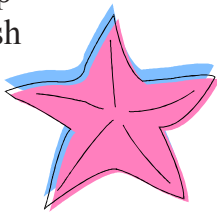


## MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



After an ocean-churning storm, thousands of starfish were washed ashore. A little boy was walking along the beach and throwing these marooned fish back into the water. A more sophisticated man was watching the small savior and felt it was his duty to point out the futility of such an endeavor. He called this boy's attention to the thousands of starfish that lined the beach. He commended the little guy for his compassion but quickly noted, "What you're doing is great, but frankly, it's not going to make much of a difference." The little sage picked up another starfish and said, "Maybe not," as he threw it back into the surf, "but **it sure made a difference for that one.**" The difference one person can make often seems minuscule in comparison with the need at hand, but what you're doing may make a big difference in the life and eternity of one person.



## GOD WILL SUPPLY!

Hudson Taylor had complete confidence in God. He once wrote in his journal: "Our heavenly Father is a very experienced One. He knows very well that his children wake up with a good appetite every morning. He sustained three million Israelites in the wilderness for forty years. We do not expect He will send three million missionaries to China: but if He did, He would have ample means to sustain them all. Depend on it, God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply." (Lamentations 3:23.)

## COMPLAINTS IN HEAVEN?

A new arrival in Heaven was surprised to see a suggestion box along Main Street. He turned to a more seasoned resident and asked, "If everybody is supposed to be happy in heaven, why is there a suggestion box?" The experienced tenant replied, "Because some people aren't really happy unless they can complain."

## DEFINE FAITH?

A minister tried to illustrate the difference between fact and faith. He hit upon a brilliant analogy that involved the congregation to which he was speaking. He said, "It is indeed a fact that you are sitting in the pews. It is also a fact that I am standing behind this pulpit. But it is only by faith that I believe any of you are listening to me."

## DON'T FUDGE!



In England, nearly three hundred years ago, there was a merchant commander named Captain Fudge. This historical figure became famous for his lies and exaggerations about adventures on the high seas. His crew members were so accustomed to his tales that they would call each other "Fudge" when one was straying from the truth. By the mid-1800s, children in America were readily referring to cheating as "fudging." Today many people still use the term when dealing with deception. **Exaggerations are just as deceptive as blatant lies.** "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another." Ephesians 4:25 ["The Greatest Sermon in History," Lee Strobel, Seeds Tape Ministry, Nov. 7, 1993]

## Four Steps To Accomplishment

**First, plan purposefully**  
**Second, prepare prayerfully**  
**Third, proceed positively**  
**Fourth, pursue persistently**