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I have come to bring fire on the earth.

(Luke 12:49)

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Together – what could be better?

Dear friends of the word,

We saw each other ones a year, usually in the meeting camp in Sarajevo. What I remembered most vividly was his smile. It was like a beam coming straight from his heart. Eventually he confided in me. “I’m always so happy when we are together! I’m looking forward to this camp for the whole year. The sense of joy I experience in this togetherness, I haven’t found anywhere else!”

One day we got talking. We were sitting on a bench – drenched in sunlight. I started to talk about Jesus, who only spend 3 years in the public, and who quickly recognised that his message of freedom and compassion did not go down well with some people. They wanted to kill him. He also noticed how important his presence was for his friends and disciples. Therefore he wanted to stay with them and allow them to find their way to the freedom of God’s children. In his actions he disclosed the love from which he had come and to which he would return to. At the same time he would leave this love with his disciples and he told them: “For where two or three are gathered in my name, **there am I** with them.” His name was LOVE. Wherever true love was practised, HE was at work, HE was present.

So I asked Tomas: “Do you understand? The joy that you experience – Jesus lives in it. It is his trail. HE was and is with us in our spirited togetherness within this camp. HE was here! You did meet HIM. HE made your heart find peace and joy. HE is the burning in you!” Tomas’ cheeks were covered with tears. He understood. It was the fire of the living God that touched his heart. He decided to become a priest. He wanted to bring the love he had discovered to as many people as possible.

Dear friends of the word, Jesus came to bring fire on the earth. Tomas had discovered this fire in the togetherness of people. He understood: **Together – what could be better?**

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