

KNOW AND LOVE JESUS TO MAKE HIM
KNOWN AND LOVED

REFLECTION

Friendship between two or more people reveals its full richness: it can manifest in the sympathy and novelty of those who are just beginning the relationship, or in the depth and security of those who have spent years together. In silence, one perceives the harmony that these connected souls generate, merging and flowing into a harmony that is not forced, but communicates, inspires, and transforms, a fruit of the deep knowledge they have of each other. Getting to know the other person allows us to understand where they come from, what their gestures express, how their language expands, and how their entire being manifests. What is fascinating happens when listening becomes so profound that it transcends words, giving rise to a free exchange of love that grows, is nourished, and bears fruit.

In this relationship, life expands, love is revealed and sustained. One accompanies, commits, and fights to protect and nurture the treasure that has been entrusted to them.

Similarly, the relationship with Jesus is lived as a meeting of love and a deep dialogue: prayer. Contemplating him, observing his humanity, listening to his words, and noticing how he relates to those who accompany him in the Gospels allows us to know and love him. But this knowledge and love do not remain closed in oneself; they drive us to make others also know and love him.

To live this union with Jesus means learning to love freely, to give oneself without measure, and to place one's life in the service of others. As in true friendship, the relationship with Him produces abundant fruit: a love that is given, offered, served, and multiplied, transforming one's own life and the lives of those who draw near to this love. Only when love is shared and embodied in daily life does it become fruitful; only when it is loved in freedom and in a complete self-giving does it become an instrument of life, hope, and light for others.



TEXT OF THE WORD.

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends" (Jn 15:15).



CHARISMATIC TEXT

THE WAY OF PERFECTION 26:1-5

"Oh, sisters, you who cannot have much intellectual discourse nor can you have thoughts without being distracted, get used to it, get used to it! I know you can do it, because I spent many years unable to concentrate my thoughts on a single thing, and it is a great thing. But I know that the Lord does not leave us so desolate that, if we humbly ask Him, He will not accompany us. And if we cannot achieve it in one year, let it be in more time. Let us not be saddened by the time dedicated to something so valuable. Who is following us? I tell you this so that you can get used to it and work to walk with this true Master. (...) Now I am not asking you to think about Him, or to formulate many concepts or to make grand and delicate considerations with your intellect; I only ask you to look at Him. For who can prevent you from turning the eyes of your soul, even if only for a moment if you can do no more, toward this Lord? For you can look at very ugly things, and you cannot look at the most beautiful thing imaginable? For your Bridegroom never takes his eyes off you, daughters. You have suffered a thousand ugly things and abominations against Him, and it has not been enough to make Him stop looking at you. Is it too much to ask that, having turned your eyes away from these external things, you look at Him from time to time? See that He expects nothing more, as He says to His wife, than that we look at Him. If you love Him, you will find Him. He waits for us to look at Him again, and He will spare no effort to achieve it.

QUESTIONS FOR PRAYER

Through what or who do you know and love Jesus most?

In your daily life, how can you live your relationship with Jesus so that it brings abundant life?

What does it mean for you to "love freely and give yourself without measure"?

In what creative ways can we be a bridge for others to discover Jesus in their daily lives?



Like a Friend to a Friend – Cristóbal Fones

Like a friend to a friend, Jesus, I want to know you so I
can stay with you, sharing your path.

Like a friend to a friend, I find you in Nazareth, carpenter,
neighbor, conversationalist, peasant, living quietly for
thirty uneventful years.

Like a friend to a friend, Jesus, I want to know you so I
can stay with you, sharing your path.

Like a friend to a friend, I followed you in Galilee among
the simple people, spreading the News, liberating,
calling, setting the earth ablaze.

Like a friend to a friend, Jesus, I want to know you so I
can stay with you, sharing your path.

Like a friend to a friend, to be with you on the cross,
crucified Servant, condemned Savior who dies forgiving,
who gives yourself shouting (twice).

Like a friend to a friend, Jesus, I want to know you so I
can stay with you, sharing your path.

Like a friend to a friend, seeing you resurrected, victor
over death, consoling, building from the depths of
history, sharing life.

Like a friend to a friend, Jesus, I want to know you so I
can stay with you, sharing your path.

Like a friend to a friend, to see you, Jesus, among the
people, living in silence, kindling the earth, crucified
servant, giving life (twice).

