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# May your word to me be fulfilled.

(Luke 1:38)

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**Going through life with YOU!**

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Dear friends of the word,

There are moments in life in which your heart is touched so deeply that you immediately know what you have been made for. - Ruth Pfau - a German physician who, after dedicating her life to fighting leprosy in Pakistan, died on 10/08/2017 at the age of 87 years - mentions such a moment.

It happened in a shabby treatment room in Karachi, made out of wooden boxes, without water or electricity and only two tiny windows. The room was overcrowded with people lying in unbearable heat, stench and noise; and flies, flies everywhere. In this wooden shack Ruth met a young man who – without any arms or legs – crawled along the floor lethargically. He didn't expect anything from life any longer. He had accepted this state of degradation. When Ruth Pfau saw this she felt a 'holy rage'. “It can't go on like this” she said to a fellow nun, “we will do something!” - “It was like meeting your one and only love. It was decided and would apply forever,” she wrote in her diary.

In these moments she felt touched by Jesus. She had given herself to him the year before, “ 'drunken' on happiness to belong to him, unconditionally, with eyes closed, a singing heart and wild, tenderly dancing joy”. And now she had discovered him in the wounds of our time.

Jesus had shown his wounds before, to Thomas, one of his disciples. He'd invited Thomas to touch them and that made Thomas realise: This wounded person was Jesus! He'd asked him to come close and to touch the wounds. This nearness made Thomas say: “My Lord and my God!” From now on he wanted to follow him, day after day, from one moment to the next. Let's say - together with Thomas - again and again: **Going through life with YOU!** Then he will give everyone of us nearness, clarity and the purpose which we are longing for.

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