

BEING JOYFUL...

AT SCHOOL

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There are so many kids in my class that four of us have to share one desk.

Every morning I have to get there very early to get a seat because otherwise I would have to sit way in the back where I can't hear anything.

One day, when I came into the room, there was a girl sitting on my seat. **"Throw her books on the floor and tell her to leave,"** suggested my classmates who couldn't wait to have the first fight of the day.

But I have never believed that peace is achieved through war and I also kept thinking about the **Golden Rule, "Do to others as you would have them do to you."** In fact, if I were in her place, I would have liked to have a seat.

I took my things and moved towards the back. Meanwhile, everyone was teasing and making fun of me: **"You're weak! You let yourself be frightened by a bully."**

That girl stopped talking to me, because she thought I was mad at her. I felt I had to "fight" back – but in my way. So I started saying "Hi" when I saw her, and got interested in what she liked, until one day, after explaining some homework to her, she asked me: "How do you manage to be like this?" I told her about the "Golden Rule" and we became best friends.

And that was just the beginning!

ESTHELLE

DOUALA, Cameroon



>> Gives joy!

WORD OF LIFE

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«AND REMEMBER, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE END OF THE AGE»
(Mt 28:20)

BECAUSE JESUS IS LOVE, HE MUST HAVE THOUGHT TO HIMSELF: "I WOULD LIKE TO BE WITH HUMAN BEINGS ALWAYS, I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE EVERY WORRY WITH THEM, I WOULD LIKE TO COUNSEL THEM, I WOULD LIKE TO WALK WITH THEM ALONG THE STREETS, ENTER THEIR HOMES, GIVE THEM NEW JOY WITH MY PRESENCE."

JESUS SPOKE THESE WORDS TO HIS DISCIPLES AFTER HE HAD GIVEN THEM THE TASK OF BRINGING HIS MESSAGE TO THE WHOLE WORLD.

THAT'S WHY HE DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE THEM ALONE IN THEIR MISSION.

IF WE LIVE WHAT HE ASKS OF US, ESPECIALLY HIS NEW COMMANDMENT, WE CAN EXPERIENCE HIS PRESENCE EVEN WHEN WE ARE NOT IN CHURCH. WE WILL FEEL HIM WITH US IN THE MIDST OF PEOPLE, EVERYWHERE.



I LOOK

FOR YOU

IN EVERY

NEIGHBOR

ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER, SHARING THE SUFFERINGS, ANXIETIES AND JOYS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

WITH THE JOY

OF KNOWING

THAT JESUS

IS BESIDE ME

IN EVERY MOMENT

I SHARE SOMEONE'S JOYS OR SORROWS

