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**For where two or three gather  
in my name, there I am with  
them.**

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**“1+1=3”**

Dear friends of the word,

he wanted to stay with them – forever. He felt that without him they were lost. But just as every human being is only on earth for a limited time, so it was for Jesus. He would die. He had come from God, who is love, and he would also go back to God. He would leave and yet he would stay. He wanted to "unlock" this secret to his friends.

The night before his death, he had shown them what real love is. He had washed their feet, setting an example of servant love. He had invited them to follow this example and meet each other in this love. In this action lay the key to the mystery of God's presence. Everywhere in the world where people give this love to each other, He who is love is present among them. He is then hidden there, giving a light and a clarity that was not there before, a joy that transforms hearts and a peace that makes eternity dawn. Wherever people are gathered in true giving love—in the name of God—HE is present. The following applies:  $1 + 1 = 3$ . You and I with Him among us.

Tomáš says: "I had great worries in my soul. I had done something wrong and felt somehow alone with it. Guilt always results in loneliness. It was really hard for me to talk about it and to confide in someone. At some point, the moment came when I understood: I want to tell a friend out of love. I want to entrust him with my dark sides as well. So I wrote a long e-mail and let him look deep into my soul. A little worried I waited for his answer. I didn't have to wait long. He made me understand his love and that he shared my worries. He rang me and we talked for a long time. That was far from the end of the story for me, but with every minute I felt my soul being filled with deep joy and peace. I felt: Jesus was there. I understood that there were three of us. The friend and I and the hidden Jesus:  $1 + 1 = 3$ .

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