

“Listen, I am standing at the door and knocking. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you and you with me.” (Rev 3:20)



# Listen to the Voice Within You

This Word of Life invites us to **welcome** an unexpected guest.

Jesus comes to us every day disguised in different “clothes.” **He is in our everyday sufferings, in the difficulty of being faithful to our commitments, in the challenges of making the right choices in life, but in particular, he is hidden within each person we meet along our way.**

**To hear his voice, we have to silence all the other loud voices within us.** That is the only way to understand what he is telling us. He is the only one who can free us from all our fears. He helps us **open the door of our hearts.**

## Love that keeps growing

«We have to silence everything else within us in order to discover the voice of the Holy Spirit in our heart. And then we have to extract that voice, like a diamond from the mud. We have to clean it, put it on display and give it to others at the right time, because it is love and love has to be given. It is like fire that, in contact with straw or any other fuel, burns. Otherwise, it goes out. Love has to grow and overflow in us»<sup>1</sup>.

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**WHEN CHRISTIANS LIVE MUTUAL LOVE, WHICH IS REQUIRED BY THE GOSPEL, THEY CAN BE, WITH JESUS AND LIKE HIM, WITNESSES TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN ALL THE EVENTS OF OUR WORLD. HE IS PRESENT IN WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST AND NOW, TOO.**

# Our Experiences:

With the influx of refugees in a city near her country’s border, Delia got involved personally. She told us: «It was a hot Sunday afternoon, when I saw, outside my coffee shop, a large group of mothers sitting on the sidewalk holding their young children, who were crying because they were hungry.

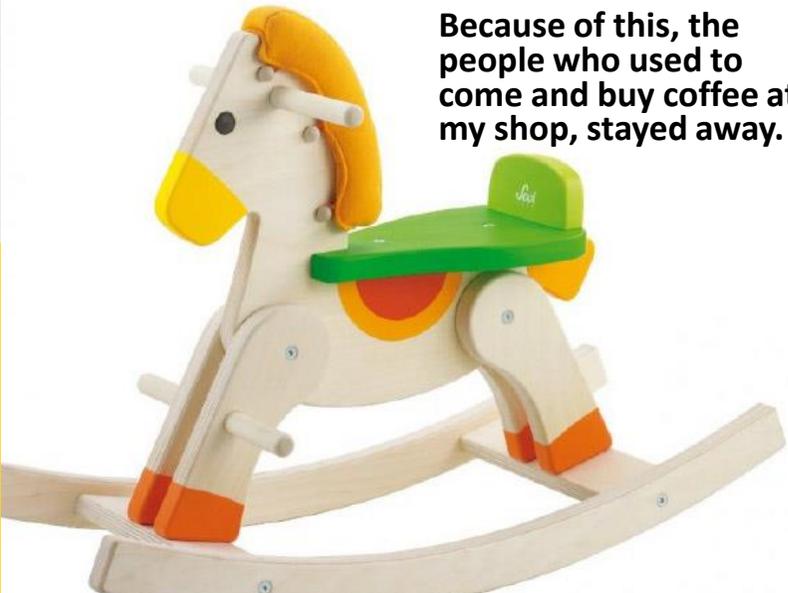
**I invited them in and said I would give them food for their children and that they didn’t have to pay.**



The women were embarrassed because they didn’t have any money, but I insisted and finally they accepted.

**FROM THEN ON, THE WORD SPREAD AND MY SHOP IS NOW A PLACE WHERE THE REFUGEES COME TO BUY WHAT THEY NEED. THE MAJORITY OF THEM ARE MUSLIM AND THEY CALL ME THEIR “AFRICAN MAMMA”.**

**Because of this, the people who used to come and buy coffee at my shop, stayed away.**



So the room I had reserved for the elderly people to play board games, became a playroom for the children, where they can draw and play. I also put in a changing table for the mothers who need to change their babies. It is a place where the mothers can relax, or else they can also learn the language of our country.

**I DID ALL THIS BECAUSE I REALIZED I COULDN’T TURN MY BACK ON THESE PEOPLE AND LOOK THE OTHER WAY. THANKS TO THESE IMMIGRANTS, I HAVE MET A LOT OF WONDERFUL PEOPLE AND AM NOW WORKING WITH VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE HELPING ME TO CONTINUE ASSISTING THEM.**

**If I had to do it all over again, I would do exactly the same thing. For me, the important thing is to always GIVE!».**

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