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Yes, you are chosen!

"I chose you!" (John 15:16)

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Dear friends of go4peace,

"No way!" we exclaim when we have unexpectedly been hit by great joy, be it winning a competition, being given an unexpected honour or even being elected to a significant position. That I was chosen and that it hit me – unbelievable! Only very slowly does this message reach our hearts.

Jesus' message to his friends sounds just as great, almost unbelievable: "I have called you friends. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit!" (cf. Jn 15:16)

A woman had lost her husband at an early age. The funeral had taken place a few weeks earlier. Again and again I sent her photos and words of encouragement. "Thank you for your messages! They often come just when I need them. Mercy – just like that! Thank you from the bottom of my heart!" I was allowed to read.

I am loved – infinitely and undivided. There is a God who gives everything for me just because he loves me. And he has chosen me to be his friend and thus the friend of all whom he has created. Perhaps you will now answer: "No way!" – **Yes, you are chosen!**

for the go4peace team

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