

## **Tuesday Reflection 02 February 2021**

After last week's story about the man in the desert, another one with sand as a background. You might think you already know it, but try and read it with fresh eyes.

*One day an old man was taking his daily walk along the beach, which was covered in starfish stranded by the spring tide. As he walked, he saw a young boy bending down, picking something up and carrying it to the water's edge, and then going back and picking something else up, which he also carried down to the water's edge. As the man drew closer, he saw that the boy was picking up starfish and putting them back in the sea, one by one.*

*Puzzled, the man approached the boy and asked what he was doing. Without looking up, the boy replied "I'm saving these starfish."*

*The old man chuckled out loud, "Son, there are thousands of starfish, and only one of you. What difference can you make?"*

*The boy picked up another starfish, carried it down to the water and gently tossed it into the sea. He turned to the man and said "I made a difference to that one."*

Now ask yourself honestly which of the two characters you identify with.

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