



From the Desk of Father Peter

Is Our Faith Too Small?

If you were to read the editorial pages of any newspaper in the country today, you would find a variety of opinions about many issues. Not everyone thinks the same way. The various opinions usually depend on the culture, religious traditions, or politics of the people in an area. The same can be said about us Christians; we represent diverse groups of people. While we are many people, we are all one in Christ. However, as with us Christians, there are different spiritual ways to arrive at the place God wants us to be. Remember, like reading editorials, every day we are free to choose the attitude we will bring to that as Christians. This story that someone told me many years ago is a blessing and a lesson for all of us.



“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 in the water. The experienced fisherman watched this go on all day and finally got tired of seeing this man waste such 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,’ such was his intention.”

Sometimes, like that fisherman, we throw back the big plans, big dreams, big jobs, great opportunities that God 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? What specific effort do we take in that direction? How is our church important to us in our every day outlook of things? How do we grow in the faith? We should not be afraid to be open and vulnerable to the Holy Spirit working in us. If we do, we will see God's power more clearly, and readily invite Him into our heart. Each of us is called to be a disciple of encouraging words and of charity, willfully giving of our time, talents, and treasure to support the Church. Each of us is called to be a disciple of welcome to the holy people who come to us, who are sent by God to lead, challenge, and call the world to Christ. One thing that everybody in the world needs is friendliness. It is by our work and support that we, ourselves, are active and vibrant in the ministry of the Church. Whether it's a problem or a possibility, God will never give us anything bigger than we can handle. That means we can confidently walk into anything God brings our way. We can do all things through Christ. Phil 3:13.



*God blessing you all,
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