

Pressure Point

Matthew 28:1-10



**Easter is the story of
worldly pressure versus
resurrection power.**



We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair.

We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed.

- 2 Corinthians 4:8-9

Some of us here today are battling

PRESSURE POINTS

Fear & Anxiety

WORLDLY PRESSURE SAYS

What if everything falls apart?

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RESURRECTION POWER SAYS

**Jesus already conquered the
worst-case scenario.**

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Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done.

- Philippians 4:6-7

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Perform & Measure Up

WORLDLY PRESSURE SAYS

**Your value comes from
achievement.**

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RESURRECTION POWER SAYS

**Your value was settled
at the cross.**

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Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant.

- Galatians 1:10

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Sin & Shame

WORLDLY PRESSURE SAYS

Your past defines you.

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RESURRECTION POWER SAYS

Your past is buried.

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*So now there is no condemnation for those
who belong to Christ Jesus... the power of the
life-giving Spirit has freed you.*

- Romans 8:1-2

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Hopelessness

WORLDLY PRESSURE SAYS

Your endings are permanent.

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RESURRECTION POWER SAYS

God specializes in new beginnings.

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Hopelessness

It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation...

- 1 Peter 1:3

**While the world applies pressure,
Jesus supplies power!**

*The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus
from the dead, lives in you.*

- Romans 8:11

Jesus Proclaims in John 14:11

“Since I live, you also will live.”

We have a new identity!

*This means that anyone who belongs to Christ
has become a new person.*

The old is gone; a new life has begun!

- 2 Corinthians 5:17

Jesus Proclaims in John 14:11

“Since I live, you also will live.”

We have new power!

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere.

- Acts 1:8

Jesus Proclaims in John 14:11

“Since I live, you also will live.”

We have new perspective!

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor.

- Colossians 3:1

Jesus Proclaims in John 14:11

“Since I live, you also will live.”

We have new hope!

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely... Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Spirit.

- Romans 15:13

What's the Catch?

Stay connected to the power!

*“Those who remain in me, and I in them,
will produce much fruit.*

For apart from me you can do nothing.”

- John 15:5

Worldly pressure tries to keep us in the tomb, but the resurrection power of Jesus shakes the earth, breaks the seal, dumbfounds the guards, and rolls that stone away...

Romans 8:35-39

