



“Pressure Causes Total Trust in God”

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Texts: II Corinthians 1:3-10, Psalm 9:9-14, Psalm 145:14-20

Although the pressures of life can be overwhelming, difficult, discouraging, and confusing to say the least, they do force us to put all our trust reliance and confidence in God and His Faithfulness to watch over and perform His word in our lives as Jeremiah 1:12 says He does.

Jeremiah 1:12 Then said the Lord unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.

Sometimes the pressure may be so great it seems like God's not going to faithfully perform His word, but it's established in the heaven and will be established and performed in us in the earth.

Psalm 119: 89 For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.

90: Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

See I Corinthians 10:13 and more about God's faithfulness.

Get up under the word securely and let it saturate you with its life giving life sustaining power. When you seek and receive God's word

you seek and receive Him and His divine Power.

Isaiah 55:10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

11: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Even though the trouble or pressure may be coming on every side the life of Jesus can and will be manifested in our mortal flesh and body. His life is His word also because He is His word and His word is Him.

II Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

8: We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

9: Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

10: Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

11: For we which live are always

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delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

Pressure made our bosom father Abraham become fully persuaded about God's faithfulness and ability to perform His promise word even when hope seemed hopeless.

See Romans 4:14-23.

Extreme pressure forced Jesus into a seek the Father in fervent sincere contrite broken prayer mode. See Matt. 26:36-46, and Luke 22:39-46.

Extreme pressure makes you seek Him diligently and get the reward as stated in Heb. 11:46.

Whether it's Financial Pressure, Marriage Pressure, School Pressure, Physical Attack Pressure, Mental or Emotional Pressure, Career Pressure: Trust God/Jesus. He's the answer, the source of deliverance.

Psalm 34:15-22, The author and finisher of our faith: Heb. 12:1-2.

Psalm 145:14 The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

15: The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due

season.

16: Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

17: The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

18: The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

19: He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

Save comes from the Hebrew word **yaw-shah** = to be safe, to free or succor, to defend, to deliver, to help, to preserve, to rescue, deliverance from tribulation, deliverance from certain death, rescued from enemies, salvation that can only come from God.

As Abraham's seed we must handle the pressure as he did when facing tremendous obstacles and an impossible to come to past situation.

Through him we learn to still hope when things seem hopeless. We also learn to be fully persuaded that God is fully able to perform His promises.

Romans 4:13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of

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faith.

16: Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

17: (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

No matter how hopeless the pressure makes things seem we must be like our bosom father Abraham and believe in hope anyway. We must believe as Ephesians 3:20 says that God is able to do and will do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think according to His supernatural power that works in us.

18: Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

The pressure wants to weaken our faith, but we must not consider the natural, physical, factual circumstances more than we consider what God's word says. God's promise word is our answer no matter what the pressure says.

19: And being not weak in faith, he

considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:

20: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

21: And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

22: And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

23: Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;

24: But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

25: Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

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