

Psummer Psalm 138  
"Walking in the Midst of Trouble"

We Walk in the Midst of Trouble: A Fact of Life – Ps 138:7; Jo 16:33

- "trouble": distress, anguish, pressure coming from the "squeezings" of life in a fallen world  
...how will we respond "between a rock and a hard place"?

"I WILL WALK WORSHIPFULLY BEFORE YOU" – Ps 138:1; Deut 11:16

- The volitional choice of faith/trust in our God – Jo 4:24  
...every crisis (of trouble) is a call to worship God – Matt 4:10
- We give thanks to God with all our heart – Ps 138:1; Eph 5:20; I Thess 5:18; Ps 100:4  
...tunes and turns us to the Source and Supply for all we need – Phil 4:19; II Cor 9:8  
(loosens our grip on self-determination!)
- We sing praises to God before the gods – Ps 138:1; Acts 16:25  
...reminds us of Who we are dealing with – Jo 4:10  
(in the face of opposition, adversity!)

"I WILL WALK HUMBLY BEFORE YOU" – Ps 138:2-6

- The deferential posture of adoration and subordination – Is 57:15; 66:2  
...we crown Jesus "King"/"Lord" of every moment – Rev 19:16
- Why we do that:  
...He is pure loving kindness and perfect truth – Ps 138:2; I Jo 4:8,18; Jo 8:32; 14:6; Heb 6:19  
...for His glory – Ps 138:2; I Cor 10:31; I Pet 4:11  
...to walk through the trouble in agreement with Christ – Amos 3:3

"I WILL WALK CONFIDENTLY, HOPEFULLY BEFORE YOU" – Ps 138:7-8

- You will "re-life" me – Ps 138:7; Jo 3:3, 16  
...the gift of Life in God's Son - I Jo 5:11-12  
...every "trouble" comes with a fresh revelation of Christ – Ga 1:11-12
- You will strengthen me – Ps 138:3  
...the dynamic, energizing, operational power from within – Eph 1:19; 6:10  
...the "trouble" is not against "just me", but "Christ in me" – Is 54:17; I Jo 4:4
- You will accomplish Your purposes for me – Ps 138:8; Phil 1:6  
...the Lord of all circumstances is using every circumstance to shape and transform us into the likeness of His Son  
– Ro 8:28-29; Ja 1:2-4  
...He will "carry to the finish/end" everything concerning us – Ps 57:2; Ps 138:7; Heb 13:5