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B. Abraham (3) ___________ and (4) ___________ 

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II. THE LORD’S PROMISE: (5) ____________________________ 

A. You will be pregnant (6) ___________ ___________ (LUKE 1:13,31)
B. Sarah is (7) ___________ -worn out
C. There’s a laughter of (8) ___________, but her laughter is (9) ___________
D. Is anything too (10) ___________ for the Lord?
E. The Lord corrects her with (11) ___________

III. THE CITY PROJECT

A. Nimrod/Babylon vs. Abraham/city of God (HEB. 11:10; 12:22; REV. 3:12; 21:2,10)
B. The Lord’s commission to Abraham (18:18-19)
C. The outcry of Sodom that gets the Lord’s attention is from the (12) ___________ (EX. 2:23; NUM. 20:16; DEUT. 26:6-7; PSA. 12:6; HEB. 5: 7-8)

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When **god** comes to dine
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B. Abraham **hurries** and **personally** brings the feast

When **god** comes to **dine**
9"Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him.

"There, in the tent," he said. 10Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."
II. The LORD's promise: __________  __________

A. You will be pregnant __________
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Job 13
When god comes to dine

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When god comes to din
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II. The LORD's promise: ___________________ ___________________

D. Is anything too wonderful for the LORD?

E. The LORD corrects her with _______________ in the tone of His voice
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E. The LORD corrects her with anger in the tone of His voice
II. The LORD's promise: __________________   ____________

D. Is anything too **wonderful** for the LORD?

E. The LORD corrects her with **sternness** in the tone of His voice

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II. The LORD's promise: ___________________ ___________________

D. Is anything too **wonderful** for the LORD?

E. The LORD corrects her with **firmness** in the tone of His voice

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II. The LORD's promise: ___________________ _____________

D. Is anything too wonderful for the LORD?

E. The LORD corrects her with compassion in the tone of His voice

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D. Is anything too **wonderful** for the LORD?

E. The LORD corrects her with ____________ in the tone of His voice

II. The LORD's promise: _______________ _____________

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II. The LORD's promise: *Compassionate* ___________

D. Is anything too *wonderful* for the LORD?

E. The LORD corrects her with ____________ in the tone of His voice.
II. The LORD's promise: *Compassionate* *faithfulness*

D. Is anything too *wonderful* for the LORD?

E. The LORD corrects her with _____________ in the tone of His voice

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When the men got up to leave, they looked down toward Sodom, and Abraham walked along with them to see them on their way. Then the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?"
18 Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. 19 For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him."
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19For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him."
Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know."
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C. The outcry of Sodom that gets the LORD’s attention is from ________
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C. The outcry of Sodom that gets the LORD's attention is from enslaved
The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it?"
25 Far be it from you to do such a thing – to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

26 The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."
25Far be it from you to do such a thing – to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?" 26The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."
Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?" He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it."
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D. Abraham approaches the LORD asking for forgiveness for the ______ on account of the _____

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IV. For Jesus Followers

A. The story shows the promise of God's _______ and of His transcendent, sovereign _______
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B. The LORD comes first for ______ and then for ____________.
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C. Can you see the LORD's ________?
IV. For Jesus Followers

C. Can you see the LORD's wonder?
IV. For Jesus Followers

C. Can you see the LORD's wonder?

D. Can you ______ in hope?
IV. For Jesus Followers

C. Can you see the LORD's wonder?

D. Can you laugh in hope?

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E. Can you see the LORD when He comes near?
In Remembrance of Me