I'M BETTER UNDER PRESSURE!

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2 Corinthians 1:8-11

When I'm Under Pressure, I Tell Myself...

1. I've Been Here _____.

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Verse 10

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Verse 8-9

Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are little more than a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth."
But David said to Saul, … The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."
1 Sam 17:33-37

2. I'm Not That _____.

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Verse 9

3. I'm Better Under _____.

Moreover [let us also be full of joy now!] let us exult and triumph in our troubles, and rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that pressure and affliction and hardship produce patient and unswerving endurance.
Romans 5:3 (Amp)

You meant it for evil, but God meant it for good
Genesis 50:20

* All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted