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Greater love has no one than this: to lay
down one's life for one's friends.

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## Dear friends of go4peace,

Again and again, Jesus had to experience that his friends were only concerned with their own interests, and that they quickly put everything else on the back burner. When he confided to them that he would be handed over to the scribes and high priests and that they would kill him, they did not let this get to them. Rather, they had discussed which of them was the greatest. When Jesus invited a young man to give away his fortune, he left disappointed because he did not want to share his fortune with the poor.

Jesus wanted his friends to understand that the key to the mystery of the kingdom of God is precisely not to have, or to accumulate much, but to give one's life in love. They could learn that from him. He gave his time to a woman he met at Jacob's well and opened a new life for her through conversation. He placed his trust in the Roman centurion and thus healed his servant. He gave forgiveness to a woman who had been caught committing adultery. Jesus always gave his life anew. Through this giving, through his concrete love, a relationship with these individual people was created. This honest relationship became the place of experience of God's love for them. And -at the end of his life- Jesus would leave to his disciples this secret: "Love one another as I have loved you!" In this mutual love, he would be with them forever.

Tomáš says: "I have a friend who has a good friend in Ukraine. Again and again, he called him and tried to be close to him in this difficult time of war. One day he sent him a WhatsApp message telling him that he had prayed a rosary for him. Then came the answer: 'Thank you for just being there and for always sending messages. They give me strength and support. Today I was on the road all day and visited refugees in different places. It was a strong experience and gave me real courage. I just went out and gave my life to be close to the people. I have the impression that God has something in mind. It's good to be part of God's game."" – **Not alone – but together!** 

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