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Recently, I’ve been a little stressed out.

* Finances
* Taking time off
* Losing OT
* Work
* Wife
* Kids
* Christmas

It’s easy for life to scream in our ears.

It’s easy to let life overwhelm us.

Living a God-driven life requires pressing.

Pressing through hardship

Pressing through anxiety, fear, sadness, stress.

These things are a part of life.

But growing up requires us to receive these things differently.

The good news, with God, is that we get to go through these things and not be stuck in these things.

Pressing through is important.

Prayer is important but you aren’t going to get everything you need from someone else praying for you.

You’re going to have to add pressing to that prayer.

God gives you renewed strength to overcome those times.

You see, to overcome we have to work with God, as partners.

We have to do our part, He’ll do His.

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Psalm 94:18-19

18If I should say, “My foot has slipped,” Your lovingkindness, O LORD, will hold me up. 19When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, Your consolations delight my soul.

We need to stand up and be who the Holy Spirit enables us to be.

We need to be brave.

Rodrigo and I talked briefly on Sunday about how we are set apart from this world.

We need to not be afraid of trouble.

We to not be afraid of trials and tribulations.

We to not be afraid of hard times.

We need to be determined.

Even if our breakthrough moment hasn’t happened, we need to be diligent on our side of things, working with God.

When you don’t give up, you’ll see God’s faithfulness in action.

Spiritually, we need to be dedicated to being who God calls us to be.

John 14:27

27“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

The bible says that Jesus is coming back for a church without spot, blemish, or wrinkle.

How do you get wrinkles out of clothes?

You press them.

So, a lot of times, God is allowing us to be pressed in our life by the pressures coming against us.

He wants us to press back against it because, believe it or not, that’s what gets the wrinkles out.

That’s what helps us be the person God wants us to be.

If you really want to be all that God wants you to be, you might as well expect opposition.

We are anointed by God to withstand hard times.

We are more than conquerors.

We can know before the battle ever begins that we will be victorious if we keep our focus on God.

Prayer: