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“Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

(Revelation 21:3)

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It starts very small!

Dear friends of go4peace!

When the Jewish people returned from the Babylonian exile to their native Israel, they set to work to rebuild the destroyed temple in a simple form. Herod the Great later decorated it magnificently. For the Jews, the temple was the place of God. The God of their fathers, Yahweh, who had appeared to Moses in the burning bush, dwelt here behind the great curtain in the Holy of Holies. Jesus also went up to the temple again and again for prayer. But this building in all its size, beauty and splendor lost its absolute significance for him. To the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, who, according to her tradition, worshipped God on Mount Garizim, he said that true worshippers worship the heavenly Father not so much in one place as "in spirit and truth" (cf. John 4:23). In this way, Jesus made his disciples, who were very impressed by the imposing structure of the temple, understand that God always wants to be close to people, as a father or mother is to his own children.

The God of Jesus—his Father—longs for his children. He wants to live with them today. At the end of time, as the seer John describes it in his Apocalypse, God will dwell forever in the midst of his people—in the heavenly Jerusalem. He will be with them. This place will be so beautiful, "like a bride who has adorned herself for her husband!" (Acts 21:2) Yet this beauty and liveliness that will exist in heaven wants to shine from today. God wants to be with you and yours from now on! He wants to be among you!

Tomáš says: "I can relate to the way the Jewish people must have felt when their temple was destroyed in the year 70, as I have felt very down myself. Suddenly, everything would be difficult and without perspective. Then the diabolos, the one who messes things up, is at work. What remains for me in those situations is to stay in the moment. Again and again in the very moment. Sometime ago I was in such darkness. I had a few hours off and the question came to me: What are you going to do now? At that moment, my father came to mind. Spontaneously I called him and we arranged to meet for lunch. It was such a beautiful and deep encounter. As we said goodbye, I felt my soul at peace again. Jesus among us had done this. These are small moments when the sky opens: it begins on a small scale! **It's starts very small!** "

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