

A TIME FOR REFLECTION

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Most of us do not immediately think of laughter when we think of God. Maybe we should.

When Abraham was ninety-nine years old, God appeared to him...
(Genesis 17:1 Living Bible)

For our purposes today we're going to pull out a couple of excerpts from the conversation God had with Abraham. You can read the entire conversation in Genesis 17. Briefly, God said Abraham was going to be called "*the Father of Nations*" and that part of that process would be that Sarah, Abraham's wife, would have a child. Sarah was 90. Here's Abraham's reaction.

Abraham threw himself down in worship before the Lord, but inside he was laughing in disbelief! "Me, be a father?" he said in amusement. "Me— 100 years old? And Sarah, to have a baby at 90?" (Genesis 17:17 Living Bible)

And Abraham said to God, "Yes, do bless Ishmael!" [Ishmael was Abraham's son by Hagar – another story.] (Genesis 17:18 Living Bible)

"No," God replied, "that isn't what I said. Sarah shall bear you a son; and you are to name him Isaac ('Laughter')...As for Ishmael, all right, I will bless him also, just as you have asked me to. I will cause him to multiply and become a great nation. Twelve princes shall be among his posterity. (Genesis 18:19-20 Living Bible)

No wonder Abraham laughed. (And Sarah laughed, too – read it in Genesis 18.) But there are a couple of take-a-ways worth considering.

1. Even though Abraham laughed inside himself, as did Sarah (18:12), God didn't miss it. But it didn't slow God down or make Him angry – He continued to give Abraham an incredible promise.
2. God didn't ignore Abraham's laughter either. He validated Abraham's reaction by saying, "*you are to name him Isaac,*" which Abraham knew meant "*laughter*". In chapter 18 comes the question, "*Is anything too hard for God?*" (Genesis 18:14a Living Bible)

Apparently it's natural to laugh when God shows up in our lives. And if Abraham and Sarah (and Isaac) are any indication, **God gets the last laugh!**

Welcome!

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"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Unity in Prayer in our homes

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM;

Kid's Club & Youth

Prayer ½ hour before services

SERMON NOTES

FAITH FOR THE SUPERNATURAL



Offering – There is an offering box as you enter the sanctuary on the right side just inside the door. Thank you for your giving faithfulness.

Sunday Evening Prayer – will take place in our homes during the winter. Let intercede for a real move of God.

Wednesday Bible Study – the Book of Romans and our children’s program. Come study God’s Word while your children enjoy learning together.

Promoting Our Church – please take a flyer on the table in the foyer and use it to promote our church. God bless our efforts!

Free For The Taking – in the basement next to the last room we have some items donated to the church. Please stop by and see what you might want and take it. We also have a crib, portable crib and stroller along with some other items for children in the foyer under the coat rack. If you can use any or know of someone who can, please take them.

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TEXT: John 1:6-9; 12:1, 35-36

1. WHAT IS DARKNESS FOR THOSE WHO ARE CHRISTIANS?

2. HOW DO WE FALL INTO DARKNESS?

3. HOW DOES GOD _____ TO UNBELIEF?

God becomes outraged when His people don’t _____ in the light of

His _____ promises. Hebrews 3:7-13, 17-19

No, it was because of unbelief _____.

But they never mixed that _____ with _____.

Unbelief is the root _____ behind all _____ of heart.

Unbelief is the mother of all _____.

4. WHEN IS UNBELIEF MOST _____?

Unbelief is most dangerous when it is _____. Deuteronomy

1:27-35

A full, complete _____ in God’s Word, and a total

_____ on His faithfulness to that Word. Mark 6:50-52

_____ comes when we take the “_____” out of

the supernatural.

5. WHAT IS THE _____?

The _____ that keeps us in Christ is supernatural. Mark 8:5-8,

17

He was _____ them to shine forth His divine power.

Because there is nothing _____ about the Christian _____, it

is all supernatural.

People begin to _____ God’s supernatural _____ in

their lives to the natural. .