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Didn't our hearts burn?

(Luke 24:32)

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Share your experience!

Dear friends of go4peace,

Incomprehensible things had happened. The friends of Jesus had recognized him as the Messiah. It was clear to them that this would free them from the Roman rule. One of them, Judas, went as far as to deliver Jesus to the Romans. This, in his view, should force Jesus to show his power as Messiah and destroy the Romans. And then everything turned out quite differently. Jesus showed his power in the powerlessness of love. He let himself be crucified, he died miserably like a criminal. He showed how far love can go. It goes all the way to the darkness of human abandonment.

There they were. Had they placed a foolish bet? To their friends and families, they were total losers. In their desperation and hopelessness, two of them made their way to Emmaus. They talked all the way and got everything of their chests. That brought a little relief. Suddenly a stranger joined them. He asked careful questions and put everything that had happened into a new light. He stayed with them in Emmaus. Their hearts burned. At the shared meal, they discovered that it was Jesus. Unrecognized, he had given them light, peace, clarity, and a burning heart. After this they didn't see him anymore. It was clear immediately that they had to share this experience. That very night they went back to Jerusalem to tell their friends everything.

Have you ever had such an experience in which your heart burned because it was touched by Jesus - in a conversation, in a discovery, while listening to a sermon, in a shared experience...? Take a little time to think about it. If you've found one or two friends to go through this year with, share that experience with them this month. Tomás's heart also burned once:

"I took part in the meeting camps of go4peace in Sarajevo for many years. Whenever we were together and worked together for others in the many workshops, I felt a joy in my heart that I otherwise did not know. I was looking forward to the next camp all year round. Later I visited Meinolf in Kamen for a few days. I told him about this burning joy in my heart. We sat on a bench in the sun. Meinolf gently made me understand: 'You know, this joy in your heart is the trace of Jesus between us. You gave yourself away in the camps out of love. And the other participants did the same. And then suddenly Jesus is there – as a real person. He is not visible to our human eyes, but you feel his presence in joy, peace, patience and your burning heart.' I listened and I remember my eyes filling with tears. They were tears of joy. I am sure that you have also had such experiences. " **Share your experience! – Share your experience!**

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