

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, Acts 12.

What makes you laugh? For me, it can be a good comedian with clean jokes, a funny TV show, and my grand-kids with some of the things they say and do. On our last night of vacation, Donna and I saw a funny guy with a great sense of humor and great timing as he interacted with the crowd. Throughout his whole act, I was laughing, but when he blew up a giant balloon with a leaf blower, climbed inside the balloon with his head sticking out the opening and started to sing the Umpa Lumpa song, I cracked up. It was belly laugh time if you know what I mean.

While it is fun to laugh at comedy and funny situations, laughing at God is not the best idea.

After waiting for years to have a child, Abraham and Sarah were visited by three guests and were given news that Sarah would soon have a son, and Sarah laughed at the news.

Genesis 18 9-12 "They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" (ESV)

Often, when we sense God wants us to do certain things, we focus more on the obstacles before us rather than on God's promises to help. We forget that God is sovereign and in control of all. We forget that nothing is impossible with God. Luke 18:27 "But He said, "The things that are impossible with people are possible with God." (NAS)

"When we consider the trials in our lives without trust and confidence in the Lord's sovereignty, we crumble under the weight. However, even the obstacles we face are subject to the authority of God. Hold on to Christ this day and trust Him to do the impossible." (R. C. Sproul)