

When Jesus was about to be crucified, He went to an olive grove called the Garden Of Gethsemane, which literally means “the place of pressing”. The only way to get the valuable oil out of the olives is to press them. It was here that Jesus was under such mental agony that His sweat fell to the ground like drops of blood. That led to Good Friday when Jesus was nailed to the Cross - incredible pressure. On Saturday, He was in the grave fighting the forces of darkness - restricted. But on Sunday morning, He rose up triumphantly out of that grave. The great enemy of death couldn't hold Him down, and now He lives and reigns forevermore. Hallelujah!

One message of the Resurrection is that God uses our enemies to bless us. If you are never put under pressure, if you never need to stretch your faith, endure, overcome, and persevere, you won't tap into the treasures God has put inside you. Stay in faith. God won't allow the pressure if it is not going to ultimately work for your good.

Luke 22:44 “He prayed more fervently, and He was in such agony of spirit that His sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood.”