

THE MAN IN THE HOLE

There was a guy walking down the street and he heard a voice “help, help” and he began to look around for it. Finally he looked down and here was a man in a hole. He being a nice fellow said “here hold out your hand and I’ll help you out of that hole.” He reached and reached and the man in the hole did also but he was just too far down to grab the offered hand. The good Samaritan fellow said, “well, I’ll send help to you as soon as I can,” and he walked away to find help for him.

Meanwhile along came a Priest. Now this Priest was a very loving, caring, truly believing fellow. He also heard a voice crying “help, help!” He looked around and around and finally he looked down and saw this guy in the hole. He reached out to the fellow and said “here grab my hand and I’ll help you get out of that hole!” The poor fellow reached and the priest reached but neither of them could quite touch hands enough to get the guy out of the hole. So the Priest did the next best thing for the poor guy - he prayed, and prayed to God to help the fellow get out of the hole and then he left.

After awhile, here comes another guy walking down the street and as he walked along, light of heart, and happy, he also heard a voice crying for help. “Help, help the voice went.” He also looks around and finally spots the man in the hole. He looks at him for a minute, he grins, and then he says, here I’ll help you and he proceeds to jump into the hole with the fellow. The guy in the hole says, why’d you do that? Now we are both stuck in this hole! The happy guy says to him, “Oh no, I’m not stuck, I’ve been here myself, I know the way out.... I’ll help you get out!”

-Written from memory as heard at a meeting somewhere by Sober Cat