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«IF YOU ARE
LED BY THE SPIRIT
J ARE NOT SUBJECT
TO THE LAW»
(GAL 5:18)



We are Called to Build Relationships of Peace.



What does it mean to live the Law and be guided by the Holy Spirit?

The apostle Paul wrote: «The whole law is summed up in a single commandment: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.» (Gal 5:14).

If we let ourselves be guided by the Spirit of **God's Love, we will** discover true freedom. **Following Jesus' example,** 

## we are called

to love everyone, to be the first to love, to love the others as we love ourselves, and even to love our enemy. **«It's love** that moves us to action, gives us ideas of how to respond to different situations and helps us make the choices we are called to make

It's love that teaches us how to distinguish between good and evil, so we can say, 'This is good, I'll do it, this is bad, I won't do it.'

It's love that urges us to act for the good of other people. We are not led by someone outside of us, but rather by the Holy Spirit who is in our hearts and who instills in us the law of a new life.

Love unifies our heart, mind, strength and all our talents so that we can 'walk in harmony with the Holy Spirit' and serve God's plan for each of us and for society. We are free to love<sup>1</sup>».

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THE LOVE THAT COMES FROM GOD URGES US TO ACT RESPONSIBLY -IN OUR FAMILY, AT SCHOOL, WITH OUR FRIENDS, EVERYWHERE.



I would like to share an experience that I am still living now.

I am the second of five children. I received a good solid Christian education. Every Sunday, my whole family went to Mass together.

However, things did not always go well in my family, which probably happens in a lot of families, and a couple of years ago, my dad left us. Ever since he left home, I never managed to talk to him.

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The hardest thing about living it was certainly the relationship with my dad.

The fact that my parents

separated had been a very big blow for me. I felt that I would never be able to forgive him on my own and so I went to church and asked Jesus to help me to love my dad. I went home, picked up the phone and called him.

I made a huge effort not to judge him, and didn't say anything about the separation. I just wanted it to be a nice conversation.

When we finished the phone call, I felt great peace in my heart!

The pain hasn't gone away, because the situation is the same - my parents are still separated.

But I understood that every little gesture of love for the person next to me is a small step toward bringing peace to the world.

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