



How big is YOUR frying pan?

Two men went fishing. One man was an experienced fisherman, the other wasn't. Every time the experienced fisherman caught a big fish, he put it in his ice chest to keep it fresh. Whenever the inexperienced fisherman caught a big fish, he threw it back. The experienced fisherman watched this go on all day and finally got tired of seeing this man waste good fish. "Why do you keep throwing back all the big fish you catch?" he asked. The inexperienced fisherman replied, "I only have a small frying pan." Sometimes, like that fisherman, we throw back the big plans, the big

dreams, the big jobs and the big opportunities that G-d gives us. Our faith is too small. We laugh at that fisherman who didn't figure out that all he needed was a bigger frying pan; yet how ready are we to increase the size of our faith?

Whether it's a problem or a possibility, G-d will never give you anything bigger than you can handle. That means we can confidently walk into anything God brings our way.

"Stop telling G-d you've got big problems. Tell your problems you've got a big G-d!" AMEN down the street toward a woman walking with her seven year old child.

"The Man, The Tiger, G-d" Tiger, the Man and God

A man was being chased by a tiger. He ran as hard as he could until he was at the edge of a cliff with the tiger in hot pursuit. The man looked over the edge of the cliff and saw a branch growing out of the side of the cliff a few feet down. He jumped down and grabbed the branch just as the tiger reached the cliff. The tiger growled viciously as the man sighed a great sigh of relief. Just then a mouse came out from a crevice and began to chew on the branch. The man looked down to what was a drop of a thousand feet and sure death and looked to the heavens and yelled out, "Dear God, if you are there, please help. I will do anything you ask but please help." Suddenly a voice came booming down from heaven, "You will do anything I ask?" it questioned. The man shocked to hear a reply to his plea yelled back, "I will gladly do anything you ask, but please save me." The voice from heaven then replied, "There is one way to save you but it will take courage and faith."

The branch began to weaken from the mouse and the tiger was still growling a few feet above the man, "Please, Lord, tell me what I must do and I will do it. Your will is my will."

The voice from heaven then said, "All right then, let go of the branch."

The man afraid to look down to a fall of a thousand feet and certain death, looked up at the hungry tiger a few feet away and he looked at the mouse still chewing on the branch. Then he looked up at the heavens and yelled, "Is there anyone else up there?"

When he couldn't hold on any longer and his fingers gave way, little did he realize he was hanging two feet above a mountain ledge and was sound and safe. End of story

Does that sound funny to you? Well perhaps. But let's stop and think about it. When you are in a terrible situation and you seek G-d for help what are you going to do when He asks you to step out in faith? Are you ready to let go, or are you going to ask "Is there anybody else up there I can talk to? As the saying goes "Faith- with it you have no questions, without it you have no answers".

As we enter a New Year, let us take a moment to reflect and give thanks for all of our blessings of the past and pray that we continue to merit G-d's blessings. The following are some thoughts, to make you stop for a moment and reflect.

Some Thoughts To Live By...

Don't undermine your worth by comparing yourself with others it is because we are different that each of us is special.

Don't take for granted the things close to your heart, cling to them as you would your life, for without them life is meaningless.

Don't let your life slip through your fingers by living in the past or for the future, by living your life one day at a time, you live all the days of your life.

Don't give up when you have something to give, nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying.

Don't be afraid to admit that you are less perfect, It is this fragile thread that binds us to each other.

Don't be afraid to encounter risk, It is by taking chances that we learn to be brave.

Don't shut love out of your life by saying it's impossible to find, because, the quickest way to receive love, is to give love. The fastest way to lose love is to hold too tightly, and the best way to keep love is to give it wings.

Don't dismiss your dreams, to be without dreams, is to be without hope. And to be without hope is to be without purpose.

Don't run through life so fast that you forget not only where you've been but also where you're going.

LIFE IS NOT A RACE, BUT A JOURNEY TO BE SAVORED EACH STEP OF THE WAY.....

On behalf of ALL your Chaplains, May G-d bless you and keep you safe, and may 2014 be one of your best years yet. AMEN!

Compliments of your Police Chaplain

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Please note: I do not spell out the name of G-d out of respect.

Spelling out THE name and then throwing it in the trash, would be a desecration of THE name, so I put in the dash.

This is a religious custom I follow, and please don't be offended.

Thanks for understanding.