

Do you need a bigger frying pan for catch?

The enjoyment of fishing is possible in western Kansas, but you sure to have to be intentional about it because water just isn't in our backyard if you know what I mean!

But, I keep coming across some good little stories about fishing that speak to life.

Let me ask you about your life. How do you feel about yourself? How do you feel about where you are at?

Like the words to a Switchfoot song, "This is your life. Are you who you want to be?"

Diane Ackerman provides a thought provoking statement for all of us to ponder when she says, "None of us want to get to the end of my life and find that I have just lived the length of it. I want to have lived the width of it as well." That is a good quote isn't it. What is robbing you of seeing your dreams fulfilled?

As I read through the pages of Scripture I see God's dream for hu-



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• moments from calvary

manity. We know that it first began in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 2), when God made man in His image and likeness. That dream seemed to be lost a chapter later when the wrong decision was made, and Adam and Eve ate from the tree they were told not to.

Can you believe it? Who knows how many trees there were, but they hung around the one that they were told not to eat of. There is a lesson for us, quit hanging around the place that you were told not to. Quit hanging around the place that is going to make you stumble. Stop running with the person who is dragging you down and ruining your dreams.

It is like the sign that says, "Do not touch — Wet paint!" What

do we do? We hang out around that sign eventually touching the paint, and we get dirty.

Here is the good news! Though the dream seemed to be lost in that Garden of Eden, it was won in a garden. Jesus on the night of His betrayal while he was praying in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26) won back the dream of what God had in mind for those who would believe in His name. A dream of intimate relationship! How did He win there? Simple, He surrendered His will to the Father's.

What does all that have to do with

fishing? God had a big dream for mankind. Part of that dream consisted of being in unbroken fellowship with the one He created in His image. He had big plans, and when things went south he didn't give up. He didn't come up with plan B. God doesn't have a plan B!

What do you do when your dream or plan doesn't work out like you think they should? Well, maybe this story will help you.

Two men went fishing. One man 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. The experienced

fisherman watched this go on all day and finally got tired of seeing this man waste 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."

Sometimes, like that fisherman, we throw back the big plans, big dreams, big jobs, and big 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?

Whether it's a problem or a possi-

bility, God will never give you anything bigger than you can handle. That means we can confidently walk into anything God brings our way. Philippians 4:13 says that you can do all things through Christ — He'll give you the strength! Nothing is too big for God. Stop telling God you've got big problems, but instead tell your problems to a big God!

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• business tips

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4-Hers compete in talent at Brewster

Sherman County 4-Hers competed at Region 4-H Days Talks and Demonstrations and Talent Night on Friday, April 4, at Brewster High School.

Sunflower 4-H Club got a blue for its model meeting.

Sydney Winston got a blue in public speaking.

Nicole Sederstrom, Dani Mangus, Layne Goodwin, Tyler Neufeld and Tara Pope got blues in their project talks.

Garrett Nemechek, Mikail Freeman got blues in their demonstrations and Goodwin and Cody Hooker got reds.

Amanda Coon and Jed Gray got blues in the vocal solos.

Ashley Anderson and Kinsey Volk got a blue with their vocal duet.

The instrumental quartet of Berkley White, Breanna White, Hope Cochran and Megan Siruta got a blue.

Makayla Kennedy and Christina Stasser got a red in their instrumental duet.

Austin Neufeld, Berkley White and Winston got a blue on their piano solos.

Volk and GERALYN PARKER got a blue on their piano duet.

The Ruleton Eager Beavers got a blue on their skit.

Dusti Chadwick got a blue on his

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