

## Just Do It

One of my favorite stories is about starfish. I am sure many of you know it. A young girl was walking along a beach upon which thousands of starfish had been washed up during a terrible storm. When she came to each starfish, she would pick it up, and throw it back into the ocean. People watched her with amusement. She had been doing this for some time when a man approached her and said, “Little girl, why are you doing this? Look at this beach! You can’t save all these starfish. You can’t begin to make a difference!” The girl seemed crushed, suddenly deflated. But after a few moments, she bent down, picked up another starfish, and hurled it as far as she could into the ocean. Then she looked up at the man and replied, “Well, I made a difference to that one!” (Adapted from *The Star Thrower*, by Loren C. Eiseley)

This country is suffering through the worst natural disaster in its history. As I write this, the fourth largest city in the country is underwater and the storm is moving up the coast of Texas dropping more than four feet of rain on millions of people. Lives lost. Homes and work places destroyed. No electricity for air conditioning in a south Texas summer. No water. No medicine.

We look to God and ask Him to do something. I believe He looks to us and asks US to do something. We, empowered by the Holy Spirit, are meant to do God’s work in this world. Just like the man in Starfish story, it is so easy to be overwhelmed by the magnitude of the disaster. What can I do in the face such massive suffering? But all God asks of us is to do what we can. God does not expect us to solve all the problems. But every little bit will make a difference to someone. I am reminded of the slogan “Just Do It!”. Send one bottle of water; it will make a difference. Give one dollar; it will make a difference. Imagine if a hurricane hit here. Massive damage from the wind and trees and power lines down and flooding and houses destroyed. How much would each of us appreciate a bottle of water. Of just knowing that someone cares.

So I invite us all to get off the couch and go do something, however small. But don’t sit there, **JUST DO IT!**

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