



Under Pressure #1

Weather Forecast

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²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. ²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. ²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” ²⁸ “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ “Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?” ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.” **Matt. 14:22–33**

BIG IDEA: Pressure does create the man. It reveals the man.

How do you know what kind of man you really are?

PRESSURE REVEALS FAITH

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Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. **Heb. 11:1**

Truth Forecast: Storms reveal where we've placed our trust.

Q: Where is your faith being tested today?

PRESSURE REVEALS CHARACTER

“Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. **Matt 14:27**

⁸ Then David went out of the cave and called out to Saul, “My lord the king!” When Saul looked behind him, David bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground. ⁹ He said to Saul, “Why do you listen when men say, ‘David is bent on harming you’?” ¹⁰ This day you have seen with your own eyes how the Lord delivered you into my hands in the cave. Some urged me to kill you, but I spared you. **1 Sam. 24:8-10a**

Truth Forecast: Character is revealed long before it is rewarded.

Q: What does pressure usually bring out in you?

PRESSURE REVEALS LEADERSHIP “Who’s in charge?”

²²But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. ²³Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me ²⁴and said, “Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.” **Acts 27:22-24**

Truth Forecast: Pressure reveals who influences others toward God.

Q: How do people experience your leadership during difficult seasons?

PRESSURE REVEALS HOPE

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⁵Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. ⁶Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress; I will not be shaken. **Ps. 62:5-6**

Truth Forecast: The anchor of hope holds when everything else is drifting.

Q: Where are you looking for hope today?

MEMORY VERSE

*“...we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.” **Romans 5:3–4***

THIS WEEK’S CHALLENGE

What pressure are you facing today...

...and what is it revealing about your **faith**, your **character**, your **leadership**, and your **hope**?

How can we pray for you?

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