



Press on...

Press Through

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2 Corinthians 4:7-9

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

Mark 4:39

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!”

Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

Isaiah 43:2-3a

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers, they will not
sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you
will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. 3
For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your
Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush[a] and Seba
in your stead.

Press On:

Challenge- walk through water

Promise- I will be with you

Press on:

Challenge- pass through rivers

Promise- they will not sweep over you

Press on:

Challenge- walk through fire

Promise- you will not be burned

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Truth 1

God shows Himself in the difficulties
we face in life.

Truth 2

Our worst moments don't define us.

Isaiah 43:18-19

18 “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. 19 See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

Question

What is God bringing you through to get you to His blessing?

How God speaks to us:

- 1- Through the word
- 2- Through the promptings of the Holy Spirit
- 3- Through Biblical teaching
- 4- Through circumstances (blessings and difficulties).
- 5- Through the wisdom of counsel.

Truth 3

Pressing on can lead to peace and victory in Jesus Christ.

John 16:33

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

Truth 4

When God brings us through... we are able to minister to others because of our experience.

2 Corinthians 1:3-6

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 5 For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. 6 If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer.

Truth 5

We are strengthened when we go through trials and difficulties.

James 1:2-3

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

Quote

Faith is like a muscle. The more you use it, the more powerful it becomes. - anon

Quote

Faith takes a firmer hold when it
struggles with adverse
appearances.- RM

Truth 6

Difficulties and Trials can eventually bring us to rejoicing.

1 Peter 4:12-13

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.



Remember we are not rejoicing
FOR Hard Times, we rejoice IN hard
times.

Philippians 3:10-11

I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Truth 7

Testings and trials produce "gold" in
US.

Job 23:10

But he knows the way that I take;
when he has tested me, I will come
forth as gold.

Final truth

The person who comes through trials and difficulties will be a different person than the one who entered them.