

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, Acts 5.

The other night, my two grandchildren were with their dad in the back part of the house. Soon, I heard the rustling sound of a popcorn wrapper, the moving of a step ladder, the microwave go on, and the sound of popcorn popping. But what I did not realize was that Ellie was asleep and Garrett was busy doing something, and it was my 2 1/2 year old grandson Liam who was making his snack.

Before long, I heard Liam call out to his dad and say, "Dad, I need help." Garrett showed up quickly to help Liam, and the two enjoyed their snack together.

When I heard Liam call out for help, and Garrett quickly showed up to lend his helping hand, I thought what a wonderful picture of God coming to our aid. Liam was not hurt or in danger. He just needed some help.

In Psalm 77, David pours out his heart to God in distress. Psalm 77:2 "When I was in deep trouble, I searched for the Lord.

All night long I prayed, with hands lifted toward heaven, but my soul was not comforted." (NLT)

I am guessing David is not alone in feelings that God does not always hear our cries for help. When struggling with questions if God is near, one thing we can do is go back and focus on the past miracles of God.

Psalm 77:10-12 "And I said, "This is my fate; the Most High has turned his hand against me."

But then I recall all you have done, O LORD;

I remember your wonderful deeds of long ago.

They are constantly in my thoughts.

I cannot stop thinking about your mighty works." (NLT)

When Liam called to his dad to help him, I don't think he really thought that his dad would not come. He was sure his dad would be there to help him because Garrett had been there in the past.

Trust God is at work, even when we can't see it.