

Let's live like this..

A «dive»
into joy!

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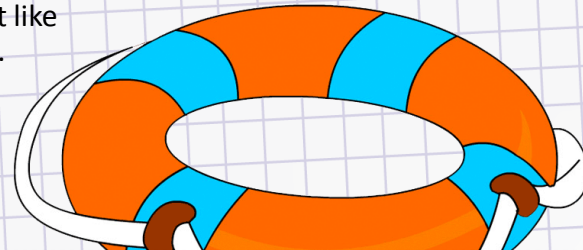


In the summer I often went to visit my grandmother, because in her apartment building there's a big swimming pool, and sometimes I invited my friends for a swim there.

Usually I would just pass by my grandmother's apartment to say hello and give her quick kiss, because I really don't like being with elderly people.

Then one day I heard inside me a voice saying that I shouldn't act like this and that I have to love her more. So I went to her apartment, and instead of going right to the pool, I stayed with her and asked her questions about her life. Amazingly, I wasn't bored!

I felt that when I gave her a kiss after that conversation, something was different between us, and inside my heart I experienced a great joy.



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«I have become all things to all people»
(1 Cor 9:22)

The apostle Paul wrote this sentence to the community of Corinth, explaining why **he tries to be "one" with all kinds of people**, so as to bring them the joy and new life of the Gospel.

How could he do this?

Paul **tried to love everyone**, putting himself at the service of all, just like Jesus did.

Can you explain that better?

Chiara Lubich, summed up this phrase of Paul with the expression, "**make yourself one**" with others; "**live what the other person is living.**"

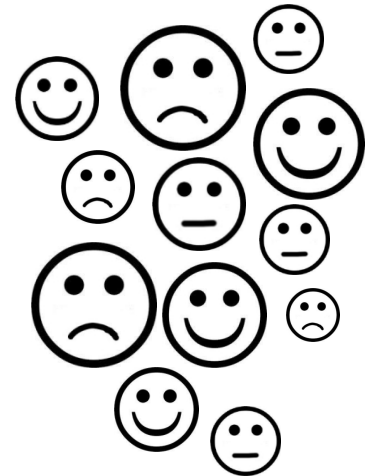
"To live the other person's life"?
How can you do that?

I'm sure you've already experienced it. **When someone is crying, we cry with them and when they laugh, we laugh, too.**

So, if I understand correctly, it means that when my brother gets a good grade at school, I am as happy as if I got that good grade myself. Or when a friend is sad, I stay with him, just like I want someone with me when I am living through a sad moment.

Yes, just like that!

Share what the other person is living ...



Every time you share another person's joy or sorrow, color a smiling face.

SHARE

THE JOY

AND THE SUFFERINGS