

When Pressure Produces Surrender

Scripture: Genesis 43:1–15

Introduction

Have you ever known exactly what needed to be done, but still resisted because it would cost you something? Not because you lacked clarity, but because obedience required trust. So instead of moving forward, you delay and hope things change, but they do not. Over time, what you avoid begins to press in on you. That is where we find Jacob in Genesis 43, and often where we find ourselves. God uses pressure, not to destroy us, but to move us and reveal what we are unwilling to surrender.

Main Points

1. The P _____ (vv. 1–5)

- **Key Scripture:** Genesis 43:1
 - God allows circumstances to press in on us.
 - Pressure exposes both our situation and our heart.
 - **Truth:** Pressure is not always punishment... sometimes it is a pathway.
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2. The P _____ (vv. 6–10)

- **Key Scripture:** Genesis 43:6
 - The heart resists what God has made clear.
 - Pushback often reveals idols.
 - **Truth:** Pushback does not protect... it prolongs the problem.
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3. The P _____ (vv. 11–15)

- **Key Scripture:** Genesis 43:14
 - Reluctant surrender is still movement toward obedience.
 - God works even through weak and imperfect faith.
 - **Truth:** God is El Shaddai, the All-Sufficient One.
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Key Truth

God often uses pressure, problems, and predicaments to move His people where their faith has been unwilling to go.
