives how God directs*
Holds onto what God promises
*Refuses to surrender to what is different*
Stands on what God offers
*Trusts God over everything else*
What is God saying to YOU today?

• Are you going to Resist?

• Or, Are you going to Respond in faith?