

Word of Life



“WHOEVER DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER IN HEAVEN IS MY BROTHER AND SISTER AND MOTHER”.

(Mt 12:50)



Doing the will of God means loving God and loving other people. Anyone can do that! And when we love others, Jesus recognizes us as part of his family. He considers us his brothers and sisters. This is such an amazing gift! We are free of anything that happened in the past, free from any fears we might have, free from our own way of seeing things. Even our limitations and weaknesses can be “launching pads” that propel us towards true fulfilment. Our whole life takes a huge leap in quality.

«Jesus revealed something really new. He said that anyone can be part of his family, as long as they are committed to knowing and doing the will of God who is our Father.

ANYONE! AN ADULT OR CHILD, MAN OR WOMAN, HEALTHY OR SICK, FROM EVERY CULTURE OR SOCIAL POSITION. ANYONE! BECAUSE EVERYONE IS MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD WHO IS LOVE. **IN FACT, EVERY PERSON ON EARTH CAN HAVE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. WE CAN ALL GET TO KNOW HIM AND BECOME HIS FRIEND.**

Chiara Lubich invited people who want to live this **Word of Life** to be a family.



«'Be a family'. Are there people among you who are suffering spiritual or moral trials? **Understand them like a mother would, and even more.** Enlighten them through your words or example. Don't let them lack the warmth of the family, but rather increase it. Are there people among you who are suffering physically? They should be your favorite brothers or sisters. [...] Never put any activity of any kind [...] before the spirit of being a family with those you are living with. And wherever you go to bring the love of Christ, [...] the best thing you can do is to try to create, discretely and with prudence, but also with firm conviction, the spirit of a family.

It is a humble spirit, it wishes the best for everyone, it is not proud, it is [...] true charity.»¹

¹Chiara Lubich, in Gen's, 30 (2000/2), p.42.

«Experiences from around the world»



In one neighborhood in the city of Homs in Syria, more than 150 children, most of whom are Muslims, attend an after-school program sponsored by members of the Greek Orthodox Church.

Sandra is the director and told us:

«We try to make them feel welcome and help them with our team of teachers and specialists. We always try to create the sense of being one family, based on dialogue and promoting good values. Many of these children have been traumatized and have suffered a lot. We want to help them build up their self-esteem, and trust others again. Most of their families have been separated from each other due to the war, but here they find the desire to start over again.»

