



WALK  
TOWARDS  
THE SUN  
**WoL12**  
WORD OF LIFE

From the commentary of Chiara Lubich

**“Not my will but yours be done.”**

[from Luke's Gospel, chapter 22, verse 42]

Do you remember what Jesus told his Father in the garden of Gethsemane? It shows us the agony he was going through, knowing that it was his Father's will for him to die.

**And yet Jesus lived his whole life putting his will in line with the will of his Father.**

Perhaps you, too, have said this sentence when there was nothing else you could do. But that's not the real meaning of these words.

You can always choose two directions to take in life. You can do your own will and sooner or later, your life will be boring, without any deep meaning, kind of “grey.” And sometimes you will even feel desperate. The other way is to choose to do the will of God.

**God is like the sun with many rays that touch each and every person on earth. The ray is the will of God for that person.**

Everyone, whether they are Christian or just a person who wants to do good in their life, is called to walk along their ray toward the sun, toward God. Each way is different from every other, and if you go along *your* ray, you will be involved in a divine adventure, greater than you could've ever imagined.

You'll be the actor and the spectator at the same time, because you will watch, amazed, at what God is doing in you, and through you, for all humanity.

Everything that happens to you – joys or sorrows, important or insignificant events – *everything* will take on new meaning because it is being offered to you by the hand of God, who is Love. He wills, or permits, everything for your good.

**WHEN SHOULD YOU DO THE WILL OF GOD? THINK ABOUT IT.** The past is gone and you can't get it back. All you can do is put it in God's merciful heart. The future isn't here yet. You will live it when it comes.

**All you have is the present moment. It is the only time you have to look for and do the will of God.**

**YOU MAY ASK ME: HOW CAN I TELL WHICH IS GOD'S WILL AND WHICH IS MINE?**

**I'll tell you the way. Listen to the voice within you. It is a very soft voice, and maybe you have suffocated it many times so that now you can barely hear it. But listen carefully because it's the voice of God. It tells you that this is the moment for you to study, or to love someone in need, or to work, or to overcome a temptation to do something wrong, or to do your duty as a Christian, or as a citizen. It invites you to listen to a person who is speaking to you in the name of God, or to face difficult situations with courage...**

**LISTEN! LISTEN TO THAT VOICE. DON'T SILENCE IT. IT IS THE MOST PRECIOUS TREASURE THAT YOU POSSESS. FOLLOW WHAT IT SAYS.**

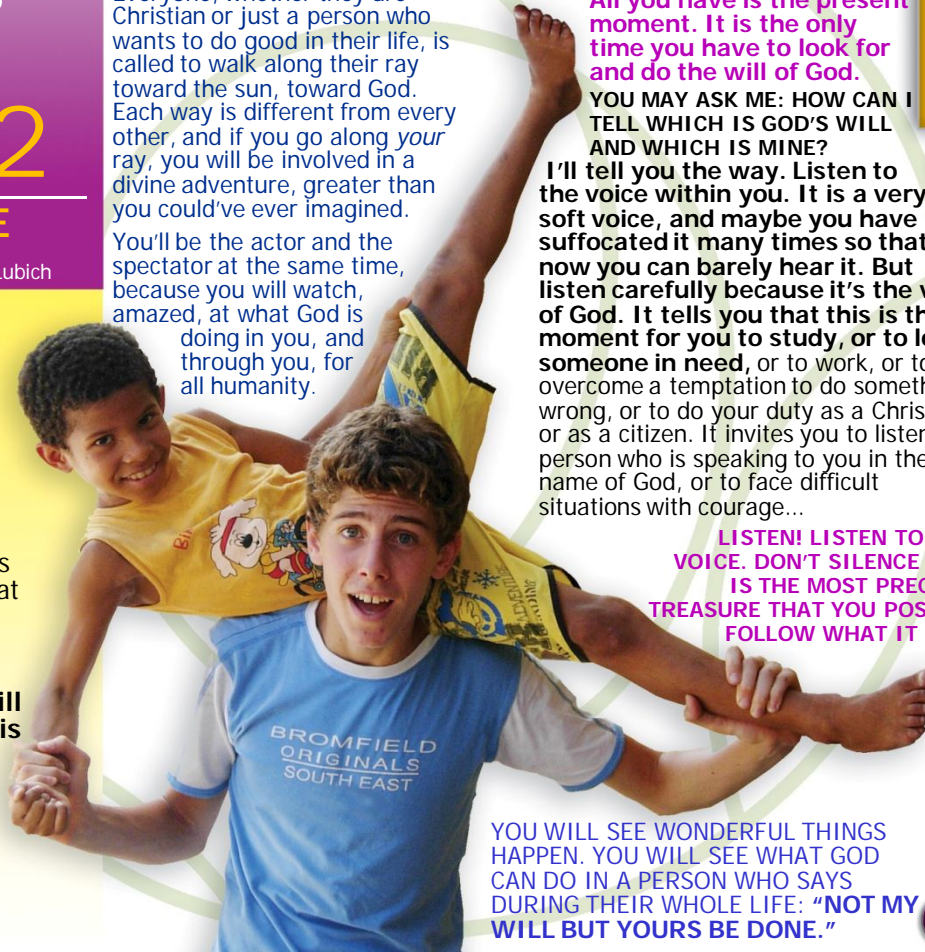
**YOU WILL SEE WONDERFUL THINGS HAPPEN. YOU WILL SEE WHAT GOD CAN DO IN A PERSON WHO SAYS DURING THEIR WHOLE LIFE: “NOT MY WILL BUT YOURS BE DONE.”**

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That's what happened to...  
**Teresa from Mexico**



**“In my class there's a boy who has a bad limp. One day leaving school he was next to me and so I started to walk very slowly with him, at his pace. After a while I didn't feel very comfortable, and I started to think about leaving him and walking normally, so I would get home quicker and use my time better (at least that's what I thought!). But then I remembered that there was Jesus in him, so I couldn't leave him alone. So I kept loving him, trying to be friendly. When I got home, I felt a lot of peace and joy for having done this act of love. A few days later we had an exam in chemistry and I was really worried about it because I didn't feel well prepared. I was at my desk going over my notes when that same boy came up to me with a smile and said, “Don't worry, the chemistry exam will be easy!” I was surprised because I didn't think anyone could tell how nervous I was inside! I felt it was Jesus encouraging me through the very person in whom I had recognized Him.”**

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