

**Greatness: The Life of Israel's Greatest King and How Yours Can Be Better  
When Life Becomes A Pressure Cooker  
2 Samuel 16**

**2 Samuel 16 tells the story of three significant escalations of pressure on David's life.**

- (1) Escalation #1** – David was deceived into believing he had been \_\_\_\_\_ by a man he had graciously and abundantly provided for. (16:1-4)
- (2) Escalation #2** – A relative of Saul shouted \_\_\_\_\_ about David's character and actions and even physically attacked him! (16:5-14)
- (3) Escalation #3** – Absalom publicly displayed that he was having \_\_\_\_\_ with David's concubines. (16:15-23)

The following is the foundational Biblical key for relegating the cause of the pressure in your life:

**Run to Jesus, throw your concerns on Him, and be consumed with \_\_\_\_\_ Him for who He is! (Psalm 3:1-6, 1 Peter 5:6-7)**

**Challenge:** Is your \_\_\_\_\_ in life to address the cause of your pressure or the cause of Christ? (Philippians 1:14-21)