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“So let’s give all we can for those in need! We can give **our smile, our time, our possessions, our talents.** Once we have given everything out of love, we will be poor because we will be empty of ourselves, but we will be free and have a pure heart!” [1]



A NEW PAIR OF JEANS

I received a gift of a pair of jeans and **I couldn’t wait to try them on** because I only had one pair of jeans, which were old and had been mended many times. But they were too big!



In those days our group met together to see what we could do to help the poor people we knew. **I felt in my heart that I had to give my new jeans!**

It wasn’t easy because I would have to keep on wearing the old ones, but **I understood that this is what it means to love in concrete ways!**

When I got home, my mother had a surprise for me. She told me she was going to buy me a new pair of jeans!

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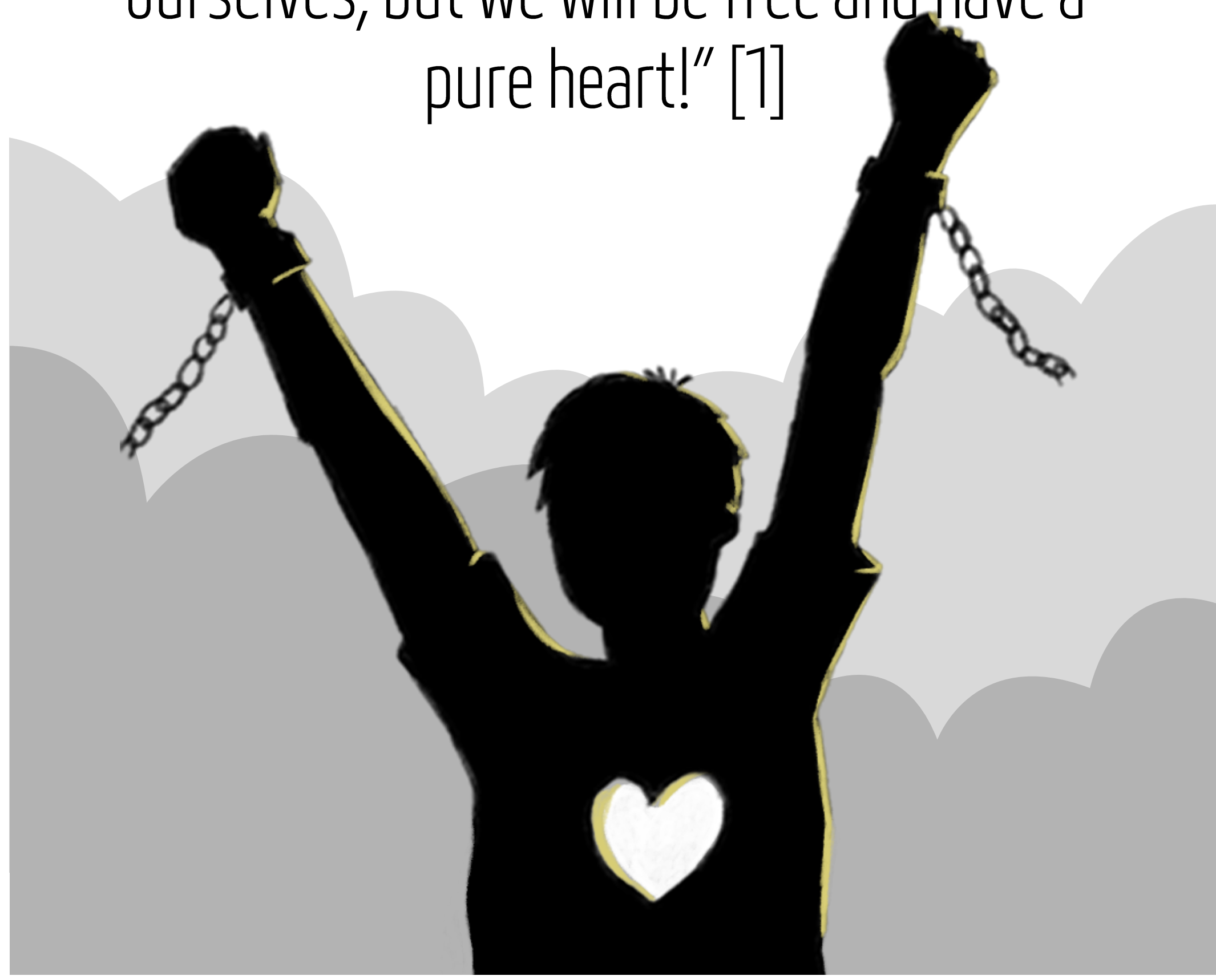
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