

Living With the Consequences
Psalm 3
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O Lord, so many are against me. So many seek to harm me. I have so many enemies. So many say that God will never help me. But Lord, you are my shield, my glory, and my only hope. You alone can lift my head, now bowed in shame. I cried out to the Lord, and he heard me from his Temple in Jerusalem. Then I lay down and slept in peace and woke up safely, for the Lord was watching over me. And now, although ten thousand enemies surround me on every side, I am not afraid. I will cry to him, "Arise, O Lord! Save me, O my God!" And he will slap them in the face, insulting them and breaking off their teeth. For salvation comes from God. What joys he gives to all his people.

--Psalm 3:1-8 TLB

In this Psalm in particular, David identifies four stages that a person of faith will often go through as they deal with sin, guilt, or hardship—in other words, the consequences of life:

1. _____

"O Lord, so many are against me. So many seek to harm me. I have so many enemies. So many say that God will never help me." --vv. 1-2 TLB

2. _____

*"But you, O LORD, are a shield around me; you are my glory, the one who holds my head high."
--v. 3 NLT*

3. _____

*"Then I laid down and slept in peace and woke up safely, for the Lord was watching over me. And now, although ten thousand enemies surround me on every side, I am not afraid." --v. 5
TLB*

4. _____

"Arise, O LORD! Rescue me, my God! Slap all my enemies in the face! Shatter the teeth of the wicked! Victory comes from you, O LORD. May you bless your people." --vv. 7-8 NLT