



Sermon Notes:

Message:

Pressure to Progress

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Text Reference: Philippians 1:12 KJV

But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things *which happened* unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;

Power Quote:

Pressure is an opportunity in disguise. Pressure is the catalyst for innovation and progress.

I cannot be defeated.

I shall not quit.

Redeem by the Blood of Jesus

Loose from Satan grip

Keith Moore

Sermon Overview

The book of Philippians is How the Apostle Paul turned Tragedy into trial Triumph. Also is a commentary on how you can turn your pressure into progress.

Pressure to Progress:

The things I have gone through:

- Didn't cause me to quit
- Throw in the towel
- Say it not worth it
- Quit coming to church
- Didn't cause me to stop giving (time, tithing, giving, supporting, commitment)
- Quit praying

The Pressure has caused:

Furtherance of the Gospel/Progress

Experience advancement.

It all about attitude

We all go through adversity.

No one is immune from attacks, test, trials.

All Attacks are designed by Satan to get you and I to quit.

Turn your back on God.

To come to the place where you say I just not worth it.

Pressure To Progress

- Stay in Faith
- God will Deliverer you
- God will be Your Avenger
- God will make the devil Pay

Anointing Brought on Adversity

After a fresh new anointing came upon David the Philistines plan an attack against him.

However God had the final Word.

The Philistines symbolize the devil. How when ever we experience an advancement. He will launch an series of attacks.

Philippians 1:12 AMPC

Now I want you to know and continue to rest assured, brethren, that what [has happened] to me [this imprisonment] has actually only served to advance and give a renewed impetus to the [spreading of the] good news (the Gospel).

Impetus Defined

To explain projectile motion. The Law of Impetus. A driving force. The property posed by a moving body.

Latin: To attack "To Go To" "To Seek"

The momentum of action already begun

To boost, incentive, motivation, stimulus, yeast, encouragement.

Satan's Plan

Satan thought he would take the wind out of Paul's sail.

However, He pushed Paul to another level.

Philippians 1:12,18 MSG

12 I want to report to you, friends, that my imprisonment here has had the opposite of its intended effect. Instead of being squelched, the Message has actually prospered.

18 So how am I to respond? I've decided that I really don't care about their motives, whether mixed, bad, or indifferent. Every time one of them opens his mouth, Christ is proclaimed, so I just cheer them on!

The Question: How will you respond?

How you respond to the attack. Is how it will turn out. You have a choice in your reactions to adversity.

Powerful Principles applied by Paul will cause pressure into progress

- Attitude is everything
- Renewed Impetus
- Make a decision not to quit
- Say the right thing (I cannot be defeated)

Paul's Response

Philippians 1:19-21 MSG

[19](#) because I know how it's going to turn out. Through your faithful prayers and the generous response of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, everything he wants to do in and through me will be done.

[20](#) I can hardly wait to continue on my course. I don't expect to be embarrassed in the least. On the contrary, everything happening to me in this jail only serves to make Christ more accurately known, regardless of whether I live or die. They didn't shut me up; they gave me a pulpit!

[21](#) Alive, I'm Christ's messenger; dead, I'm his bounty. Life versus even more life! I can't lose.

Misconception of the Attack

People often believe the reason they are under attack is because they have done something wrong. (It's possible...but most of the time that's not the case)

The Reason: Your Advancement

In most cases the attack steams from the advancement that taken place in your life.

It not that you have done something wrong. But rather, that you have done something right.

It because you are progressing

Paul stated:

2 Corinthians 12:7 KJV

And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

1 Chronicle 14: 2, 8 KJV

2 And David perceived that the Lord had confirmed him king over Israel, for his kingdom was lifted up on high, because of his people Israel.

8 And when the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David. And David heard of it, and went out against them.

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You are Carrying Something

Bag Ladies aren't the target by thieves. They are not carrying anything of value. All of their possessions are on display. But because what they are carrying is of no value. There are no takers.

You on the other hand are carrying something of value. The attacks serve as confirmation.

Everyone wants to defeat the champions...

When God seems to be doing fresh and new Satan always tries to stop it.

God the Deliverer and The God of the Breakthrough

Satan's Objective

Satan attempted to stop David from fulfilling what he was called to do. What God But God always gets the last Word.

1 Chronicle 14: 10 KJV

And David inquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? and wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto him, Go up; for I will deliver them into thine hand.

1 Chronicle 14: 11 AMPC

So [Israel] came up to Baal-perazim, and David smote [the Philistines] there. Then David said, God has broken my enemies by my hand, like the bursting forth of waters. Therefore they called the name of that place Baal-perazim [Lord of breaking through].

Other translations: In the The Lord of the Bursting out

1 Chronicle 14: 11-12 MSG

11-12 David attacked at Baal Perazim and slaughtered them. David said, "God exploded my enemies, as water explodes from a burst pipe." That's how the place got its name, Baal Perazim (Baal-Explosion). The Philistines left their gods behind and David ordered that they be burned up.

David's Confidence Moving Forward

After this no matter what David went through he was confident that The God of the breakthrough would come through for him.

He face various obstacles. However he never considered giving up or quitting as a option .

Note to Self:

Every advancement you make for the Lord will bring on attacks from the adversary.

New level means new devils.

Paul stated

Acts 20:23-24

23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

[24](#) But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

No Quit Determination

Paul refuse to let the attacks/pressure

Distract him

Detour him

2 Timothy 3:11

persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them.

Philippians 1:19 NIV

for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.

Why Me?

The devil wants you to back off. Wallow in why is this happening to me?

Why am I always going through this?

Change your perspective.

I must be a threat to the devil.

I must be doing something right.

I must be progressing

I have the devil upset.

Advancing the Kingdom of God Stirs up devils.

The life of Jesus

Was Jesus attacked for doing something wrong?

In the wilderness- He tempted of the devil.

This attack came after an advancement:

- Baptized by John
- Anointing of the Spirit fall upon Him
- Acknowledgment by God as His Son

After this advancement. To fulfill what God called Him to do. The attack followed.

Luke 4:18 KJV

The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

YOU AND I HAVE BEEN ANOINTED FOR THE PURPOSE TO ADVANCE THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND TO PROGRESS.

Oppositions did not stop:

- David
- Jesus
- Paul

You have experienced advancements. And are headed for major advancements.

in 1650 English theologian and historian Thomas Fuller made this famous quote

“it's darkest before the dawn”

When you fell like you can't take any more.

It's a sign satan has taken his best shot.

If this doesn't take you out. He is finished. You win.

You haven't done something wrong. Your making advancements. There is a breakthrough on your horizon.

The attacks you and I are experiencing will push us to another level.

Pressure to Progress By:

- **Delivering you**
- **Breakthrough**
- **Avenge You**

God Will Avenge

Avenge: to vindicate, to satisfy by punishment.

God is going to make the devil wish he hadn't attacked you. God will make satan pay for it.

2 Samuel 22: 48-49 KJV

48 It is God that avengeth me, and that bringeth down the people under me.

49 And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies: thou also hast lifted me up on high above them that rose up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

2 Samuel 22: 48-49 AMPC

48 It is God Who executes vengeance for me and Who brought down [and disciplined] the peoples under me,

49 Who brought me out from my enemies. You also lifted me up above those who rose up against me; You delivered me from the violent man.

Deliver and Avenge

How does avenge you:

By promoting you

By lifting you up

By taking you to another level

Praying for more people

Help Bring more into the Kingdom of God

Deuteronomy 32:35

To me belongeth vengeance and recompence; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.

Luke 18: 7-8

7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

Clam After the Storm

Mark 4:35-37, 39-40 KJV

35 And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.

36 And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

Decision Time

Where is your faith?

While under attack.

What decisions are you going to make?

From Great Sea to Great Clam

The great sea became a great clam

Note to Self:

If you and I will stay in Faith.

Behind every great sea in our lives there is a great calm.

Mark 4:39 MSG

Awake now, he told the wind to pipe down and said to the sea, "Quiet! Settle down!" The wind ran out of breath; the sea became smooth as glass.

A major breakthrough on the other side.

This storm was demonic.

Your decision to turn pressure into progress.

Will cause the enemy to make attempts to stop you. To see if you really mean business.

To see if you really will took a stand.

Being Victorious in Storms

Greater storms are about to give way to greater victories.

Being victorious in storms is God's plan for your life.

It's God's Best for your life.

God's Best: Heritage Covenant Promise

Isaiah 54:17

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.

Isaiah 54:17 AMPC

But no weapon that is formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment you shall show to be in the wrong. This [peace, righteousness, security, triumph over opposition] is the heritage of the servants of the Lord [those in whom the ideal Servant of the Lord is reproduced]; this is the righteousness *or* the vindication which they obtain from Me [this is that which I impart to them as their justification], says the Lord.

Failure and defeat is not in my future.

Triumph = victorious, to flourish (implies to take to another level

Embarrassment/Open Shame of the enemy

Colossians 2:15

And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Deuteronomy 28:11 AMPC

And the Lord shall make you have a surplus of prosperity, through the fruit of your body, of your livestock, and of your ground, in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers to give you.