



UNDER  
PRESSURE

PRESSURE DOESN'T *CREATE*  
WHAT'S INSIDE OF US—

**IT REVEALS  
WHAT'S ALREADY  
THERE.**





**UNDER  
PRESSURE**

GOD'S CHOSEN DELIVERERS  
WERE REPEATEDLY

**REJECTED**

*BEFORE* THEY WERE

**RECEIVED.**



# ACTS 7:51-53

“You stubborn people! You are heathen at heart and deaf to the truth. Must you forever resist the Holy Spirit? That’s what your ancestors did, and so do you! 52 Name one prophet your ancestors didn’t persecute! They even killed the ones who predicted the coming of the Righteous One —the Messiah whom you betrayed and murdered.



# ACTS 7:51-53

53 You deliberately disobeyed God's law, even though you received it from the hands of angels.”



THEY WERE DOING TO JESUS

**WHAT THEIR  
ANCESTORS DID TO**

JOSEPH AND MOSES.



**REJECTION MAY  
WOUND YOU,**

**BUT IT DOESN'T**



**HAVE TO**

**DEFINE YOU.**

# ACTS 7:9-10

These patriarchs were jealous of their brother Joseph, and they sold him to be a slave in Egypt. But God was with him 10 and rescued him from all his troubles. And God gave him favor before Pharaoh, king of Egypt. God also gave Joseph unusual wisdom, so that Pharaoh appointed him governor over all of Egypt and put him in charge of the palace.



JOSEPH SUSTAINED  
CONSTANT PRESSURE FROM  
**REJECTION, INJUSTICE &  
MISUNDERSTANDING.**



**REJECTION**  
**WOUNDS THE SOUL.**



# 1. REJECTED BY FAMILY

GENESIS 37:4

A central image of a cracked, reddish-brown sphere, possibly a planet or a large stone, with a pile of rubble and debris at its base. The sphere is set against a light pink background with faint floral patterns. The text is overlaid on the image.

# ISAIAH 26:3-4

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! 4 Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock.





# 2. REJECTED FOR GOD-GIVEN DREAMS

GENESIS 37:8-10

# PSALM 27:10

Even if my father and mother abandon me, the Lord will hold me close.





# 3. REJECTED TO THE POINT OF BETRAYAL

GENESIS 37:18

# ISAIAH 53:3


He was despised and rejected— a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care.



# PSALM 34:17-18

The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles. 18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.



A large, cracked stone sphere sits on a pile of rubble. The sphere is the central focus, with several deep cracks running across its surface. The rubble consists of smaller, irregular pieces of stone and debris. The entire scene is set against a soft, pinkish-red background with a subtle, grainy texture. The lighting is even, highlighting the textures of the stone and the surrounding debris.

**4. REJECTED  
THROUGH FALSE  
ACCUSATION**

GENESIS 39:17-20

# HEBREWS 12:14-15

Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord.  
15 Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many.



# COLOSSIANS 3:13

Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.



The background features two cracked, reddish-brown spheres, possibly representing planets or moons, resting on a rocky, uneven surface. The entire scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent pinkish-red filter. The text is centered and rendered in a clean, white, sans-serif font.

**5. REJECTED BY  
BEING  
OVERLOOKED**

GENESIS 40:14-15, 23

# PSALM 147:3-6

He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds.  
4 He counts the stars and calls them all by name. 5 How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension! 6 The Lord supports the humble, but he brings the wicked down into the dust.



# ACTS 7:10-16

And God gave him favor before Pharaoh, king of Egypt. God also gave Joseph unusual wisdom, so that Pharaoh appointed him governor over all of Egypt and put him in charge of the palace. 11 “But a famine came upon Egypt and Canaan. There was great misery, and our ancestors ran out of food. 12 Jacob heard that there was still grain in Egypt, so he sent his sons—our ancestors—to buy some.



# ACTS 7:10-16

13 The second time they went, Joseph revealed his identity to his brothers, and they were introduced to Pharaoh. 14 Then Joseph sent for his father, Jacob, and all his relatives to come to Egypt, seventy-five persons in all. 15 So Jacob went to Egypt. He died there, as did our ancestors. 16 Their bodies were taken to Shechem and buried in the tomb Abraham had bought for a certain price from Hamor's sons in Shechem.





# 6. TESTED WITH POSITION AND AUTHORITY

GENESIS 49:6-7; 50:19-21

# GENESIS 50:20

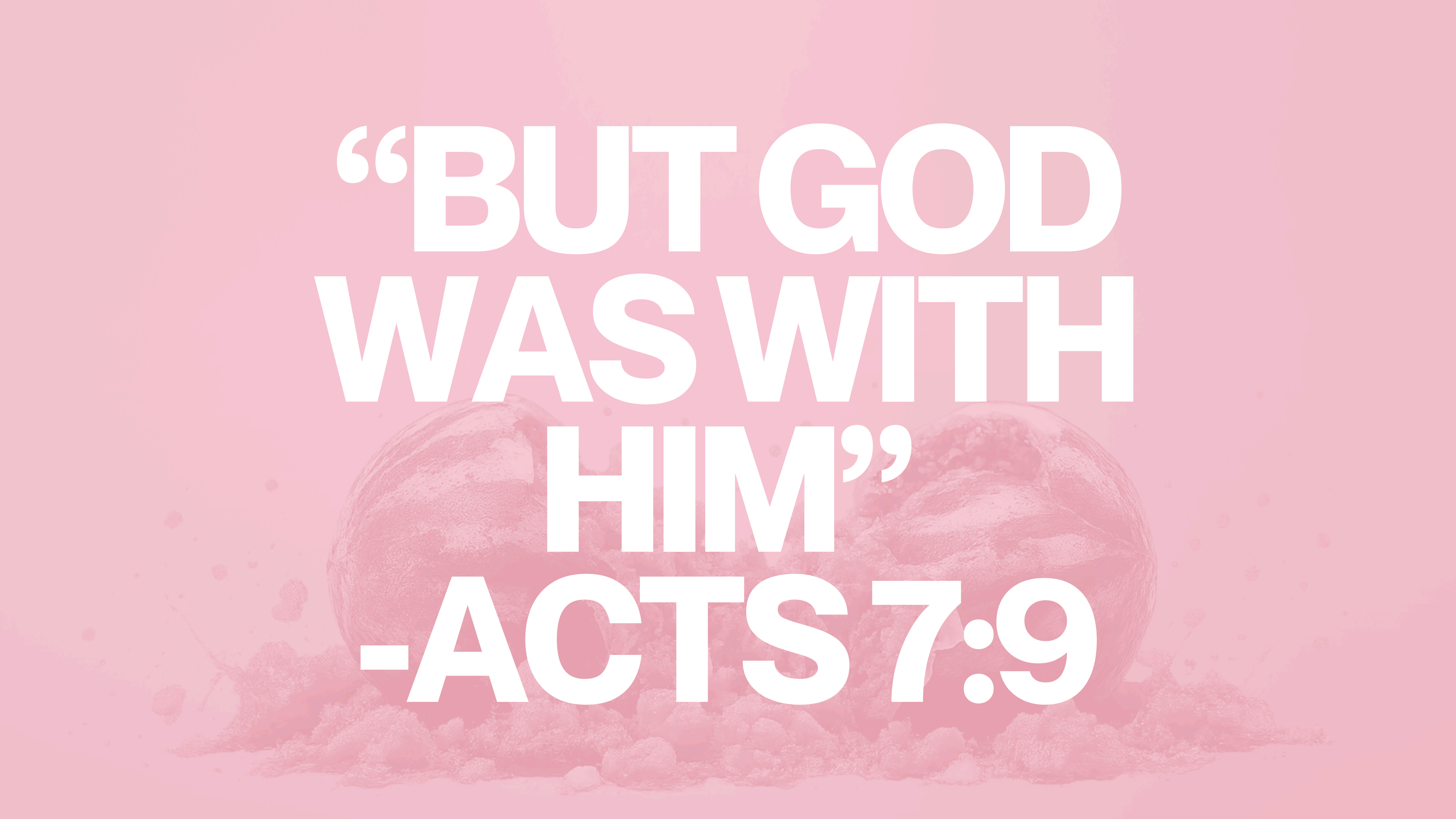
You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good.



# ROMANS 8:28

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.





**“BUT GOD  
WAS WITH  
HIM”  
-ACTS 7:9**

A globe is shown cracked and broken into pieces, with debris scattered around it. The scene is set against a solid pink background. The text is overlaid on the globe.

**BUT GOD IS  
WITH YOU.**