

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, John 16.

In taking this cruise, we are not alone, but with our friends John and Jennifer, and Jen's brother Chris and wife Marci. When I got up to get some breakfast the other day, Jen and Marci had told Donna a funny story concerning Marci. When I got back to the table, Donna was almost crying from laughing so hard.

Question.

Do you think God has a sense of humor? Do you think God likes to laugh and have fun with us?

I told you one of my favorite places on a cruise ship is the observation lounge. A place at the front of the ship, with windows looking out in almost every direction. I have shared how I love to sit and look and watch for whales or any other sea life.

I believe God does have a sense of humor because on the ship we are on, what I expected to be an observation deck with the spectacular views turned out to be the gym. So, for the past few mornings, I have gotten up early and had the chance to look out over the horizon while walking on the elliptical. Looking for sea life while also focusing on my workout has not been very conducive to spotting wildlife. But any other chance I get, I will just watch the sea for the longest time.

On Monday, the sea was pretty rough. But on Tuesday, I got my first whale sightings. I always look for the water sprays from the whale's blow hole, and once I see that, I look for any parts of the whale that surfaces. I have seen four such sightings.

I believe when God sees His children getting excited at something as simple as seeing marine life, that He smiles and rejoices with us, just as any parent rejoices at what pleases their children.

Isaiah 62:5 "As the bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so your God will rejoice over you." (NASB)