Sermon Notes **Pastor Bill Bjork**

Date: May 12, 2019, 8:15AM and 10:15AM
Sermon: ***"When My Father and My Mother Forsake Me: On Seeking God's Help 'in the Time of Trouble'"***
A Mother's Day Study in God's Word Based on Psalm 27

Besieged by a whole host of frightening enemies (vv. 5-6, 11-12), King David was clearly in a state of crisis as he wrote this psalm. [And what constitutes a crisis? "A crisis is an event or experience that throws us off **BALANCE** and tests our ability to **COPE**." (H. Norman Wright).] What can we learn about dealing with crises in our lives as we study his words and seek divine succor and solace "in the day of trouble" (v. 5)? His advice comes to us in the form of five "practical pointers":

I. Focus on the Lord in **WORSHIP** – vv. 4-5

II. Sing to the Lord in **THANKSGIVING** – v. 6

III. Call on the Lord in **PRAYER** – vv. 7-10

IV. Submit to the Lord in **SURRENDER** – vv. 11-12

V. Wait on the Lord in **ANTICIPATION** – vv. 13-14