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**Whoever acknowledges me before  
others, I will also acknowledge  
in front of my Father in heaven**

(Matthew 10:32)

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**Have courage**

Dear friends of the word,

His first years in life hadn't been easy. Born in the early 90ties, he was part of the 'war generation' of his country. He was 5 years old when war broke out. Family members lost their lives during this conflict and this pointless dying troubled him greatly. He grew up with an image of 'us' and 'them', friends and enemies. The lines between these two groups were clearly drawn. In his heart however, there was a burning desire to overcome this 'against-on- another' status, to build bridges out of the bricks. His name: Simon. His home: Kosovo.

Three times he took part in the international peace camps "go4peace". He said: "Instead of going to the beach or to the clubs to have some fun with friends, you spend your time in the peace camp by helping other people in workshops. You show your love to them and give your bit to people who really need help. And suddenly you find an entirely new perspective on your life. You understand that it's not just about getting things, but you realise the importance of learning how to give." This gave Simon a deep sense of gratitude for his life, because he found a way to live together, even across borders. He witnessed that peace is possible.

Before the last peace camp - which took place in Poland - he was asked by his fellow students why he was travelling to the Baltic sea and if it was about partying and having fun. He answered: "I met young people who were committed to helping other people, and were happy doing it. This gave me a new perspective on life. I want to keep going with this!" Simon had the courage to stand by his experiences. The reaction of his friend: "Would it be OK to join you on your trip?" So: **Have courage!**

For the OnWordTeam

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