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3. The Promise _____.

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The Lord

Beneath and behind the promise is "the Lord of the promise", intervening and acting in the world to bring salvation and, ultimately, the renewal of the world.

1. His _____ that triumphs over and through our failure and fear to inspire our whole-hearted _____.
2. His _____ that eliminates any and all possibilities for our boasting, so that we _____ with Him.
3. His _____ that works in all things to bring about His divine purpose and plan, so that we _____ in Him.
4. His _____ for the neglected, abused, needy and outcast, so that we _____ to Him and _____ with Him.

Laughter

The surface and unifying theme of this text which draws us in is laughter.

1. The Lord appoints the name "laughter" (Isaac).
2. Abraham embraces and welcomes the Lord's laughter.
3. Sarah's laughter is an expression of faith and praise.
4. Ishmael's laughter is mocking.

Promise

At the center of the laughter is the promise of God, which stands in contrast to the planning, scheming, ingenuity, wisdom and ways of humankind.

1. The Promise _____.
2. The Promise _____.