

Connecting Together

1. Looking back on your life, can you think of a difficult season that changed you in a positive way—even if you couldn't see it at the time?
2. Which type of pressure has been most challenging for you over the past year: burnout, unfair circumstances, grief, disappointment, waiting, or something else?
3. Have you ever had a time when you didn't know what to pray? What did that season teach you about your relationship with God?
4. This series has covered six different kinds of pressure. Which week's message impacted you the most, and why?

Connecting to the Passage

1. Read Romans 8:18-25. Paul says that both creation and believers are "groaning." What does that teach us about living in a broken world while still having hope?
2. Read Romans 8:26-30. Verse 28 is often quoted, but verse 29 explains God's definition of "good." According to these verses, what is God ultimately accomplishing in the lives of His people?
3. Read Romans 8:31-39. Paul asks four powerful questions ("If God is for us...", "Who can accuse us?", etc.). Which of those questions or promises speaks most deeply to you today? Why?
4. Romans 8:37 says we are "more than conquerors" through Christ. How does Paul's definition of victory differ from the way our culture typically defines victory or success?

Connecting to Application

1. Is there a pressure you're facing right now that you've mostly been asking God to remove? How might your prayers change if you also asked God what He wants to produce through it?
2. Talk about how this perspective change the way you view your current circumstances: pressure may explain what you're feeling, but it never defines what God is doing.
3. Romans 8 reminds us that the Father is working, the Spirit is interceding, and Jesus is advocating for us. Which of those truths brings you the greatest encouragement today, and why?
4. As we conclude the *Under Pressure* series, what's one truth, habit, or perspective God has been growing in you that you want to carry forward into the weeks ahead?

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Current Series

UNDER PRESSURE

THE PRESSURE IS REAL, GOD'S PRESENCE IS GREATER.

WELCOME

July 19, 2026



WORSHIP ORDER

CALL TO WORSHIP
 GOD SO LOVED
 GREETING
 WELCOME
 OFFERING
 DEATH ARRESTED
 WHAT A GOD
 WHAT AN AWESOME GOD
 MESSAGE
 WHO YOU SAY I AM
 SEND OFF AND PRAYER

NORTHAMPTON
 BIBLE CHURCH

Love God | Love People | Make Disciples

UPCOMING

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER

In the Café at 8:30

Plan to come if you would like to take part in praying for Sunday mornings and each other.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Marcia Peters at care@nbchurchcf.org if interested in joining Northampton's prayer chain. If you have prayer request needs, please email them to care@nbchurchcf.org; if you don't email, nbchurchcf.org/prayer.

CARE MINISTRY

If you, or someone you know, has a need for prayer, meals, or other assistance, please fill out a request card located at the back of the church and drop it in the collection basket or email your request to care@nbchurchcf.org.

MEALS FOR THE GUGLIELMI FAMILY

Please consider making a meal for Antonio and Megan as they welcome Sophia Joy into their family. **Sign up here:** <https://mealtrain.com/0rq86v>

YOUNG ADULT WOMEN'S GROUP

Friday, July 24 6:30pm.

Dinner at El Meson's on Portage Trail, Cuy. Falls! RSVP by July 22 on the Church Center App so we can make a reservation! Contact Danielle Cordes with questions (330-417-1135)

YOUNG ADULTS

BONFIRE N GAMES

Saturday, July 25, 7:30-10:30pm

Bring your own chair. **See the Church Center App for more information.**

GOLDEN GATHERERS GAME NIGHT

Saturday, July 25, 4:00-6:00pm

Please sign up in the Church Center App - All seniors welcome!

BABY DEDICATION

Sunday, July 26 - Please complete the form in the Church Center App.

NBKIDS SPLASH BASH - DAY CAMP

Monday, July 27 - 10:00am-1:00pm

Ages 5-5th Grade

Lunch-Games-Crafts-Bible Fun!

Sign up in the Church Center App!

REAL-LIFE DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

Wednesdays, beginning August 26, 7:30pm (for 11 weeks). **Sign up in the Church Center App!**

SOUND & TECH TEAM

We are looking for a few more volunteers to join our growing sound and tech team - we have a variety of jobs and we will train you - no experience required! If you are interested in volunteering and learning about the different ways you can serve, email Dawn at dawn@nbchurchcf.org.

WORSHIP TEAM

If you have musical ability and a passion for worship, we would love to have you join our team! We are urgently in need of another drummer and another acoustic / electric / bass player, but we would love to connect with you if you are musically gifted in other ways and interested (or know someone who is). Email Dawn at dawn@nbchurchcf.org for more info.

MESSAGE NOTES

Pastor Jim Souza

Pressure Isn't Proof That God Has Abandoned You.

The Pressure Is Real, But God's Presence Is Greater.

What if God is actually using the pressure to accomplish something in you?

Pressure Reminds Us That This World Isn't _____. [Romans 8:18-25](#)

Pressure reveals a broken world, not an absent God.

Pressure Is God's _____. [Romans 8:26-30](#)

God's goal isn't making life easier. It's making us more like Jesus.

Pressure Cannot Stop God's _____. [Romans 8:31-39](#)

Victory isn't escaping pressure, it's experiencing God's nearness in it.

The Pressure Of Today Is Preparing The You Of Tomorrow.

God Doesn't Waste Your Pressure. He Uses It To Make You More Like Jesus.

Next week: **Forgiveness**



Check out classes and next steps: www.nbchurchcf.org/nextsteps/

