## What to do when you Don't Feel God's Presence

(From a Psalm of David – Psalm 13 and Selected Passages)

Why does God seem distant?

To Test You (2 Chron. 32:31) To Chastise You (Is. 59:1-2)

## \* YOU NEED TO KNOW WHAT TO DO... WHEN GOD SEEMS FAR AWAY.

What do you do when God seems distant?

I. <u>REMEMBER</u> THAT YOU ARE <u>NOT ALONE</u> (V. 1-2) (A cry of <u>despair</u> - David's problem) (You are not the only one to feel this way; David felt this way)

## II. <u>PERSIST</u> IN GOING TO GOD IN <u>PRAYER</u> (V. 3-4) (A call for <u>help</u> - David's prayer)

- III. <u>EXPECT</u> GOD TO BE <u>FAITHFUL IN THE END</u> (V. 5-6) (A confident <u>faith</u> - David's peace) Have such a confidence (faith) in the Lord that no matter what happens, you will: A. DETERMINE TO <u>TRUST</u> GOD'S LOYAL LOVE
  - B. DETERMINE TO <u>REJOICE</u> IN GOD'S SALVATION
  - C. DETERMINE TO <u>SING</u> BECAUSE OF GOD'S FULL BENEFITS

See: James 4:1-10

If Worldliness or some other sin is the reason for your distance from God, it is time to:

- REPENT OF SIN
- DRAW CLOSE TO GOD