

Dynamite

St. Paul used the Greek word, *dynamos*, more than any other word in his books of the Bible. This is translated as dynamite or power. We see many people today seeking power through powerful motorcycles and vehicles...more powerful computers, cell phones...more powerful jobs...For me, I see more power in our youth ministry and religious education here at Sacred Heart. In my personal life, I seek more power to get stronger in weightlifting.

I believe all this could be, deep down inside, our longing for God's powerful love in our lives. And Jesus wants to give us his powerful love. All we have to do is reach out to him.

One of my favorite spiritual writers, Peter Kreeft says:
"In its classical signification, virtue means the power of anything to accomplish its specific function; a property capable of producing certain effects: strength, force, potency...It implies a mysterious energetic power, as in the Gospel according to Mark: 'Jesus immediately, knowing that virtue had gone out from Him, turned and said, 'who touched my clothes?' and then said to the woman, 'your faith has cured you.'"

The woman had faith but she also made the attempt to reach out to Jesus. And as Catholics, we're so blessed to have many ways to reach out to Him. It can be in private prayer, through Scripture, through the Sacraments, or through Adoration.

All we have to do to have the dynamic power of God's love...is to reach out to Him.