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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write down facts. This includes answers to the “w”s (who, what, when, where) • Write each fact in a brief summary sentence. Remember, this is your short-hand, so use abbreviations, symbols or anything that you’ll remember later. • Put the number of the verse beside each fact. • Use significant words straight from scripture. • This section should be very close to re-writing the verse itself. It’s what God is saying without adding our own thoughts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the spiritual truths or principles in this verse? <p>S—Is there a sin to confess? P—Is there a promise to keep? A—Is there an action to take? C—Is there a command that I need to heed? E—Is there an example to follow or not to follow?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will I act on this lesson? • Write open ended questions—ones that can’t be answered with “yes” or “no” • Take time to pray and listen. Write a response to each question.

**For more in-depth teaching on this Bible study method, please go to Anne Graham Lotz’s website at <http://www.annegrahamlotz.com/resources/topic/all-bible-studies/learning-hear-his-voice/>

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<p>GENESIS 18:9-15</p> <p>V9 – Where is Sarah, your wife? the visitors asked & Abraham replied “She’s inside the tent”</p> <p>V10 – Sarah overheard 1 visitor say Sarah would have a son when he returned about the same time next year.</p> <p>V11 – Abraham & Sarah were both very old; Sarah was post-menopausal.</p> <p>V12 – Sarah laughed to herself, thinking How could a worn-out woman like her “enjoy such pleasure” when her husband was also so old?</p> <p>V13 – The Lord asked Abraham why Sarah laughed & doubted that she could have a baby.</p> <p>V14 – The Lord asked “Is anything too hard for the Lord?” & reiterated Sarah will have a son when he returns next year.</p> <p>V15 – Sarah was afraid and denied laughing, but the Lord stated emphatically she did laugh.</p>	<p>God raises questions that he already knows the answers to – to teach us, cause us to reflect.</p> <p>God speaks to us through others, sometimes giving a prophetic word to another for us.</p> <p>In human terms it was impossible and against the laws of nature for Sarah to become pregnant – she was post-menopausal.</p> <p>We tend to view things from an earthly perspective of possibility instead of relying on God’s promises.</p> <p>God holds us accountable for sharing his promises with others, especially those he has specifically revealed to us.</p> <p>Nothing is too hard for the Lord. All things are possible and he is trustworthy.</p> <p>We hide our unbelief, deny our doubts, bury our dreams in past disappointments, hopelessness & fear, but God knows our every thought and desire.</p>	<p>What questions has God put on my heart? What is God asking me to examine, to take a closer look at?</p> <p>How often do we fail to recognize the Lord talking through others? How willing am I to receive and trust prophesy from another?</p> <p>What things in my own life - dreams and desires, have I given up on or dismissed as impossible?</p> <p>How could our lives be transformed if we relied on God’s promises instead of our earthly worldview? How often do we write something off as impossible without considering what God can do?</p> <p>Whose life can I speak into & encourage with God’s promises? Who have I withheld God’s truth from?</p> <p>How do we answer that question (Is anything too hard for the Lord?) in the way we live our lives? How willing are we to trust God with the impossible?</p> <p>What fears, disappointments, & doubts does God see when he looks at our hearts?</p>

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