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Romans 1:16-17

The scene of the cross is a paradox. It demonstrates the power of God in what appears to be the weakest moment in His Son's life. With hands and feet nailed to rough wood, Jesus looked totally helpless. And He remained there while the crowd jeered, "If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross" (Matthew 27:39-40).

Strength is not always revealed in a dramatic display; at times, it's demonstrated in determined endurance. Jesus could have freed Himself with one spoken word, but love kept Him there on the cross. With mankind's eternal destiny at stake, Christ hung on until our salvation was attained.

What's more, the power of the cross didn't end when Jesus died—His death opened the door of salvation to all people. Whoever trusts in Him by faith is forgiven for every sin and assured a place in heaven. And the power of the cross remains after salvation, transforming believers' lives. Jesus sets us free and empowers us to live victoriously in His righteousness.

Have you let the cross do its work in your life? The Lord will not force it on you. Instead, He offers righteousness freely to all who believe in Him and walk in His ways.

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