

TO BE WITH YOU



YOU, LIFE, MY LIFE

SETTING.

A time for You, Lord, that's where my life and my energy start. To stop and admire all the good You have done me in order to take again the mission You call and send me to, every day.

To love serving, what better happiness there is in being a little light that shines for others to see!

Loving and loving each other, in a continuous flow of sensations and experiences that silence what is relative to focus what is important and what is necessary from so many who seek You and want to make the light their own.

SONG.

Loving till the end, by Maite Lopez

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8G4_-D0No

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN: JN 15,9-17.

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my Friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.”

DEEPENING THE TEXT.

“I have told you these things so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be fulfilled.” This is the good news of our text! When Jesus speaks to the apostles about him, it is to fill them with joy. And the reason for this joy is that the life of Jesus has been nothing but love, like his Father: “As the Father has loved me, I have loved you too.” We are fully in line with the second reading: when humanity finally knows God as He is, it will be filled with joy. The more the Bible is read, the more this insistence impacts: The only problem of humanity consists in not knowing God, in making a mistake in the conception that is had of Him. Humanity considers Him as a terrible Judge and, in reality, God is a Father who rejoices with the joy of his children.

In the Old Testament all the work of the prophets has been to reveal the true face of God. For this reason, joy always appears as a characteristic of the salvation that humanity awaits. When God “pours out his Spirit on every human being”, as the prophet Joel 3:1 says; then we will know that God is love and we will be happy.

The New Testament says that joy already accompanies the arrival of the One who came to reveal the face of God to men. That's right, regarding the birth of John the Baptist, for example, the angel says to Zacharias: “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elisabeth will bear a child... You will feel joy and happiness and many will rejoice at his birth.” (Lk 1:13-14).

Later, regarding the birth of Jesus, the angel says to the shepherds: “Do not be afraid, I have come to announce good news to you that will bring great joy to all the people...” (Lk 2:10).

Visibly, this topic has marked the evangelist John a lot. This is how, from the last afternoon of his Master, John has kept a great impression, stronger than the test that Jesus was going to undergo: “You have heard it and I have told you: I am leaving and I am coming back to you. If you love me, you would rejoice because I am going to the Father...” (Jn 14:28).

The apostles, too, promise joy to men: “And we write this to you, so that your joy may be complete.” (1 Jn 1:4). Undoubtedly, this is what makes the prophets and apostles recognized as such: it is they who reveal to men the true face of the God of joy. And when their time comes, they will hear what they are told: “Well done, good and faithful servant, you have been faithful in what you have been able... enter into the joy of your Lord.” (Mt 25:21)

CLUES FOR THE PRAYER.

- What image do you have of God? Does it coincide with the one presented to us by the Scripture?
- How do you live that relationship with Him? Doing what He says?
- “Love one another as I have loved you”, what does this imperative lead you to?

TO LOVE LOVING FROM YOU TO US _____

AMBIENTAL MUSIC. Big Sur Coast · Viviana Guzman

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ovbXUA8j7g>

THE JOY OF LOVING.

You, my life,
who invites me to be,
my best version,
the most human possible.
I want to be disciple
and to follow You always.
To welcome and to attend
the soft voice
that extends his hand
searching for something,

and for somebody.
You chooses me to be
also plenitude,
that fills the next room
and the contiguous periphery,
of those who walk
and want to remain
in your love, even without knowing it.
To love till the end
to be for You,
to be in the world
with those who seek You,
also with those who do not look for you,
clueless in the maelstrom
of the daily living,
looking for sustenance
that allows to walk,
that allows to be,
that allows to have something.
To enjoy the breath
and the tender courage,
which admires what was created
and tries the change,
of what there is, of what is.
My self transformed by
gratuitous love
received and donated love.
To take the step of love
that welcomes, that transforms,
that tones and conjugates life.
Joy of loving each other in You...

SONG. "To allow myself to be done", Ixcis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WOz6Bgsihbg>



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