

## THE CRY FOR HELP #3 FAMILY PROBLEMS

### I. David's family problems

**Psa. 18** <sup>4</sup> The cords of death entangled me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me. <sup>5</sup> The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me. NLT

- A. King Saul is his father-in-law
- B. Saul is **jealous** of David's success in battle and also the anointing he has on his life.
- C. Saul makes 5 attempts to murder David with a javelin.
- D. Saul is troubled by **demonic spirits**.

### II. When in distress remember to call out to the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> In my distress I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears.

**Like David remind yourself of past relationships you have enjoyed with God as your Source.**

Psa. 18 <sup>1</sup> I love you, O Lord, my strength. <sup>2</sup> The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

The Lord is your...

- A. Source of your **strength** v1

- B. Source of your **stability** v 2-
- C. Source of your **safety** v2,3 –

#### **IV. Know that God will rescue you.**

##### **A. God knows where you are!**

<sup>16</sup> He reached down from heaven and rescued me; he drew me out of deep waters.

##### **B. He will rescue you from those who are stronger than you.**

<sup>17</sup> He rescued me from my powerful enemies, from those who hated me and were too strong for me.

They will wear you down!

<sup>18</sup> They attacked me at a moment when I was in distress, but the Lord supported me.

#### **V. God responds to the cry of the faithful.**

<sup>25</sup> To the faithful you show yourself faithful; NLT

##### **A. He delights in you**

<sup>19</sup> He led me to a place of safety; he rescued me because he delights in me.

##### **B. He delights in your innocence**

<sup>20</sup> The Lord rewarded me for doing right; he restored me because of my innocence.

##### **C. He delights in your living true to His word.**