

“IS THERE HOPE? THE FASCINATION OF THE DISCOVERY”

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One of you wrote:

“I feel the need to love and be loved by someone, the need to share what happens to me. I often feel the strong lack of someone that I know is there, but I don’t know who it is. Everything becomes boredom or dissatisfaction: going to school, hanging out with friends, going to a friend’s house or going out on Saturday nights; in any case, I feel an incompleteness and a strong desire to do these same things, but with the person I can’t find. This happens especially when I find myself walking along the promenade in the evening: among the trees, plunged in the light of street lamps, with the wind trying to whisper something to me that I don’t understand and that sea suggesting that infinite desire to love and be loved. How I wish I could walk down the same street, plunge in that same light of street lamps and watch that same sea while having my loved one by my side. How much longer will I have to look at those lights and that sea feeling the lack, the absence and the incompleteness of that love, of that person who is not there?”

“We often think that it is no big deal to remain open, but it is the fundamental question. Jesus said, ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.’ In other words, that which can fulfill the expectancy of the heart must find openness in us, the willingness to let it enter, the ‘crack’ through which its light can enter. I was saying that it seems impossible to us. But what if it happened? What if we encountered it? What if it came looking for us? [...] If the unexpected happened, it would call for another moment of openness and sincerity”.

(J. Carrón, *Is There Hope? The Fascination of the Discovery*, HAB, Tampa & Denver 2021, pp. 62–63)

When did you happen to find yourself open and willing?

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