

## **JESUS I WANT TO SPEND TIME WITH YOU**

And Jesus replies: **Do you want to ask Me anything for anyone in particular?**

Tell me who it is and what you want for them. Remember what I said: “Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you.” Ask Me for things, ask for a lot. I delight in a generous heart which is more concerned about the needs of others than its own. Tell Me about your family, your friends. Do you want Me to help them in some way?

**And what about you, what do you need for yourself?**

Why don't you make Me a list of your own needs and come and read it to Me here? Talk to Me about how hard you find things, your weaknesses and stumbling points. Tell Me about how you have felt the pinpricks of pride or sensuality temptations of comfort of selfishness—and then ask Me to come to your help when you're making those efforts—be they great or small-- to fight against these human failings. Don't be ashamed: in Heaven there are many saints who had those same defects as you ... and they struggled with them ... and they began again and again many times .... and little by little they got better. Don't hesitate to ask for any kind of good thing; I will grant you whatever is good and appropriate for your sanctification. What good things can I do for you?

**Tell me about your plans**

What's worrying you? What occupies your thoughts? What do you long for? What is on your mind today especially? What are your dreams? Tell me ...

**Do you sometimes feel a bit sad?**

Tell Me in detail what makes you feel sad. Didn't I tell you: “Come to Me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will refresh you”? Who has upset you? Come close to My heart which has so often been bitterly upset by people and there you will find consolation and healing for those wounds in your heart. Tell Me all about it and you

will see that it is easy to forgive and be good to other people. Are you afraid of some evil? Climb into My arms and My Mother's—she loves you too. I am with you, I'm here at your side. I know all about it and I will never leave you.

**And what about the joys? Haven't you got some happy things to tell Me?**

Tell Me what has turned out well for you since the last time we chatted like this: what has made you smile, made your heart soar ... Perhaps there have been one or two nice surprises; someone has been particularly loving towards you; you have overcome some difficulty or sorted out something tricky ... Didn't it occur to you that I had something to do with all that? So why has it taken you so long to come and thank Me! I want to join in with your happiness as well. When you thank Me it makes it easier for you to realize that I am always concerned about you.

**Would you like to make a specific resolution?**

You know very well that our intimacy will be greater the more you make an effort to love Me and, with My help, to become a better person. This is the moment to be sincere: Are you firmly resolved to avoid every occasion of sin? Will you be pleasant and friendly again with those people you find difficult? Do you long to choose the way of love always, even though this means sacrifice? Are you going to make an effort to work better? Will you always try to keep Me with you in all that you do? Will you always come back to Me, whatever happens? Shall we talk again tomorrow? Now go back to your work, to whatever you have to do ... but don't forget this conversation that we've had here, just the two of us. Try to be charitable and loving all the time, love My Mother, who is also yours, and know that you can count on My help in trying to be a good child of Mine.

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