Living the Gospel

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«See, I have come to do your will»
(Heb 10:9)

This sentence tells us the secret of Jesus' life. It helps us to see the GOLDEN THREAD that linked all the stages of his earthly life, starting with his life in Nazareth, then the temptations by the devil, then his preaching and miracles, and finally his death on the cross.

In every moment, in every situation, Jesus tried to do just one thing:

To fulfill the will of his Father, who is Love.

The most important thing in life is to do God's will and not our own. We have to learn to say no to ourselves and say yes to him.

Real love for God does not consist in nice words, or good feelings, but in obeying his commandments.

This is one of the Words of the Gospel that shows us that we have to go against the current of the world, because it is a natural tendency to do what we want, to follow our own instincts and desires. Instead we have to do what God wants for us.

«LIVING THIS WORD OF LIFE LEADS US ON A DIVINE ADVENTURE»

EXPERIENCE

I go to a boarding school, which is far from my home. During my first four years, my brother and sister were there too and it made me very happy to have someone from my family in the same school. In my fifth year, however, I was alone and felt very homesick for my family. I was so sad that nothing could make me happy. One day, with the other students, we read the Word of Life: «SEE, I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL». I understood that God had put me in that situation so that I could learn to see that everyone around me is a gift for me. And I also realized that I could be a gift for them, loving each one as if they were my brother or sister.

So I said «No!» to my selfish thoughts and «Yes!» to Jesus. I started to love the others at school in many practical, concrete ways. I felt I had been freed from a huge burden that I was carrying around and had great joy in my heart. I didn't feel homesick anymore because I had discovered a much bigger family right there in my school!

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