

The Refreshing Times

“Let The Healing Waters Flow”

Healing Waters Outreach Ministry

Turn Your Pressure

Prophetess Dana Roberson



II Cor. 4:7-9, 16-17

All of us have great worth on the inside of us. Many times, that worth cannot be discovered until we go through some trials and tribulations. We are

hard-pressed on every side means inside and out. Every time we turn around, something is happening. Hard-pressed means that you're going to encounter some pressure and affliction in your life. In this walk with Christ, you're going to be perplexed, which means you feel like you're at a loss. It means that you can't see your way out. You're going to be persecuted and struck down where it seems as if the whole world is out to get you; seeking to destroy you. The good news about all this is that God has the final say so. As believers, no one is exempt from these things.

We have no idea of what some people are experiencing because we don't always see what they are going through. We see them as being happy all the time, but in reality, they are mustering their last bit of strength and faith just to talk to you. Verse 16 says, **“Therefore we do not lose heart.”** To lose heart means to become cowardly, timid, weak, hopeless or fearful, to lose your boldness, your bravery, your courage, to become weary and faint hearted and quit. Paul says that we are not to do that. We have to get to a place where we value our spiritual strength more than we value our physical strength. The scripture says that **I can do ALL things through Christ who strengthens me.** When we operate in God's realm, His strength is made perfect in our weakness. In 1 Peter chapter 5 and verse 10, Peter puts it this way, **“After you have suffered for a little while, the God of grace will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.”** It is the trials in your physical life that lead you to spiritual strength. Suffering and the pressures of life are directly connected to your spiritual growth.

Sometimes when things don't go as planned, and we experience times of despair (may it be from problems on your job, issues with your family, job layoff, relationships ending, or any other situations you may have never imagined) it is most important to remember that we must continue to look to God for strength and still praise HIM in the midst our hurt and struggle. It is during these times we must remember to **“trust in the Lord with all our heart, and lean not on our own understanding”** and keep our eyes open for the lessons to be learned. We must trust and have faith that things will get better, and that the Lord will direct our footsteps.

Because of the trials and tribulations you went through, you found out that you were stronger than what you originally thought. What you need to understand is that your external pressure builds your internal strength! There were some things that you didn't know you were capable of doing until you got put into a position of pressure. The pressures of life may squeeze you, but it won't crush you. Just by looking a grape, you wouldn't think that it would make an expensive wine, but the PRESSURE that the grape goes through...When a grape goes through its process, it is first chopped or crushed, then pressed, and then the fermentation, which brings on the heat. The whole fermentation process takes a couple of months for the wine to be bottled, and then a year before it is completely ready to go into circulation. Throughout this process, the grapes have to go through something to get the best out of them. So is it with us. In order for the anointing to come, you have to be pressed. God has to apply pressure to our lives to get us to where He wants us to be. So you can go ahead and tell your haters, **“I don't care what it looks like to you, but God is just developing me into who He wants me to be.”**

No matter how heavy the burden, no matter how hard the

pressure, this is all a part of God's divine assignment for your life. When you look at the children of Israel, they spent 40 years in the wilderness before they got to their promised land. Don't think that things are just going to happen for you overnight. The children of Israel saw a glimpse of what God had promised them, but because they grumbled and complained going through their process; many of them didn't make it to see the promise land. Stop looking at the wilderness that you're in, and turn your pressure into praise!!! Stop looking at what you're dealing with, and focus on what God has promised you.

To make the most out of our pressures; turn them into praise. What do I mean by that? Well, when the first week of the month comes and the pressure for paying those bills are choking you, take all that pent up energy and all that pressure and praise God for the breakthrough that will come. When you are facing deadlines at work and the pressure is on, turn around and give a shout of praise. Listen to me, the greater your pressure, the greater your praise. The more stress you have, the more energy you need to release. The more trouble you are facing, the more you need to cry out to God.

If your situation is ever going to change you have to learn to turn your pressure into praise. If your midnight is to ever turn into day, you have to learn to turn your pressure into praise. If your crying and sadness is to ever turn into joy, you have to learn to turn your pressure into praise. The more uncontrollable your pressure, the more radical your praise should be. When the pressure is so intense and you feel like you are losing your mind, go way down deep into the inner being of your soul and give God a shout of praise. You have to realize that there is power in your praise. This is not the time for you to complain about the pressure. But this is the time for you to **TURN YOUR PRESSURE INTO PRAISE!!!**

*Where the Spirit
of the Lord is,
There is Liberty”*

II Corinthians 3:17

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 JEREMIAH 29:11

When Things Don't Make Sense in Our Lives

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There are many seasons that we go through in our lives, but the season that can be the most confusing is that season when nothing in your life is making sense. You have done all you know to do but

nothing is working out for you. You have prayed, fasted, sought counsel and maintained your faith but it seems like nothing is turning out the way you thought it would. It is during these seasons that we can feel like God has abandoned or forsaken us but in reality we are right dab smack in the middle of God's will.

1 Corinthians 1:27 says, **"But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty."**

We also read in Isaiah 55:8-9, **"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts."**

So many of us have set expectations of what we are believing God to do in our lives and when circumstances do not line up with our expectations we are sadly disappointed and even angry at God. The reality is that God is at work in our lives in ways that we have no

ability to understand. He knows the beginning, the middle and the end of our lives and He is in a better position to set us up for victory in our lives then we are with our limited understanding. Yet many of us have difficulty trusting God with our lives and continue to interfere with His will in our lives.

Leave it to the Lord

I have learned that it is better to pray for God's will to be done in my life instead of telling God what or how I want things to take place in my life. If I leave things to the Lord He truly knows what is best for me. At times this has been a real battle in my life in that I wanted to manipulate the circumstances in my life to get what I wanted, but it seemed like every time I did this it would end up badly for me. In fact, so many times I have prayed for things and the opposite has happened. Talk about disappointment, I was not only disappointed but even depressed when things happened contrary to what I was believing for. It seemed for many years that the more I prayed the stranger my life would become. Things would happen to me or my family that made absolutely no sense to me. Others seemed to prosper and do well and this often caused me to be bitter with the Lord. Not because they were blessed but more because I felt God was leaving me behind or denying me my blessings.

It wasn't until a few years ago that I began to understand the plans the Lord has for our lives. What I learned is that the Lord often takes us into situations and circumstances that make absolutely no sense to us but in it God has an underlying purpose for our lives. Instead of fighting against these circum-

stances I learned to cooperate with God and allow Him to use these crazy situations to move me forward into His will. Now that I look back every situation that looked like it didn't make sense at the time was a part of His plan and purpose for my life.

God Knows Best

If God had given me what I had asked for I would have surely been destroyed by now. God knew what was best for me and taught me not to lean on my own understanding but to instead rely on His will for my life. I have seen God take something that looked like a dead end and use it as the doorway to my blessing. I remember one day when I got my severance letter from my company and was facing unemployment and I couldn't understand why God was allowing this to happen. It was during that time that the Lord spoke to me and told me to start a church. As crazy as that sounds it was God's way of getting me to step off the boat into ministry. For nine months I had no job and lost all that I had but out of that we birthed Glory Tabernacle International Ministries (which was originally named Healing Rain Ministry). If it had not been for the layoff I wouldn't have had the time to step out in this vision. God used that time in my life to birth His church.

For many of you I know you are at the end of your rope and you feel like God has forgotten about you but I encourage you to trust God and let Him use that situation in your life to promote you in the natural and the supernatural.

Look Closer -- It's Not What It Seems

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Gen 37:29-33 KJV

In Chapter 37 we read the story of Joseph, Jacobs's youngest and most favored son.

Joseph had two dreams that showed first his brothers bowing down to him and then his whole family doing so. When he shared this news with his brothers they began to hate him more. So when he came upon them in the field, they conspired against him.

There is so much meat in this chap-

ter of food. However, today I want to share a particular piece with you. When the brothers brought Joseph's coat to their father, he couldn't look too closely because of the emotional pain of seeing the blood on his son's coat. Yet, if he would have just taken a moment to put aside the pain and look closer, he would have realized that the truth was not being spoken to him.

The enemy of our souls will use our emotions in a particular situation to get us to stay in a place of bondage instead of walking in the freedom God has given us. We will look at a situation from afar off and deem it to be hopeless. With that lack of hope, we begin to respond in the

same way that Jacob did. We begin to mourn the loss. God wants us to take a closer look so that we can recognize the lies of the enemy.

When we begin to set our emotional response aside and truly look at the situation, we can then see the hand of God at work in the midst of the storm. Storms have to come so that our roots can go deeper in God. Our response to the situation is what God is working on.

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Draw from the Wells of Salvation

Lisa Wisdom Taylor



Do you feel like you are in parched circumstances and it is dark? Could it be that it is time to move to another area in the spirit and/or perhaps physically in this

earthly realm? Could it be about on how to move from transition to transformation in the midst of darkness where the light of God is shining to transform your heart and mind in His strong and mighty watchtower, if only you know that you can trust Him?

Does it appear to be a barrier or wall in your way and you find it difficult to forgive those who abused, betrayed, and rejected you? Or, could it be that you are the abuser and you do not know how to stop your rages and addictions? Those of you who are shy, timid, quiet, and labeled as an outcast, did some people tell you that you are not radical enough and not fit to be in their presence and tell you that God cannot use you? Or, is the mouth of judgment and criticism enough to isolate yourself from others and lick your wounds? Rest assured that the Lord is looking for your availability and He will work on your ability that becomes the Masterpiece that heals and makes whole. Did some people whom you trusted broadcast your weaknesses that should have been private and confidential? Choose to stand for God's grace for it is sufficient enough to turn your weaknesses and life into the fire and strength of God.

Next, forgive, forgive, forgive because Jesus paid the price for all the sin and death words whether people accept or reject the gift of salvation through the realms of God's unconditional love and forgiveness by, in, and through the

blood covenant of Jesus, not man's broken contractual agreement. Be sure to pray for them, close your prayer with Amen to God, and sow a seed to lock the prayer as the sweet aroma to Him. You will see how your forgiveness and love through the process of God's "unconditional" forgiveness and love made you whole because of the heart of compassion and wisdom. In essence, you cannot choose to go back, for God has propelled you forward to the forefront, and He will allow you to do things afraid and then the anointing from the Holy Spirit will cause you to speak and do as the burning fire shut up within to manifest the Word and Life of God for the gates of hell cannot strive against you (Jeremiah 19). Watch and see what the Lord will do and how He will operate through you to bless nations!

Does fear say that your faith must be seen before you would consider taking a step? Or, could you think about the endless possibilities of having the faith to see from the spiritual realm of divine imagination to write and to strategize each step toward the wells of salvation? I must praise the Lord for His mercies and grace endures forever! Let us taste and see that the Lord is good (Psalm 34:8). Watch and see how the Holy Spirit will help you from the wells of salvation!

When we understand how the Holy Spirit uniquely ministers to us, hovers over us with His protection, and divine wisdom through His Holy Word entwined with the Revelations locked in the blood covenant of Jesus Christ because of the Holy Father (God), then we will have the faith and will take God at His Word that promises us blessings, victories, restoration, breakthroughs, miracles, and supernatural events linked to

common and uncommon favors all because of the blood covenant we have in Jesus Christ who is also the Vine (see John 15). However, there are conditions: Listen, obey, and do the instructions God gives you because you have been in His presence!

So no matter what is going on, the Lord has created a safety path for you and your bloodline to live and declare that God is God and that there is no other. Be watchful because the chosen vessels you meet could make you wonder whether you are entertaining angels unaware (Hebrews 13:2) who will assist you toward the place the Lord ordained for you. So go ahead and sing a new song to the Lord. Go ahead and praise the Lord. Go ahead and worship the Lord. Go ahead and tell the wondrous things of the Lord. Go ahead and shout to the Lord! Go ahead and draw from the deep wells of salvation (Isaiah 12). Taste and see that the Lord is good because you choose to trust Him with every being in you (Psalm 34:8)!

Weeping may trouble you in your night seasons (Psalm 30:5), but you know what? Joy is your portion! So go deeper and draw from the deep wells of God's salvation! You should be next to testify that the Lord penetrated His undying love and forgiveness for you because out of your belly where the Holy Spirit resides flow rivers of living water (John 7:38)! Oh yes, just as Uncle Sam has need of soldiers to protect our borders, God has need of you as His Spiritual Prophetic Warrior to introduce many to the Kingdom of God as you draw from the wells of salvation to bless nations!

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New Members Training.....9:30 am

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Intercessory Prayer.....6:30 pm

Bible Study.....7:00 pm

4th Tuesday—Minister's Class.....7:00 pm

THURSDAY NIGHTS

Dance Ministry.....6:30 pm

FRIDAY NIGHTS

2nd Friday—Marriage Ministry.....7:30 pm

4th Friday—Men's Ministry.....7:00 pm

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Praise Team.....11:00 am

3rd Saturday—Women's Ministry.....5:00 pm

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