



## “HOW BIG IS YOUR FRYING PAN?”

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Isn't it amazing how resilient the human spirit is. Here we are trudging through some of the unprecedented times, some are tired, some are scared, some just don't know what to think, yet we keep on fighting forward. Thanks to each and every one of you for not giving up, and for going out there every and doing the Holy work that you do.

Thanks for sticking to the motto that we all grew up with, "when the going gets tough, the tough get going". It reminds me of the parable, "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, "because at home 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. Why, because 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.

What we have to constantly remember, "Stop telling G-d you've got big problems. Tell your problems you've got a big G-d!". It also brings to mind the following humorous parable.

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 few hundred feet and sure death and looked to the heavens and yelled out, "Dear G-d, 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 looked down to a fall of a few hundred feet and certain death. He 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 I can talk to?" 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 step out or are you going to ask "anyone else up there?" Always remember the old saying that goes as follows, 'Faith- with it you have no questions, without it you have no answers'. May we all be blessed with the inner strength, fortitude, and courage to take the leap of faith in those trying times. Amen!

A little something from the ' Moshe Files' to keep you smiling...Some solid advice from an old timer:

- 1) Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- 2) Words that soak into your ears are whispered... not yelled.
- 3) Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.
- 4) You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- 5) Every path has a few puddles, no big deal if your shoes get wet.
- 6) The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- 7) Most of the stuff people worry about is never goanna happen anyway.
- 8) Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- 9) Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
- 10) Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.
- 11) If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
- 12) Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.

13) Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.

14) Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.

15) Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to G~d.\*

On behalf of ALL your Chaplains, may G-d bless you, keep you safe, and always keep you in His loving care. Should you need a shoulder to lean on or an ear to listen, don't hesitate to give us a call.

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