

How to Mature through Pressure
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Scripture References:

- 1 Peter 1:6, 7, *NLT*
- Romans 5:2-4
- Nehemiah 8:10

Summary:

It's impossible to go through life without encountering pressure. However, even though it may be unpleasant at the time, enduring it matures us as Christians and manifests the gifts, talents, and anointings God has put on our lives. Pressure also causes us to grow and develop spiritual fruit. We must never fear it or shy away from it; God uses adversity and trouble to equip us and teach us to trust and believe Him in every situation. He uses trials to purify our faith so that we no longer depend on ourselves, but on Him. Every failure that results from self-reliance can lead to greater wisdom as to why we failed; this teaches us greater reliance on God. Relying on Him gives us real victory over any situation, no matter how much momentary pressure we feel.

Notes:

1. Pressure is something to welcome, not avoid; it teaches us to trust God, not ourselves.
2. Being glad when we encounter pressure is most likely not our first response to it; however, this is how God tells us to respond.
3. Tests and trials reveal whether we're genuine or phony; withstanding them defeats the devil. The trial of faith isn't a testing as to whether or not we have faith; neither is it test to determine if our faith is sufficient. It's God's way of removing all impurities of dependence on self and developing our dependence on Him.
4. Failures due to dependence on self should be stepping-stones to deeper spiritual experiences. We must always come out of a trial with wisdom as to why it happened.
5. We're supposed to glory through trials, tribulations, and pressure. When we encounter trouble, we employ patience; patience is being consistently the same in all circumstances. Patience employs the experience of victory over the trouble. Victory comes from depending on God.

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