

**«You have one teacher and you are all students»**

«Why look for the truth when it is living and incarnate in Jesus, the God-man? If you are attracted to the truth, leave everything, look for him and follow him». This is the conclusion Chiara came to when she was still a young woman and was searching for the truth.

**SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH**

With her first companions, she started to read the Gospel. They found that its words are «unique, eternal, fascinating». They are not something from the past, like the words of an important person in history, but they are words that Jesus directs to me, to us, to every person of every time and place.

**IS JESUS REALLY OUR TEACHER?**

Many people, even great teachers, propose to us ideas and ways of life. Famous poets, philosophers and politicians often say very good things to inspire us. But the words of Jesus are so much more profound and captivating! If we put them into practice, they give us the fullness of life, God's life itself within us. If they penetrate into our heart and soul, they transform us completely and give us the mentality of Jesus. Jesus truly becomes our teacher.

**SHARING EXPERIENCES**

We should read the Word of Life together because Jesus himself lives in the midst of those who are gathered in his name and who will suggest to us how to live it. Then we can share our experiences of living it. Chiara says that when they started to live the Gospel, «we felt the duty of communicating to the others what we had experienced. **We knew that if we gave the experience it would remain in us, and would increase our interior life, whereas if we didn't give it, our soul would gradually shrivel up.** Therefore, we lived the word every moment of the day and shared the experiences, not only among ourselves, but with everyone else who joined that first group. (...) When we lived it, it was no longer I who lived, nor «we», but rather the Word lived in me, the Word lived in the group. It was the Christian revolution in action, with all the consequences that come from it».

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**Our Experiences**



**it's our Life**

**CRISTINA (Italy)**

**Sadness clouded my vision!**

Ever since Monday morning my week had not been going very well - no one seemed to understand me. I had the strong feeling that no one was supporting me or taking my side.

I was almost convinced of this and getting so used to this idea that I was sure that no matter what I said or did, someone would disagree with me. I couldn't see anything good or positive in my days. All the beautiful things of the past didn't seem beautiful anymore. My sad and selfish thoughts were clouding my vision!

Then on Sunday I went to Mass and suddenly I realized that the light I was missing, the one I really needed, was the Word of God! The Word of God had been with me all the time during the week, but I was so closed in on myself and sad, that I had not listened to it. I had not allowed Jesus to enter into me and accomplish His divine will for me.

I was extremely happy that this encounter with God had given me back desire for the true Life! His Word and his presence in me gave me the strength to live day by day. I accepted his will joyfully, giving witness to everyone that His love for each person is immense and never stops, even when we don't let ourselves be loved by him! With the strength that I gained from this experience, I realized that in order to live the Word, I had to start again with one of my classmates. For no reason she was being mean to me and always responded badly. I had answered her badly, too. But thanks to this experience, I realized that I was not loving her as I would love Jesus, who is also in her, even though she says she doesn't believe in God. So I decided to love her even more so that she can feel how much God loves her and supports her in everything. I hope she will see how beautiful it is to live with him!

**This is the light I needed! The Word of God!**