



A marriage that turns 35, 40, 50 years of marriage, does not cause admiration? If, in addition, they live happy, with details of fresh and sincere tenderness, does not it cause some kind of envy even?

Then the questions arise: how did they achieve it? What is behind those years? Did not they have moments of difficulties and trials? Are they an exception in a world full of failures and dropouts?

In the great fidelity of the marriages, of the religious, of the priests, of so many men and women who say yes for all life and fulfill it, there are always hundreds of decisive, "craft" moments.

Those moments are built from a lot of small "yes's". Yes to the greeting when getting up. Yes to daily work to bring bread home. Yes to the appointment to the doctor to take the sick child to.

Each small yes, builds big loyalties. Because a life given completely to the other is only possible through simple, everyday, humble gestures that form the daily life of each human existence.

That small yes is nourished by love and is reinforced by daily prayer. The human heart, so fragile, so treacherous, maintains fidelity until death thanks to the simple gestures of each day.

God smiles and rejoices before so many men and women who know how to give one and a thousand times that small yes that reinforces the great yes of the

marriage promises or religious vows.

At the end of life, those who lived through so many simple and loving gestures will be able to hear the words that open the doors of heaven: "Good, good and faithful servant; in the little you have been faithful, in front of how much I will put you; enter into the joy of your lord "(Mt 25,23).