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**“...then she wiped his feet with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.”** (Luke 7,38)

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## Have courage!

Dear friends of go4peace,

She wanted to escape her dirty business. She was longing for freedom and sincere love. Her reputation was in tatters. Everywhere in town she was known as the unnamed sinful woman. She couldn't get rid of that stigma. Then she met this young Rabbi from Nazareth. His gaze had met her heart. She felt like she'd been looked at as a human being – full of love. It was meant for her, personally. This man, Jesus of Nazareth, didn't judge her. On the contrary: his loving and healing gaze had lifted her. She owed a new life to him. She wanted to see him again.

She heard that Jesus had been invited for dinner by a Pharisee. That was her chance to meet him again and to express her deepest gratitude. She gathered all her courage and burst into an all-male Jewish gathering. She was so moved that she was crying. She wet his feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. In a valuable vessel, she'd bought some expensive ointment and -in front of the Pharisees- she anointed Jesus' feet with these fragrant oils. It was a sign of intimate closeness to Jesus who had shown her sincere love.

Over month I had been accompanying an old friend – to the threshold of eternity. When I met him for the last time, I looked at him for a long time. He touched my hand and said in a quiet voice: “Thanks for everything!” Our eyes met. After his death I visited him and his family again. His wife reached into the pocket of the deceased and took a rock crystal that he'd been carrying with him all his life. She gave it to me. I was deeply touched and sensed a flash of eternity, a connection beyond death. Every know and then it needs signals that go beyond the usual. **Have courage!**

for the go4peaceTeam

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