

# PRESSURE POINTS

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## NOTES

### James 1:2-4

- NIV: “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”
- NKJV: “My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”
- NLT: “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. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.”

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### **POINT #1** **A CHANGE IN THINKING ...**

Philippians 4:12 (NKJV) “I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.”

*2 Corinthians 12:8*

*The Passion Translation (TPT):*

*8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to relieve me of this. 9 But he answered me, “My grace is always more than enough for you, and my power finds its full expression through your weakness.” So I will celebrate my weaknesses, for when I’m weak I sense more deeply the mighty power of Christ living in me.*

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**Mark 4:35-41**

**New King James Version (NKJV)**

**35** On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, “Let us cross over to the other side.”**36** Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him.**37** And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling.**38** But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?”**39** Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace, be still!” And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.**40** But He said to them, “Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?”**41** And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, “Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!”

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**Mark 4:35-41**

**New Living Translation (NLT)**

**35** As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let’s cross to the other side of the lake.”**36** So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed).**37** But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water.**38** Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, “Teacher, don’t you care that we’re going to drown?”**39** When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Silence! Be still!” Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm.**40** Then he asked them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?”**41** The disciples were absolutely terrified. “Who is this man?” they asked each other. “Even the wind and waves obey him!”

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### **POINT #2** **THE CHALLENGE OF KNOWING HIM** **KNOW US (MORE)**

Matthew 7:21-23 (AMP)

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. Many will say to Me on that day [when I judge them], 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, and driven out demons in Your name, and done many miracles in Your name?' And then I will declare to them publicly, 'I never knew you; depart from Me [you are banished from My presence], you who act wickedly [disregarding My commands].'

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**Genesis 22:12 (NKJV)**

And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

**Genesis 22:12 (NLT)**

"Don't lay a hand on the boy!" the angel said. "Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son."

**Genesis 22:12 (AMP)**

The Lord said, "Do not reach out [with the knife] in your hand against the boy, and do nothing to harm him; for now I know that you fear God [with reverence and profound respect], since you have not withheld from Me your son, your only son [of promise]."

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### **2 CORINTHIANS 12:8-10**

**8** Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away.  
**9** Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.  
**10** That’s why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

### **Daniel 3:24-25**

**Amplified Bible (AMP):**

**24** Then Nebuchadnezzar the king looked and was astounded, and he jumped up and said to his counselors, “Did we not throw three men who were tied up into the midst of the fire?” They replied to the king, “Certainly, O king.” **25** He answered, “Look! I see four men untied, walking around in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt! And the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods!”

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**Philippians 3:10**

**The Message (MSG):**

"I gave up all that inferior stuff so I could know Christ personally, experience his resurrection power, be a partner in his suffering, and go all the way with him to death itself."

**The Passion Translation (TPT):**

"And I continually long to know the wonders of Jesus more fully and to experience the overflowing power of his resurrection working in me. I will be one with him in his sufferings and become like him in his death."

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**Isaiah 46:3 NLT**

**3**“Listen to Me, O house of Jacob,  
And all the remnant of the house of Israel,  
Who have been upheld by Me from birth,  
Who have been carried from the womb:  
**4**Even to your old age, I am He,  
And even to gray hairs I will carry you!  
I have made, and I will bear;  
Even I will carry, and will deliver you.  
**5**“To whom will you liken Me, and make Me equal  
And compare Me, that we should be alike?

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**Isaiah 46:3-10 The Passion Translation**

**3 “Listen to me, O Jacob’s tribes, all the remnant of Israel.  
You never had to carry me, but I have carried you from birth.  
I supported you from the moment you left the womb.**

**4 Even as you grow old and your hair turns gray,  
I’ll keep carrying you!**

**I am your Maker and your Caregiver.**

**I will carry you and be your Savior.**

**5 To whom can you compare me, the incomparable God?  
Have you found someone else like me?**

**6 The wealthy pour out their gold,  
weigh out their silver in the scales,  
and hire a goldsmith who crafts it into a ‘god.’**

**Then they bow down before it to worship it.**

**7 They lift it up to their shoulders and have to carry it.  
They set it on a stand, and there it sits,  
unable to move from its place.**

**When someone cries out to it,  
it never answers nor saves anyone from trouble.**

**8 Keep this in mind and don’t forget it!  
Take this to heart, you rebels!**

**9 Remember the miracles of long ago.  
Acknowledge that I am God, and there is no other.**

**I am God, and there is none like me.**

**10 I declare from the beginning how it will end  
and foretell from the start what has not yet happened.  
I decree that my purpose will stand,  
and I will fulfill my every plan.**

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**Job 42:2 (NKJV)“I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.”**

**Psalms 115:3 (NKJV)“But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases.”**

**Isaiah 46:10 (NKJV)“Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,’”**

**Daniel 4:35 (NKJV)“All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven And among the inhabitants of earth. No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, ‘What have You done?’”**

**Romans 9:20 (NKJV)“But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, ‘Why have you made me like this?’”**

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**Colossians 3:1 (NIV)**

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God."

**Colossians 3:1 (NKJV)**

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God."

**Romans 8:16-17 (NKJV)**

"The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together."

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**Ephesians 2:6 (NKJV)**

"And raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

**Ephesians 2:6 (NLT)**

"For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus."

**Romans 8:16-17 (NIV)**

"The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory."

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**Romans 8:16-17 (NLT)**

"For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering."

**2 Corinthians 12:9-10 TPT**

9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**2 Corinthians 12:9-10 NKJV**

9 But he answered me, "My grace is always more than enough for you, and my power finds its full expression through your weakness." So I will celebrate my weaknesses, for when I'm weak I sense more deeply the mighty power of Christ living in me. 10 So I'm not defeated by my weakness, but delighted! For when I feel my weakness and endure mistreatment—when I'm surrounded with troubles on every side and face persecution because of my love for Christ—I am made yet stronger. For my weakness becomes a portal to God's power.

**2 Corinthians 4:18 (NKJV)** "While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

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Philippians 4:8 (NKJV) “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”

Psalms 119:71 (NKJV) “It is good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes.”

**SYMPTOMS: \*GREEK\* SUMPTOMA**

**Synonyms**

for symptoms include manifestation, indication, indicator, sign, mark, expression, and token.

The word originates from late Middle English *synthoma*, based on Greek *sumptōma* meaning ‘chance, symptom’, which was later influenced by French *symptome*<sup>1</sup>

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