"Truly, we find ourselves on the front lines, as the first to undergo that profound transformation of that revolution which will never—I repeat, never—be found in the exterior revolution of the social order that we think will come about;" in fact, "we will never see an effect on culture or the life of society if it is not first […] in us. […] Not unless this self-sacrifice begins to happen in us… […], unless there is a revolution in us, in our way of conceiving of ourselves […] without preconceptions and leaving nothing untouched.”

WE NEED NOTHING MORE. “I weigh thoughts and actions, emotions and reactions, and days and nights; however, it is an Other Presence who is the true companion and all-encompassing Witness. This is the long journey that we need to make together, the real adventure: to discover that Presence in our flesh and blood, that our entire existence become one with that Presence—in other words, the adventure of Holiness, which is also the one real social enterprise. To do this […] we simply have to courageously and faithfully follow the signs given to us in that complex of circumstances that life brings us; we need nothing more than this.”

(Vita di don Giussani, Milan 2014)

THE REVOLUTION in us

THAT SURPRISING AND SUBVERSIVE WAY OF LIFE. “All the force of what our Movement has to say is in this point: the affirmation of human happiness, which means to become fully oneself. This is the reason I have faith, the reason I acknowledge Christ: because this relationship is the fulfillment of who I am. But we experience our fulfillment in the relationship with a woman, in relationship with a book, in relation to eating, or in the mountains on a hike! So we must say that Christ is the truth of these things, the truth of all these is in the awareness of that Presence and the awareness of our belonging. To summarize, we could say faith that is alive is this; it’s not something foreign, but rather a surprising and subversive way of living ordinary life.”

(Dall’utopia alla presenza. 1975-1978, Milan 2006)

The forces that move history are the same that make man happy.

Luigi Giussani