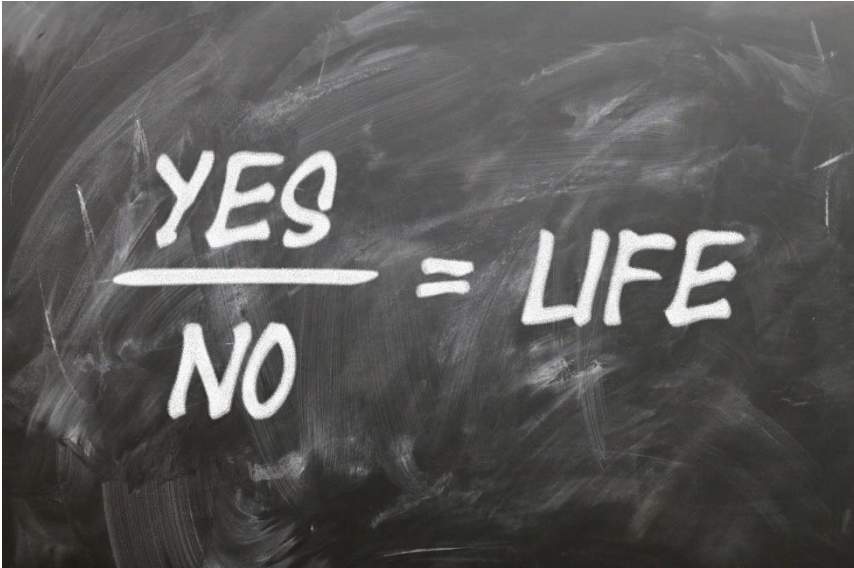


**MAY YOUR WISDOM MAKE LIFE OVERFLOW**



**IN KIND GESTURES**

**SETTING**

Dear God, being with you, the soul is being comforted and the whole being is unified in unison, in the concrete detail that moves life. With you everything looks different, possible, close, and more human. Facing life from the talent that you give us makes us simply more human, closer, and more brotherhood.

Your steps accompany our steps passing from meaningless to profound meaning, from lifeless to life, from black to white.

The yes in the no, is life. The yes of divine wisdom that becomes life in each gesture made and each word pronounced.

Your YES to the Father's design is our reference to unite our little yes to yours.

A new way of living the following of Jesus, from the mature and responsible freedom that grows every day. Let us celebrate life.

## **SONG. Living waters flow on – RFI**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XO5qRKoks8Y>

## **GOSPEL – Matthew 5, 17-37**

”Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law and the Prophets. I have not come to abolish, but to fulfil. Yes, I assure you: heaven and earth will pass before a single tittle of the Law passes without everything happening. Therefore, whoever transgresses one of these smallest commandments and thus teaches it to men, will be the smallest in the Kingdom of Heaven; instead, whoever observes and teaches them, that one will be great in the Kingdom of Heaven. Because I tell you that if your justice is not greater than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. “You have heard that it was said to the ancestors: You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be accused before the court. For I say to you, everyone who is angry with his brother will be guilty before the court; but whoever calls his brother "fool" will be accused before the Sanhedrin; and whoever calls him "renegade" will be liable to the hell of fire. If, then, when presenting your offering at the altar, you then remember that one of your brothers has something against you, leave your offering there, before the altar, and go first to be reconciled with your brother; then you come back and present your offering. Get on good terms with your adversary right away while you go with him on the road; lest your adversary hand you over to the judge and the judge to the guard, and they put you in prison. I assure you: you will not leave there until you have paid the last penny. You have heard that it was said: You shall not commit adultery. Well, I tell you: Everyone who looks at a woman longing for her, has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If therefore your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away from you; it is better for you that one of your members should be lost, than that your whole body be thrown into the prison. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away from you; it is better for you that one of your members should be lost, than that your whole body should go to hell. It was also said: Whoever repudiates his wife let him give her a divorce certificate. For I say to you: Everyone who repudiates his wife, except in the case of fornication, makes her adulteress; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. You have also heard that it was said to the ancestors: You shall not perjure yourself, but you shall fulfil your oaths to the Lord. Well, I say that you do not swear in any way: neither by Heaven, because it is the throne of God, nor by Earth, because it is the footstool for his feet; nor by Jerusalem, because it is the city of the great king. Don't swear by your head either, because you cannot make a single hair black or white. Let your language be: "Yes, yes"; "no, no": that what happens here comes from the Evil One.”

## **Let us deepen in the gospel the gospel**

And it is true, the Kingdom advances, slowly but surely: this is the heart of our faith. It is true that this is not done in a few tens of years. We must count on time: God chose a people like the others and revealed himself little by little over the centuries, and we must recognize that a long way has been travelled in this regard. First in discovering of God and also in the relationship with other human beings. The ideals of justice, freedom, brotherhood replace, little by little, the law of the strongest and the instinct for revenge.

This slow work of conversion of the heart of man has been the work of the Law given by God to Moses: the first commandments were simple pivots that indicated, in some way, the vital minimum, so that life in society could simply be possible: not to kill oneself, not to steal, not to lie... Later, throughout the centuries, the Law was polished and specified to the extent that moral demands progressed.

And Jesus is part of this progression; he does not suppress what was previously acquired, but perfects it: "it has been said to you... but I tell you". In other words, it is not a question of erasing the previous stages, but rather it is a question of going through another stage: "I have not come to abolish, but to fulfil". First stage: you will not kill, second stage: you will forbid even anger and go towards forgiveness. In another domain, first stage: you will not commit the act of adultery, second stage: you will forbid yourself from even thinking about doing it and you will educate your gaze to purity. Finally, in terms of promises: first stage: you will not swear falsely, second stage: you will not swear, that the words that come out of your mouth are true.

In love, go far, always further, that is true wisdom! Jesus invites us to overcome a stage so that the Kingdom arrives. Curious, but very much in accordance with the entire biblical tradition, the fact that these renewed commandments of Jesus all point to relationships with others. On reflection, one understands that it is not strange: if God's loving design, as Saint Paul says, is to unite all of us in Jesus Christ, all the efforts we make in favour of fraternal unity contribute to the fulfilment of God's project, that is, at the coming of his Kingdom. It is not enough to say: "May your Kingdom come", Jesus has just told us how, in little things, but surely, we can all contribute to this undertaking.

## **Imaginative Contemplation**

- Read the text slowly, meditate and listen to each word. Imagine the situation.
- What words have remained in your heart? Which ones do you hear says something to you?
- How can you contribute with your actions to the coming of the Kingdom?

**AMBIENTAL MUSIC. Taizé - Tu sei sorgente viva (Accompaniment)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NM3HIoq-Tv8>

## YOU INSPIRE MY LIFE

### TO BE WISDOM

#### Yes THAT IS YES

When the morning  
Wakes me up, I say Yes.  
In the restful silence  
In the afternoon, I say Yes.  
When you call me  
To every woman, I say Yes.  
When I discover you  
In the poor, I say Yes.  
Say yes to YES.  
Every time in your name  
I am a word that empowers.  
I say yes.  
Every time from your wisdom  
Project meeting over the other.  
I say yes.  
Every time charity  
It is my daily gesture.  
I say yes.  
Doing well,  
Being good news every day.  
I say yes.  
To you, to the Kingdom, to the  
concretion

Of grace, on the path of life.  
In injustice, in contempt,  
In thoughtlessness,  
In not recognizing you.  
I say no.  
No to all forms of  
discrimination,  
Of abuse, mistreatment,  
indignity.  
The person that you want  
I love her  
Unique, unrepeatable,  
transparent.  
In the revolutionary Yes of love,  
You are.  
I dream of you, I look for you, I  
love you.  
With you my little yes  
It becomes part of your Yes.  
In life I want to be  
The gesture and the close word,  
That puts light in the dark,  
This is security and confidence.

#### SONG.BECAUSE HE LIVES - Scott Howe

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W00IPxg4xQ>



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