

Life Under Pressure
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And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

Life is full of pressure, do you feel it? Do me a favor and think about a situation where you feel like the pressure is on.

A parent recently showed up to her child's softball game, and I could tell she was stressed and under pressure. It was about 5:45, and she still had her formal work clothes on. She had gone straight from work, to her son's cross country meet, to this softball game. No time for dinner and a brief respite. Her daughter was a bit late to her game, which meant she (the Mom) had to warm up the daughter's arm with a game of catch. So picture the scene- a Mom, in dress clothes, probably hungry, playing catch with her daughter behind the dugout. Life under pressure...

Do you feel it?

So much is contributing to our lives feeling the pressure, too much for this devotional thought. But it's important to simply acknowledge the sense of pressure many of us feel.

Old Testament Joseph felt pressure. Imprisoned, falsely, for over two years, he was now given a chance to interpret Pharaoh's dreams. If he nails the interpretation it will mean freedom. The pressure was on! Which makes Joseph's first line to Pharaoh so awesome.

"I cannot do it," Joseph replied to Pharaoh, "but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires" (Genesis 41:16).

With these words, Joseph is teaching us that when the pressure is on, it's exactly the time to stop looking inward and starting looking to God.

I pray that for you; I pray you sense the Lord is with you in these pressure-packed moments, and that it impacts how you live in them. And next time I see that softball Mom, I'm going to share a word of affirmation- she handled that pressure quite well!