

THE BOAT, THE ROPE AND THE SHORE

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Intent of the Story

In our dealings with God, it is He who takes the initiative. We just have to cooperate with his grace by not putting obstacle in his way.

Self-abandonment into God's hands is the best and surest way to find Him.

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The Story

At the shore of a lake, a child was looking at the 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 the rocks, the fisherman vigorously began pulling the rope

The boy turned to his Dad 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 Dad 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".

THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

Recommended book: "Self abandonment of Fr. De Caussade"

- 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 his grace by not putting obstacles on the way.
- It is not so much that we have to find God. We have to allow him to find us
- We have to let go. He will do the rest.
- In prayer, it is the Spirit of God that pulls us to Himself and makes us Sons 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.