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But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. (Luke 2:19)

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Be cool – be cow!

Dear friends of the word,

It happened on the eve of a holiday trip. His younger brother suffered a very serious skateboard accident. His life hung in the balance. After days of uncertainty, full of hope and fear, it became clear that his brother would survive albeit with severe disabilities. The life of his family changed completely. To invest everything into the well-being of the disabled brother became the priority. The joy that his brother was still with them, and the nagging question 'why did this happen' became part of his life. His prayers for salvation from all this suffering didn't seem to be answered. In a letter he wrote: "I prayed regularly, even went to church on occasion, but these seemed to be increasingly empty rituals. I thought of myself less and less as a Christian!"

And then – during one of our go4peace-camps Thomas listened to a morning reflection. It was about God who, on the cross, showed a kind of love that goes all the way. God, love per se, showed on the cross that there are no limits to his love. Down to the deepest darkness and the most inner desolateness Jesus went in his cry "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me." Out of love he wanted to be where no one wants to be – in the darkness, the loneliness, in endless pain – he wants to be a friend to us.

These words stayed with Thomas. He wrote: "These thoughts about meeting Jesus in his suffering gave me a lot. According to our motto -Be cool – be cow!- I chewed on these thoughts for a long time, like a cow! This experience uncovered something in me that was hidden for a long time. Today I can proudly say that I'm connected with many and especially Jesus!"

Dear friends of the word, Mary, the mother of Jesus, didn't understand many things in his life immediately. She made it her habit to take everything that happened into her heart and thought about it. She moved things around, chewed on them. Kettle encourage us to this way of life. **Be cool – be cow.**

For the OnWordTeam

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