



**UNDER
PRESSURE**

THE PRESSURE BETWEEN

**PROMISE +
FULFILLMENT**

REVEALS WHAT
WE TRUST *MOST*.



STEPHEN



*not actually
pictures
of Stephen



ACTS 6:13

“This man never stops speaking against this holy place and against the law.”



ACTS 6:15

“All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.”



THE PRESSURE HAS

NEVER STOPPED

THE PLAN OF GOD.



ACTS 7:2

“The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia...”



PROMISE

WITHOUT PROOF



ROMANS 8:24-25

“But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.”



PRESSURE

TEMPTSUS

TO MANUFACTURE



GENESIS 16:1&2

“Now Sarai, Abram’s wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named Hagar; 2 so she said to Abram, “The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her.” Abram agreed to what Sarai said.”



“PERHAPS”





ISHMAEL WAS ABRAHAM
TRYING TO *RELEASE PRESSURE*

**WITHOUT
SURRENDERING
CONTROL.**





YOUR FAILURE MAY
COMPLICATE THE JOURNEY...
BUT IT DOES NOT
OVERPOWER THE

**FAITHFULNESS
OF GOD.**



ROMANS 4: 20&21

“Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.”





PRESSURE *CANNOT* DESTROY
A PERSON WHOSE IDENTITY
IS ANCHORED IN THE

**FAITHFULNESS
OF GOD.**



IF YOUR PROMISE INCLUDES
SUFFERING YOU ARE

**IN GOOD
COMPANY.**



PSALM 105:19

“Until the time that his word came to pass, the word of the Lord tested him.”





PRESSED...BUT

NOT CRUSHED.

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JAMES 1:2&3

“Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.”



MAYBE THE PRESSURE IS

PREPARATION.



ISAIAH 43: 1&2

“Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you.”





HEBREWS 6:13

“When God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself...”



HEBREWS 6:15

“And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.”





~~DESTROY YOU~~

TRANSFORM
YOU