

"Happy those who work for peace"

We are all aware of our physical, psychological and spiritual frailties, and we see around us a humanity often suffering and lost. We feel weak and unable to solve these difficulties, even to face them, limiting ourselves as much as not to cause harm to anyone

The experience of Paul of Tarsus, on the contrary, opens a new horizon: by recognizing and accepting our weakness, we can offer ourselves, as we are, for love and that will sustain us on our way. In effect, he says: "When I am weak, then I am strong".

Referring to that, Chiara Lubich wrote: "Our reason rebels against such a statement, because it sees in it a flagrant contradiction or simply a daring paradox. Instead, this affirmation expresses one of the highest truths..." We are stronger precisely when we experience more weakness. In fact, the free thinker Mahatma Gandhi said: "Love is the strength of the humble but the most powerful of which the world has".

Therefore, in our weakness, in the experience of our fragility, there is a unique opportunity: to experience the strength of Love (with a capital letter).

It is the paradox of love, as we saw in the IDEA of last month: the meek are the happy ones, because they work for peace.

Commenting on Pablo's experience, Chiara suggested: "The option that we as wise people must make is in the sense absolutely contrary to what commonly happens. It's really going against the current. The ideal of life in the world in general consists in the search for success, power and prestige. Paul, on the other hand, tells us that we must glory in our weaknesses. Let's hope that love can do everything. Through him (...) we can be sure of doing works that are worthwhile, that radiate a lasting good and that meet the real needs of individuals and the community".

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