

## Norma Zimmer's Trial

Norma Zimmer, the well-known singer for Lawrence Welk, had a difficult childhood as a result of her parents' drinking. Singing was her escape.

As a high school senior, Norma was invited to be a featured soloist at the University Christian Church in Seattle. When her parents heard she was going to sing a particular song, they both insisted on attending the service.

Norma tells about that morning: "I stole glances at the congregation, trying to find my parents ... then in horror I saw them -- weaving down the aisle in a state of disheveled intoxication. They were late. Few empty seats were left. The program started. I didn't know how I ever got through that morning."

After she sang and took her seat, her heart pounding and her cheeks burning from embarrassment, the pastor preached: "God is our refuge and strength, a tested help in time of trouble."

Norma said: "My own trouble seemed to bear down on me with tremendous weight. I realized how desperate life in our family was without God, and that day I recommitted my life to Him. Jesus came into my life not only as Savior but for daily strength and direction."

Is trouble bearing down on you with tremendous weight today? Do adversity and circumstances threaten to overwhelm you? Don't let a difficult time box you in. Let it drive you to Jesus.

--Beecher Hunter