Day 19

> *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. . . . He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me. They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the LORD was my support. He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me. Psa. 18:6, 16-19*

We have all seen pictures of crowds of people working to rescue a beached whale. These people have compassion (and spare time), but hardly an intimate, personal relationship with the whale. If successful they are glad, then go on with their lives. Many people understand God's compassion for us in a similar way, as though He sees us as pretty cool animals that often blunder into messes we can't get out of on our own. David KNEW God, and understood that God cared for and took delight in him, personally. God didn't save David from a mess and then go back to heaven to enjoy the singing of the angels until David messed up again. God longs to dwell with us, and even more so IN us. Talk to God about what YOU long for.