



WORD OF LIFE

At the end of the school year, the best students in each class get a scholarship.



This year I was the first in my class and so I had the right to get the scholarship.

But in my class there is a boy who is much poorer than me and he came in second, so he didn't get the prize. Without the scholarship he would have to stop going to school because his family couldn't afford it.

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So I decided to talk to the principal and offer my first place to him so that he could keep going to school.



The principal accepted my proposal and this made me really happy because I felt that if Jesus were in my place, he would have done the same thing.

Living the Word of Life, I often see that God immediately sends his personal and special love for me.

In fact, when it came time to register for the next year, my dad received providence to pay for my tuition!

I felt so much joy and peace because I was convinced that I had done the will of God which is to love others all the time.

God's love never makes us wait for long.

(Emmanuel – Colombia)



RULE OF LIFE 9

"The water I shall give will become in him a spring of water, welling up to eternal life."

Read the Gospel of John, chapter 4, verses 13-14.

Just like the desert blooms only after an abundant rainfall, the seeds buried in us at baptism will sprout only if they are "watered" with the word of God.

How can we get the "water" that Jesus gives?

By being sure that we are living his words, by trying to think the way he thinks and by loving with his heart.

Every time we try to live the Gospel, it's like drinking a drop of living water.



Every gesture of love for others is like taking a big gulp of that water.

Yes, because the water Jesus gives is so alive and so special that it wells up in us **every time we open our heart to others and love them.** God fills us with his "living water" in the measure that we give it away to others by doing small or big acts of love. **We have understood that we won't be thirsty ourselves if we keep giving it away.**

All that's needed is a smile or a word or a simple gesture of understanding that will give us again the feeling of being full, deeply satisfied and overflowing with joy.

And if we keep on giving, this fountain of peace and love will keep giving us life in abundance and will never dry up.



IN ACTION

Let's open our hearts in love towards everyone. How?

By looking at everything that happens to us during the day and asking ourselves, "What would Jesus do in my place?"



We can make lots of copies of this question mark and put them where we can see them, like on our computer screen, in a book we use, on our bike handlebars, in our bedroom. This will help us to remember to live the Word of Life and keep our commitment to loving.

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