

PUSH ME...IF YOU WANNA

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Psalm 34

Thinking back on when you were growing up, do you remember being confronted by someone in your face? At that time, you were saying 'push me...if you wanna' but you were hoping they didn't do it. In the text, David was in a situation that was pushing him to cry out to God for help. Has a situation in your life ever pushed you? What do you do when life pushes you? The truth is every one of us has been pushed by life. It was David who said, "I will bless the Lord at all times and His praise shall continually be in my mouth." What do you do when you have to deal with a painful predicament of life?

David was in a situation where he knew he was king but he couldn't do anything about his present situation. This poor man cried out to God. In the world, 'crying out' may look like something else but in the church it looks like praising God. That is why you can't judge a book by its cover. You may look like you are dead but you are really alive depending on what you holler. When you are going through something, don't just holler anything. Holler out God's name. God moves when He hears His name, because if you know His name you must know what He can do. Satan will push you by circumstances but the direction of where you fall depends on you. David was pushed by Satan to the altar but God directed where he could go. The steps of the righteous man are ordered by the Lord. God made sure he was pushed in a direction that Satan wouldn't know where he would fall. He was pushed to the altar to praise God in spite of his situation. When you are pushed, where do you fall? A child of God falls on his knees. A child of God says, "Push me if you wanna because I am going to fall to my knees and praise my God in spite of the hell I am going through." When you get on your knees, God is going to cover everything you put in the basket because you know Him. God has walked with you because you know His name.

Satan is not only pushing you into praise but also into prayer. Prayer is releasing God to be God. Prayer is making a divine invitation to God to come into your situation because you realize you can't handle it by yourself. You are pushed right into the hands of God when you are pushed into prayer and praise by Satan. Life will push you sometimes but it pushes you into the hands of God who can lift you up out of your situation.

God girds Himself. A gird is a belt that gives support. When a man wears a gird, it supports his back while he lifts weights. God is getting ready to do some lifting here. Circumstances pushed David into prayer but God lifted him. Society pushed him down but God lifted him. Be careful of how you judge situations and circumstances. Every situation is not from the devil. It may seem that way but there are some things that God uses to develop us. You have to develop photographs in a dark room

and not in the sunlight. What is on the inside of the struggle will come outside and take care of the struggle. When you get in a tight place, it squeezes you. When it squeezes you, what is on the inside of you will come on the outside of you. What's on the inside of you?

Cry out the right stuff. Go on cry out but make sure what you say is what God directs you to say. The truth of the matter is, what you holler determines what kind of help you get. The next time Satan comes in your face tell him, "Push me...if you wanna" because I have back-up. He can push but he can't do anything to you because you have back-up. You are not crying wolf because you have back-up. Jesus was pushed by persecution and crucifixion. He could have cursed the people, instead he prayed to God. God lifted Jesus up. Every situation and circumstance can be a lifting moment but it depends on where you stand in your relationship with God. All of the kingdom of God will be on your side if you are a child of the King. Don't deny the reality of suffering but know that your God is willing and able to change your situation. God never said we wouldn't go through difficult situations and circumstances but He did say He would change our holler.

Peace.

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