TO LOVE YOU IN EVERY MOMENT

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WORD OF LIFE

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

«Follow me»

(Mt 9:9)

In depth...

Throughout the centuries Jesus has called to himself men and women from every nation and people. **He does it today, too. He comes into our lives, he meets us in different places and in different ways, and he makes us feel once again his invitation to follow him.** He calls us to stay with Him because he wants to have a personal relationship with us and at the same time he asks us **to collaborate with him in the great plan of a new humanity.**

He pays no attention to our weak points, our sins, our limitations. He loves us and chooses us just the way we are.

His love will transform us and give us the strength to answer his call, and the courage to follow him.

YOU CAN FEEL HIM IN YOUR HEART THROUGH AN INSPIRATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, OR THROUGH CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, OR THROUGH THE ADVICE OF SOMEONE WHO CARES ABOUT YOU.

Even though he comes to us in many different ways, he is always saying the same thing: "Follow me!"

And for each one of us he has a special plan of love, a particular project for our life.

How can we answer him concretely?

By doing whatever God wants of us in the present moment, which always brings with it a special grace. Our commitment this month, then, will be to give ourselves over to the will of God with determination. To give ourselves to everyone around us, both at home or at school, or in our prayers, or when we are having fun, or in any other activity.

Learn to listen deep in your heart to the voice of God speaking to you. This means the voice of your conscience, too, because it tells you what he wants from you in every moment, so be ready to sacrifice everything to do it fully.

"HELP US TO LOVE YOU, GOD, IN EVERY PRESENT MOMENT, WITH OUR WHOLE HEART, SOUL AND STRENGTH BY DOING WHAT IS YOUR WILL FOR US."

This is the best way to follow Jesus.

OUR EXPERIENCES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

This is what happened to... **Clarence,** from Australia

One day, when I got home from school, I had very little time to do my homework. I was really tired and I still had to do my chores around the house. I ate dinner right away, washed the dishes and did the other jobs I had to do.

Then I went right to study because I had a history assignment due the next day and it counted a lot towards my final grade. That's why I really wanted to do a good job on it. While I was working, my little sister asked me to help her with her homework. She asked me three times and every time I said No. Then I realized that helping her was my chance to give of myself and love. So I stopped worrying about my own assignment and for twenty minutes, I worked with her. At the end I was really happy. I went back to my work – it was already 10:30 and I still had three pages to write! So I asked Jesus to help me write a good paper. I finished it in 15 minutes! Without worrying anymore, I went straight to bed, fell asleep right away and handed in my assignment the next day. To my surprise I got the highest mark and the teacher told me that he had never met anyone with ideas like mine! I went to Mass and I made my promise to Jesus - I had followed him by doing his will and he had helped me!

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