

The Salesman and the Pope

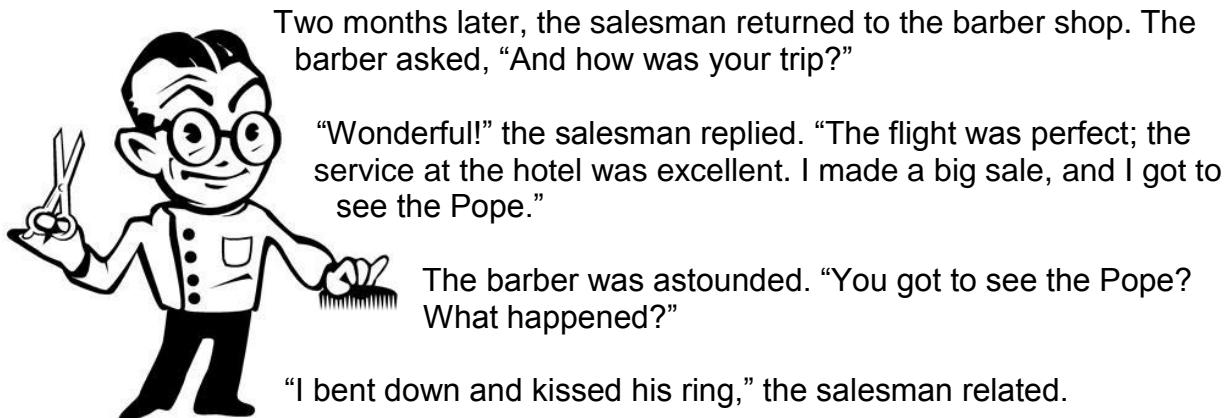
A salesman, visiting his barber for a haircut, mentioned that he was about to take a trip to Rome.

The barber, who came from Italy, said, "Rome is a terribly overrated city. What airline are you taking, and what hotel are you staying at?"

When the salesman answered the questions, the barber criticized the airline for being undependable, and the hotel for having horrible service. He added: "You'd be better off to stay at home."

To which the salesman insisted, "I'm expecting to close a big deal, and then I'm going to see the Pope."

The barber shook his head and said, "You'll be disappointed trying to do business in Italy, and I wouldn't count on seeing the Pope. He only grants audiences to very important people."



"No kidding!" said the barber. "And what did he say?"

"Well," the salesman explained, "he looked down at my head and then said to me, 'My son, where did you ever get such a lousy haircut?'"

No doubt, you know people who have negative comments to make about most any subject. And each of us – like the salesman – relish the opportunity to "put them in their place," offering a zinger that we hope will provide a wakeup call for any positivity that may be dwelling within them.

And if nothing else, perhaps this story offers a lighthearted start to your day.

– Beecher Hunter