Psalm 77 • Strengthening a Weakening Faith

- 1. (v.1-6) "My voice rises to God...My voice rises to God..."
 - At least with physical problems you know the source of the problem; this is not necessarily so with spiritual problems.
 - There are times when the answer <u>eludes</u> us and the chief struggle is <u>enduring</u> until God <u>reveals</u> it.
- 2. (v.7-10) "Will the LORD reject forever...His lovingkindnesses ceased forever?"
 - The essence of a test of faith is whether one truly believes in the sovereignty of God.
- 3. (v.11-15) "I shall remember...I shall remember..."
 - It's not a casual effort required on our part, but something that requires <u>meditation</u> and <u>musing</u>.
 - The example of Jacob and Joseph: Their most difficult times were God's working.
- 4. (v.16-20) "The waters saw You...The waters saw You..."
 - All the elements listed are completely <u>out of our control</u> and can overwhelm us.
 - All the elements listed are completely <u>under God's control</u> and can be overcome through Him.
 - The Red Sea: It wasn't an <u>obstacle</u>, it was something placed on God's <u>path</u>.
 - The <u>flock</u> never has the <u>Shepherd's</u> perspective; the <u>flock</u> has to trust and follow the <u>Shepherd</u> wherever He leads.