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LEAD-IN: Contend, Lord, with those who contend with me;

Fight against those who fight against me. Say to my soul, "I am your salvation."

(Psalm 35:1, 3b, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Reflection on Psalm 35

In this world we are surrounded, threatened, harassed, and seduced by evil with all its hate and deadly destructiveness. But Lord Jesus, You experienced this evil just as we do, yet without sin. *In the world you have tribulation,* but take courage; I have overcome the world. (John 16:33, NASB) Silently, passively, without any resistance, You allowed evil to do anything it wanted to you. You were tortured, put to a cruel, humiliating death without any mercy, and buried. Yet now You are risen to new life, enthroned at the right hand of the Father. Risen Lord Jesus, You are our Shepherd, our Savior, our Champion. You don't just *provide* our salvation. You ARE our salvation! (Psalm 35:3)

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We gladly,
joyfully,
wholeheartedly
follow wherever You lead,
through suffering,
through death itself,
into new, eternal life,
into the full glory of the Father.
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Praise to You!

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