

Living Under Pressure

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: 2 Corinthians.

B. Many live under pressure.

II. The pressure of dangers. (2 Corinthians 1:8)

A. We should not trust in ourselves in pressure but God who raises us from the dead.

B. Death is not the greatest disaster for the Christian—it is the inevitable doorway to the presence of God. Therefore, there is no fear in danger.

B. We must trust in God in the face of pressure.

III. The pressure of disappointment.

A. We must give thanks in the face of unmet expectations. (2 Corinthians 3:12)

B. We trust in God when people are not responding spiritually as we would hope (2 Corinthians 7; 8:9-10)

C. God allows delay. God intends for us to live under pressure. (Acts 20)

IV. The pressure to disciple people.

A. This pressure is often missing in the church.

B. The love of God locks us into reaching out to a lost world and discipling others.

C. We must be determined.

Applications questions:

1. Which response to pressure do you find the most helpful? Explain.

2. Why is it important to understand that God allows pressure?

3. How will you change your approach to discipleship in light of the message? What will you do differently?
