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Then the two told what had happened on the way.

(Luke 24:35)

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Tell me!

Dear friends of the word,

It happened late at night at a railway station. There were some rowdy and disorderly people around. Theresa was waiting at a platform. A young woman approached her. She seemed a little insecure and looked somewhat neglected. She was alone and it seemed that she needed someone to talk to. Theresa decided to listen to her. The woman shared a lot of heavy and difficult stories and Theresa asked careful questions. After a while the young woman asked: "What's your name?" When her train arrived Theresa said her good byes and walked towards the train door. Suddenly she heard her own name. Thanks Theresa! When she turned around the young woman had already gone.

The two disciples of Jesus had a similar experience on their way to Emmaus. They had been through some difficult times and now Jesus -and with him their hope- had been killed. How would they carry on. A stranger approached them and asked them: "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They told him about all the events that had occurred. What a relief to be able to talk about it! Their hearts found peace and started burning again. The stranger stayed and broke bread with them, after that they couldn't see him any longer.

What a gift it is to find an open ear. Being able to talk in a trustful environment brings you peace. God gave us two ears so that we listen more than we speak. He/She who is good at listening brings peace. Invite people carefully to converse with you and – at the right moment – ask careful questions. Lend your ear and say: **Tell me!**

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