



# Youth and Dynamism

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*Y*outh is dynamism: strength of muscle, depth of thought, breadth of emotion, energy of ambition! It's an explosion.

The dynamism of youth is enormous energy. A young person can gear so it will be constructive or destructive. The Resurrection came to give youth that constructive power. The Resurrection is a mighty power that is in us, creating zeal and an intellectual revolution, bringing forth love and constructive transformation. The power is in fact the strength of a divine person and the depth of a divine enlightenment. **“Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light” (Eph 5:14)**

That Person is our Lord Jesus Christ Who freed us. That enlightenment is the lamp of the Spirit of God and the Light of the word when they both settle in us.

## *Our Jesus is Strong*

Some people may say that our Lord have shown some weakness when He was on the Cross but a close study of His life on earth reveals to us a strong and mighty Jesus, Who showed His strength in many situations.

**1. His power over nature:** when He subdued the wind and the sea.

**2. His power over plants:** when He cursed the fig tree and it withered to its roots.



**3. His power over animals:** when He allowed the demons to leave the man and enter the herd of swine till they rushed into the waters and they drowned. Also when He drove the fish into the disciples' nets.

**4. His power over objects:** When He blessed the loaves of bread and they satisfied the crowd.

**5. His power over illness:** when He healed the incurable diseases with a word

**6. His power over creation:** When with mud he made eyes for the blind man

**7. His power over death:** He raised people from the dead, and at the end He raised Himself from the dead

**8. His power over thoughts:** When He revealed the thoughts of His disciples and others.

**9. His power over demons:** they would tremble with fear of Him and He could drive them away with just one word.

**10. His power over the future:** when He knew things that were going to happen.

**11. His power over forgiving sins:** When He remitted the sins of





It was, therefore, natural that the church should commemorate His days of suffering, saying:

*\* Unto You is honor, glory, power and blessing for ever. Amen” (Hymn of the Pascal Week).*

*\* The Lord is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation” (Hymn of Pascal Week).*

*\* Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom” (Ps 45:6 and Chant of ‘Your Throne O God’).*

*\* How much mightier than Might is He Who displayed weakness!” (Chant of “The Only Son”).*

### *The Power of Love and Self-Giving*

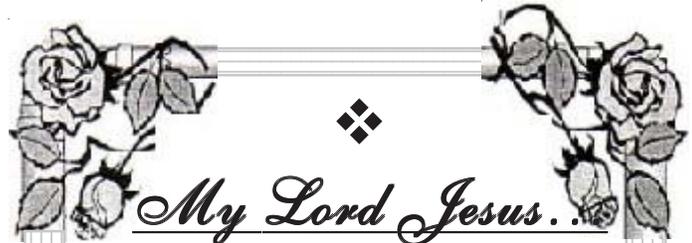
Real strength is not in the arrogant use of authority but rather it is seen in the spirit of love, self-giving and sacrifice. So yes indeed God is love, and is anyone or anything more powerful than God?

The problem is people tend to rely on other forms of strength like the ego, muscles, masses, money, sword, or even instincts but we tend to forget that the only unlimited source of strength is that of love, the strength of God.

### *He Conquers Hearts with Love*

The message of Christ is love so what we need to do is to conquer people’s hearts with this divine love. Therefore we do not resort to enmity, factionalism, or

selfishness for these are false fortifications that will leave us to perish with all those who are spiritually dead. Instead with love let’s win people’s hearts, even our enemies, “**Love never fails**” (1Cor 13:8)



### *My Lord Jesus...*

- ❖ You Who have conquered my heart
- ❖ With love
- ❖ And captured my soul
- ❖ With Your sweetness and meekness
- ❖ And purified my whole being
- ❖ With Your self-sacrifice and giving
- ❖ Grant me the Fire of Divine Love
- ❖ That I should love all ...
- ❖ All without limits
- ❖ Without barriers
- ❖ Without holding back
- ❖ Anything except from sin.
- ❖ You are infinite love:
- ❖ Teach me how You love

