

In his steps! to follow Jesus Christ and to take action for peace : between heritage and testimony

On the way of our life, we have chosen Jesus Christ as companion. As He is with us, he comes to people in war and crises where soldiers of our different countries are sent.

We are living in a complex world, which presents itself as an assault course and needs our full concentration: the news broadcasted as soon as possible, journalists who think they are able to discover and analysis events they are showing from all over the world..., everything tends to reduce our vision of the world to the immediate feeling we can have... This is a trap ! And that is why, we are keeping time to be meet each other and to turn ourselves to God in our prier with this question: who is He, the one who helps us to love our neighbours ?

We don't have any other desire than to follow his steps.

Three ways are crossing in front of us:

- 1 – The way we come from*
- 2 – The way of choices*
- 3 – The way where the One who watches over us stands*

The first one is called: heritage. It is the way of our origins. It was taken by our fathers. We can't forget masters or witnesses that came before us. They left Egypt to get away from slavery and arrived in the Promised Land after being led during 40 years in Desert. Thank to them, we are living today in the Liberty of God.

Walking with the disciples to Emmaus, Jesus left a sign: bread and wine. Today, we let Jesus surprise and convert us. And we want to appropriate and to pass his words on.

The second way is not known in advance. Yet, it demands choices from me. It front of twos paths, which one shall I choose? What does God expect from me? This is the way of choices. My testimony is expected : whatever the circumstances, I shall go in the faith that God gave to me. As a Christian, I'm sent to the world. To show me the right words, I will meet people's happiness or suffering.

Insurmountable ways do not exist: God's transcendence gives to our way a third dimension: to give confidence to man even in the worse situations. Our job as our life is full of risks. The spirit of God is watching on us and will carry us. On this way, I have to make resurrection's mystery shine.

Baptism is the sign of this heritage, of my choices, of this transcendence. During our meeting, we will follow in his step !.

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