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WORD of LIFE



«GIVE THEREFORE TO THE EMPEROR WHAT IS THE EMPEROR'S...»



(See Mt. 22:21)

...AND TO GOD WHAT IS GOD'S».



«What does this Word of Life mean?»



«With this Word of Life, Jesus wants to remind all of us to put God in the first place of our lives».



«So, just like the face of the emperor was stamped on the Roman coins, the image of God is stamped on every single human being».



«The image of God is in me?»



**«Yes! And for Jesus, being in the image of God means that we:
love,
love everyone,
do his will,
offer our mind, our heart,
all our energy,
and even our lives
for other people».**



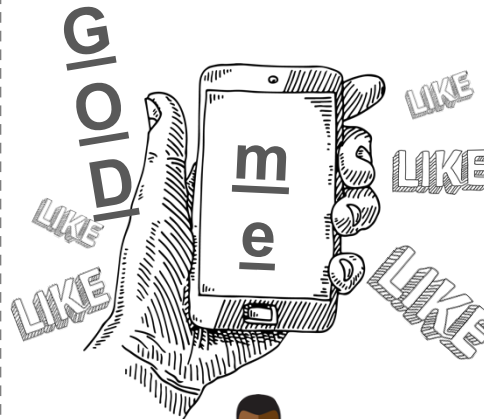
«But I am often faced with such difficult choices that I feel tempted to take the easy way out and put myself at the center of everything I do».



«We too sometimes ask ourselves: what place am I giving to God?»



«I wonder if I am too concerned about how many «like» messages I get and admiring or imitating people who are successful. Am I capable of putting God in the place of my ego?»



«I realize that I risk giving more importance to material possessions, which pass away, instead of to my relationship with God».



«Instead Jesus proposes that we take things to a new level. He invites us to make a serious choice about what we really value most in life».



«How can I understand which is the right choice?»



«We can listen to his voice deep within our hearts. His voice is very quiet and sometimes other 'voices' block it out».



«His voice urges us to love everyone and to be tireless in finding ways to build unity with each person. It encourages us to always renew the choice to love, even when this means going against what our ego selfishly wants us to do».

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