



“How Big Is Your Frying Pan ?”

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Traditionally, the month of November has a day dedicated to give thanks to the Lord for all his kindness bestowed upon us. Some of us have more than others for what to be grateful. Some have had moments that have really challenged our faith, and left questions, it is in those moments that we need to take a step back and reflect, as in the following parable.... " How Big Is Your Frying Pan?"

Two men went fishing. One 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 the 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, big dreams, big opportunities that G-d gives us, why, our faith is too small.

We laugh at that fisherman who couldn'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 gives us all trials and tribulations, opportunities and challenges, it is up to us to walk confidently with G-d to trust and have faith. And when we feel weak, it is up to us to muster the strength to handle a larger frying pan. REMEMBER, Stop telling G-d you've got big problems.

Tell your problems you've got a BIG G-d.

So as we sit down to the thanksgiving dinner, let's take a moment to reflect and pray.....

"Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings each morning, thank you, Lord, that I can hear. There are many who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes tightly closed against the morning light as long as possible, thank you Lord, I can see. There are many who are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off the effort of rising, thank you, Lord that I have the strength to rise and have employment. There are many who are bedridden and many unemployed.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned, and tempers are short, thank you, Lord, for my family. There are many who are lonely.

Even though our dinner table never looks like the pictures in magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced, thank you, Lord for the food we have. There are many who have little or no food.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so modest, thank you, Lord, for the gift of life. And please Lord remind us daily to count our blessings. Amen".

And now, some humor from the files, to keep you smiling...

"The Man In The Pit" ...

A man fell into a pit and couldn't get himself out...

A subjective person came along and said, "I feel for you down there."

An objective person walked by and said, "It's logical that someone would fall down there."

A Pharisee said, "Only bad people fall into pits."

A mathematician calculated how deep the pit was.

A news reporter wanted the exclusive story on the pit.

An IRS agent asked if he was paying taxes on the pit.

A self-pitying person said, "You haven't seen anything until you've seen my pit".

A fire-and-brimstone preacher said, "You deserve your pit."

A psychologist noted, "Your mother and father are to blame for your being in that pit."

A self-esteem therapist said, "Believe in yourself and you can get out of that pit."

An optimist said, "Things could be worse".

A pessimist claimed, "Things will get worse."

A Police Chaplain, seeing the man, took him by the hand and lifted him out of the pit.

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 or perhaps some humor to share, please don't hesitate to call.

Compliments of your Police Chaplain

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