"Whatever YOU want"

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WORD OF LIFE

From a commentary by Chiara Lubich – Adapted by the Gen 3 Center

"Not what I want, but what you want"

(*Mk* 14:36)

in depth...

Jesus teaches us that God the Father has a plan of love for each one of us. He loves us and we believe in his love. **If we respond to him with *our* love, he will make all things work for the good.** For Jesus nothing happened by chance, not even his passion and death.

Because then he rose from the

The example of the Risen Lord should give light to our lives.

We need to learn how to see everything that happens to us, everything around us that makes us suffer, as something that is either God's will or something he permits. We know that he always loves us.

Then everything makes sense, and everything is extremely useful, even those things which at the moment seem incomprehensible or even absurd.

The will of God is his word which continuously speaks to us and invites us to follow him. It's the way he expresses his love for us. It's how he gives us the fullness of his life.

If we live his will, everything changes in us.

Instead of only hanging out with people we like, we go out towards anyone whom God's will puts in our path.

Instead of preferring to do things *we* like to do, we wait for what the will of God suggests to us, and prefer that.

To be totally projected into the divine will of each moment (saying, "whatever you want") will allow us to be detached from everything and even from our own selfish desires ("not what I want"). It's not that we make any effort to be detached, but when we look for God alone, everything else is put into perspective.

Therefore our joy will be full. It's enough to immerse ourselves in the moment that passes and in that

fulfill what

This is what happened to: **Lorenz** from Germany

One day I heard that my mom had to undergo a medical test. It wasn't serious and yet I felt very worried about it, since my aunt had recently been diagnosed with cancer and my grandmother had died of cancer. So the days waiting for the results were terrible for me. **It was so hard to feel so insecure.**

Besides, my mom didn't want to talk about it - she just kept saying that it would all go well. Instead I saw just the opposite and imagined the worst. I kept asking myself, "What if she has cancer?" In that period I wasn't going to church because I wasn't "getting anything out of it." I felt other things were more important. But in those days, when I felt so insecure, I started to pray again. It had been a long time since I said my prayers at night and I started to pray for my mom and our whole family. **I felt strongly the presence of Jesus and I was able to give him my suffering. Even though the pain remained, I found once more the ability to love.**

I am committed to…

give a smile, carry out the job that has been given to me, organize some activity.

Let's love those who are suffering nearby and

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