

CROSS CHURCH



SEPTEMBER 17-18, 2022

**PRESSURE
POINTS PART 5:
SOCIAL PRESSURE**

**THE CHURCH THAT JESUS ESTABLISHED WAS NOT
DESIGNED TO BE DIVIDED BY OUR OPINIONS.
IT IS TO BE UNITED BY HIS SPIRIT!**

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10 *I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.*

TITUS 3:9 *Do not get involved in foolish discussions about spiritual pedigrees or in quarrels and fights about obedience to Jewish laws. These things are useless and a waste of time.*

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF WHEN THE PRESSURE IS HIGH:

**1. Have I gone to God about it more than
I've talked about it?**

PHILIPPIANS 3:20, 2 CORINTHIANS 4:18

2. Am I listening to defend or listening to learn?

1 JOHN 4:20-21

WE HAVE TO LISTEN TO LEARN AND NOT TO DEFEND.

1 PETER 2:13-15

3. Is compassion leading my cause?

JEREMIAH 1:4-5, ISAIAH 49:1, ISAIAH 49:5, PSALMS 22:9-10

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PROVERBS 31:8 *Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.*

PSALM 34:18 *The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.*

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8 *And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.*

JAMES 1:27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

4. Is the Spirit guiding my speech or are my emotions guiding my speech?

1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14

PROVERBS 16:23-24 From a wise mind comes wise speech; the words of the wise are persuasive. Kind words are like honey—sweet to the soul and healthy for the body.

LUKE 12:12 for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."

MATTHEW 10:20 For it is not you who speak, but it is the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

IF YOUR STRATEGY IS JUST TO BUILD YOUR CASE, THEN SOCIAL PRESSURE WILL ALWAYS BE JUST THAT, PRESSURE.

What is the Holy Spirit speaking to me today, and how can I apply it?

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