

Living the Gospel

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“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

(Jn 13:34)

When did Jesus say these words?

It was on the night before he died. He was speaking to his disciples for the last time and gave them his final message. So you can see how important these words are! We never forget the last words of our father just before he dies, so how can we forget these words of Jesus who is God and was giving up his life for us? **But how will he remain with us?**

He told us:

«For where two or three are gathered in my name (which means loving one another), there am I among them» (Mt 18:20).

Therefore, in a community that bases its whole life on mutual love, he can be present and continue to reveal himself to us and have an impact on the world.

Isn't that great?

Don't you want to start right now to love like this?



Right after this, Jesus told them:

«By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another» (Jn 13:35).

The uniform of true disciples of Jesus is mutual love which leads to unity.

Jesus wants to tell you what should be the basis of your whole life. **Before working, before studying, before any activity, be sure that you are living mutual love with others.**

JESUS TELLS US
THAT HIS
COMMANDMENT
IS «NEW» -
MADE FOR «NEW
TIMES.»



EXPERIENCE

To live the art of loving at school means that I have to start loving in the little things, like saying “Good Morning” to someone with a smile, or lending a pen, or explaining a lesson to a classmate who didn't understand it.

A while ago, I did all I could to get to know a girl everyone thought was conceited. When I got to know her, I realized that she had been judged wrongly. She was struck by the way I was living, but when she got to know the Teens4Unity, she told me, «I always wondered why you acted the way you did, but now I understand. I want to love others, too».

One day, when I was inviting my class to a party of the Teens4Unity, my teacher asked me, «What would you do if I told you I don't want to build a united world?» Before I could answer, one of my classmates told him: «Don't worry! We'll take care of it!» I was surprised and happy because now I wasn't alone anymore in my school to believe in a united world and live for it!

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THIS IS WHY I WILL DO TO BUILD A UNITED WORLD:

