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This is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith, the presence of the risen and victorious Christ, his living presence within our time, within the personal experience of our living humanity. Pope Francis writes in *Christus Vivit*, “*Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world... Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!*”. The real victory of our life is only his present and living presence that grasps our life; it is only in the life attracted, seduced, grasped time after time by the presence of the risen Christ. And it is only in the grace and in the attraction of his living presence - by whom we let ourselves be seduced continuously - that we can avoid being ultimately determined by our inability and helplessness, by fears and anxieties, by mistakes, sins, infidelities, and miseries. It is only by adhering to, living, following and participating continuously and fully in that human reality, in that human companionship, in that communion, in that Life in which Christ makes himself present and alive, that we can tangibly experience and be surprised by the Event of his victory that overcomes all that would determine and overcome us once and for all (...). Pope Francis continues, “*We can risk seeing Jesus Christ simply as a fine model from the distant past, as a memory, as someone who saved us two thousand years ago. But that would be of no use to us: it would leave us unchanged, it would not set us free.*” That is why his presence, his victory, can only be a present presence, a present victory and therefore a present experience to be lived and experienced now, in every moment of our present. The presence of Christ, the victory of Christ, his salvation, his redemption can only be an experience that is always present and alive. Otherwise, as Pope Francis says, “*that would be of no use to us: it would leave us unchanged, it would not set us free.*”, it could not satisfy the infinite nature of our heart. And in fact, at the same time, we would not be tangible, credible and ‘challenging’ witnesses of a living, victorious, rousing and incomparable humanity.

Nicolino Pompei