



## “SOMEONE WHO UNDERSTANDS”

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Resolutions and commitments are all part of our determination to start the New Year on a better note, that last year ended. Some of us have a tendency to be a bit hard on ourselves, that because we are not as perfect as others, (taller, shorter, fatter, skinnier, not as good looking, etc., etc.) we are hindered from enjoying life and think others have it better and live better. Let us remember that none of us are perfect, "so what", go ahead, make a New Year's resolution that 2023 will be not only a better year, but one of your best ones yet. It reminds me of the story of the farmer and the little boy,

“Someone Who Understands”.

A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign, advertising the pups and set about nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into the post, he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of a little boy.

Mister,” he said, “I want to buy one of your puppies.”

“Well,” said the farmer, as he rubbed the sweat off the back of his neck, “these puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money.”

The boy dropped his head for a moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer “I’ve got seventy-five cents. Is that enough to take a look?”

“Sure,” said the farmer. And with that the farmer let out a whistle, “Here, Dolly” he called to his pet dog. Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly, followed by four little balls of fur. The little boy pressed his face against the chain link fence. His eyes danced with delight.

As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse.

Slowly another little ball appeared; this one noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a somewhat awkward manner the little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up....

“I want that one,” the little boy said, pointing to the little runt hobbling.

The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and said, “Son, you don't want that puppy, he has a handicap, born with one of his legs missing some bones. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would.”

With that the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up one leg of his trousers. In doing so he revealed a steel brace running down both sides of his leg attaching itself to a specially made shoe. Looking back up at the farmer, he said, "You see sir, I don't run too well myself, and that puppy will need someone who understands him."

Moral of the story : The world is full of people who need someone who understands them and accepts them the way they are. Not all of us are perfect, (I know I am not, contrary to popular belief..lol), but we should not let that hold us back from living life to its fullest. LET US REMEMBER, WE ARE ALL CHILDREN OF OUR DEAR FATHER IN HEAVEN. WE MIGHT NOT BE PERFECT, BUT WE ARE ALL SPECIAL IN OUR OWN WAY .THATS WHAT MAKES THIS WORLD SO SPECIAL AND BEAUTIFUL.

Now, some points to ponder about "Prayer and Faith.

Interesting, how a \$100 "looks" so big when taken to the charity plate, but so small when taken to the mall.

Funny how long it takes to serve G-d for an hour, but how quickly a team plays 60 minutes of basketball.

Interesting, how long a couple of hours spent at prayer are, but how short the same hours are when watching a movie.

Funny how people can't think of anything to say when they pray, but don't have difficulty thinking of things to talk about to a friend.

Interesting, how people get thrilled when a baseball game goes into extra innings but complain when a sermon is longer than the regular time.

Funny how hard it is to read a chapter in the bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a best-selling novel.

Interesting, how people want to get a front seat at any game or concert, but scramble to get a back seat at worship services.

Funny how people need 2 or 3 weeks advance notice to fit a religious event into their schedule, but can adjust their schedule for other events at the last moment.

Interesting, how hard it is for people to learn a simple chapter of the bible well enough to tell others, but how simple it is for the same people to understand and repeat gossip.

Funny how people believe what the newspaper says, but question what the Bible says.

Interesting, how everyone wants to go to heaven provided, they do not have to believe, or to think, or to say, or do anything in service to our Lord.

Funny how people can send a thousand 'jokes' through e-mail and they spread like wildfire, but when you start sending messages

regarding religion, faith and prayer, people question if it is politically correct.

FUNNY AND INTERESTING, ISN'T IT? Just a little something to keep you thinking.

Remember, spread the word and give thanks to the Lord for He is good!

Thanks to each of you, for all that you do, your work is holy, noble and sacred. Our city could not survive without your service

And to conclude, from the "Moshe Files", a little humor to keep you smiling:

"Scared Sleepless"

Shakey went to a psychiatrist. "Doc," he said, I've got trouble. Every time I get into bed, I think there's somebody under it. I get under the bed, and I think there's somebody on top of it. Top, under, top, under. You gotta help me, I'm going crazy!"

"Let me take care of it," said the Doctor. "Come to me three times a week for three months, and I'll cure your fears."

"How much do you charge?" "Two hundred dollars per visit" the Doctor said. "I'll sleep on it," said Shakey.

Six months later the doctor met Shakey on the street. "Why didn't you ever come to see me again?" asked the psychiatrist.

"For two hundred bucks a visit?? A bartender cured me for ten dollars".

"Is that so?" asked the Doctor. "How?"

"He told me to cut the legs off the bed, I did, all is back to normal".... And THAT'S what's called thinking out of the box!

On behalf of ALL your Chaplains, may G-d bless you, keep safe, and always keep you in His loving care. Amen.

Should you need a shoulder to lean on, an ear to listen, or perhaps have some good humor to share, please don't hesitate to give us a call. Your Chaplains are available to you 24/7. Our privilege to assist you any way we can.

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