

**LARMEY PROVINCE [SIVAGANGAI]
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STORY/ INCIDENT TO READ

At the shore of a lake, a child was looking at a fishermen's boat approaching the rocky bank. One of the fishermen hurled a rope from the boat into the sharp rocks of the shore. Once the rope was firmly fixed on one of the rocks, the fisherman began pulling the rope with all his might. The boy turned to his father and asked: "Dad, do you think that this man by pulling the rope will move the rocks closer to the boat?" "Not at all", his father replied. "It's rather the other way about; it is the rocks that will pull the boat closer to them". The rocks do not move. It is the boat that does".

POINTS TO REFLECT

- ❖ It is not we who can move God towards us. It is just the opposite. It is He who moves us towards Him.
- ❖ In our dealings with God, He takes the initiative. We just have to cooperate with Him, by doing a little pulling.
- ❖ It is not so much that it is we who have to find God. We have to allow Him to find us.
- ❖ We have to let go and allow Him to do the rest. In prayer, it is the Spirit of God that pulls us to Himself and makes us sons/daughters of God. "It is by the spirit's power that we cry to God. Father my Father. Abba, Father".
- ❖ Without Him, we can do nothing.

GOSPEL PASSAGE TO MEDITATE

- John 6/44 "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him to me"
- John 14/6 "I am the way, the Truth and the Life. No one goes to the Father except through me."
- John 15/5 "Remain united to me... Without me you can do nothing."
- 2 Cor 6/18 "I will be your Father and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty".
- Rom 8/14-16 "Those who are led by God's Spirit are God's sons... and by the Spirit's power, we cry to God: Abba, Father! Father My Father.
- Gal 4/6-7 "To show that you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of the son into your hearts, the spirit that cries "Abba, Father! Father, my Father".

QUESTIONS TO EVALUATE

1. Has this little story any lessons to teach you about your dealing with God? Which?
2. In your relationship with God, actually, who is coming closer to whom? How and Why?
3. Can we learn something from this story about your prayer life? What?

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