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**Message Series:** Praying, Going, Expecting... So Grateful

**Today's Message:** Safe Places To Be Grateful For

"There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God. A place where sin cannot molest, Near to the heart of God." ~McAfee

Psalm 63:1-4      Psalm 63:1

**David Overwhelmed: On the Run** - from King Saul? ... from Absalom? ... sets his heart and mind to worship God!

### Safe Places To Be Grateful For:

#### 1. The "Sanctuary" - Psalm 63:2,3

**"Sanctuary"** - a place of refuge, of peace, a sacred place set apart from the profane ordinary world

Psalm 121:1,2

#### **O.T. Examples:**

◆ **Daniel:** under death threats: Daniel 2:12,13,19-22

◆ David refreshed himself with not only the majesty of God But: with God's faithful love - Psalm 63:3

◆ **Jeremiah:** Lamentations 3:22,23

#### 2. The Night Room

Psalm 63:6,7

*"For You have been my help"* - the root of David's thinking all his life!

**Some of us Instead:** we get bitter, we erect walls, we seek help in other sources than God.

1 Samuel 16:13, 18:14,15

**Over and Over Again:** David heard the words of God, "I will be your help".

Psalm 53:6

Joshua 1:5 - God's whisper that settles our troubled hearts.

#### 3. The Protective Wings

Psalm 63:7 - *"...in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy."*

**When We're In Trouble:** we need courage and hope restored—we need God's loving Presence!

Deuteronomy 32:11

**Jesus Himself:** Matthew 23:37

Psalm 57:1

#### 4. God's Strong Hands

Psalm 63:8

Isaiah 41:10