



Blessed are ...

...the PEACEMAKERS

my father died as a victim of the war, and ever since I was a young child I felt responsible to take care of my mother and two younger sisters.



During school vacation, I had to work hard to support my family. I worked 10 hours every day and only earned \$1.50 a week!

Once they paid me even less than what we had agreed upon. I wanted to react violently because my wage was already so low and what they did was wrong, but I immediately remembered my commitment to build a different world, and that I had chosen the art of loving as the rule of my life.

I tried not to judge them and waited for the next day to ask for the rest of the money. When the store owner realized he had made a mistake, he was very apologetic and our relationship was not broken. It has actually become even more beautiful.

Another guy who works with me hadn't spoken to me for a few days and had an aggressive attitude towards me.

"First to love" I said to myself, and so I went to buy him an ice cream cone.

He was very surprised and asked me why I had done that. I just said, "Because I love peace."

From that moment on he has become a loyal friend and together we share the same goals in life.

With these two experiences, I've seen that the small acts of love are the ones that transform relationships, creating the peace that we all want to live in ourselves and among us.



R. From the Middle East

>> In His Place!

WORD OF LIFE

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2 Cor 5:20

«... ON BEHALF OF CHRIST, BE RECONCILED TO GOD»



GOD HAS GIVEN US THE TASK OF BRINGING OTHER PEOPLE, TOO, TO BE RECONCILED WITH HIM, BY ENTRUSTING TO EACH CHRISTIAN THE GREAT RESPONSIBILITY OF GIVING WITNESS TO HIS LOVE FOR EVERYONE.

"ON BEHALF OF CHRIST" MEANS "IN HIS NAME, IN HIS PLACE."

HOW? BY LIVING WITH HIM AND LIKE HIM. LET'S LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS HE HAS LOVED US, WITHOUT BEING CLOSED IN ON OURSELVES OR BEING PREJUDICED IN ANY WAY, BUT ALWAYS OPEN TO ACCEPT AND APPRECIATE THE POSITIVE VALUES OF OUR NEIGHBORS, EVEN READY TO GIVE OUR LIVES FOR THEM.

IF EVERYTHING WE DO, EVERY GESTURE, EVERY WORD, EVERY ATTITUDE IS FILLED WITH LOVE, WE WILL BE LIVING LIKE JESUS. LIKE HIM, WE WILL BE BEARERS OF JOY AND HOPE, BRINGING PEACE AND HARMONY, WHICH IS WHAT ALL CREATION IS WAITING FOR: A WORLD RECONCILED TO GOD.



LIVING THESE WORDS MEANS TRYING TO LEAD OTHERS TO UNITY WITH GOD, TO BE PEOPLE WHO BRING PEACE.



A LOVE THAT

CANNOT REMAIN

CLOSED UP

WITHIN US



PEACEMAKER



I WILL COLOR A LOCK EACH TIME THAT I OPENED UP MY HEART TO SEE AND APPRECIATE THE POSITIVE VALUES OF OTHERS.

