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I am loved!

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**Jesus looked at him
and embraced him.** (Mk 10:21)

Dear friends of go4peace,

No matter how young or old you are, no matter if you're a woman or a man, the longing to be loved is always there! Every now and then, life gives us moments that deeply satisfy this longing. Psychologists call such moments "experiences of being". I had such an experience years ago. I was hiking with friends in the mountains. We had pitched our tents at an altitude of over 2500 meters. Sleep was out of the question for me that night. So, with my sleeping mat I lay down on a large rock. The stars were shining above me. Suddenly, I was so overwhelmed by the sight that I was in tears. Me – a tiny human being - lay in the middle of this infinite universe. I felt the uniqueness of life. Suddenly I realized: You are wanted, infinitely loved! This certainty never left me again.

A young person must have had such an experience in biblical times. He had fulfilled all the commandments of Jewish law, but that was not enough for him. His hunger was not yet satisfied. It was with this longing that he came to Jesus. Of course, Jesus knew immediately what was going on. The young person felt the hunger for being loved. So Jesus looked at him and embraced him.

That's how vocation works. Life embraces you. And you feel that you are made for something big. You venture out and go for it. I had met Yulia from Ukraine. She came from Kherson. In tears, she had told me that the Luchansky Hospital in her city could hardly get any electricity. We had already organized 9 generators. The market was swept empty. But I felt: Dare again! After two hours of research on the Internet, the impulse came to me: Search one more minute. I kept at it. And where websites had just said "sold out" and "currently not available", I now found a model with 7.5 kilowatts of power. A few days later it was delivered. When the truck driver unloaded the generator and I told him: "This generator is going to Kherson in the Ukraine now!" he patted me on the shoulders with tears in his eyes and said: "That made my day! Thank you for your commitment to humanity. I am Lebanese. I know what it means to get help!" At that moment, I felt deeply loved again, embraced by life – embraced by God. Believe in it: Life also wants to embrace you and show you: **I am loved** – infinitely loved!

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