# WHAT DO I DO WHEN TROUBLE SURROUNDS ME?

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#### WHAT DO WE OFTEN DO WHEN TROUBLE SURROUNDS US?

- 1. Allow fear to creep in.
- 2. Allow doubt to come to The forefront of our minds.
- 3. We question ourselves.
- 4. We question others who might actually be our source of help.
- 5. We take things into our own hands.
- 6. We may even question God or our faith.

# PSALMS 121:1-2 NKJV

# I will lift up my eyes to the hills— From whence comes my help?

2 My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

# PSALMS 3:1-4 NKJV

Lord, how they have increased who trouble me! Many are they who rise up against me. <sup>2</sup> Many are they who say of me, "There is no help for him in God." Selah <sup>3</sup> But You, O Lord, are a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head. <sup>4</sup> I cried to the Lord with my voice, And He heard me from His holy hill. Selah

#### PSALMS 3:1-4 NLT

O Lord, I have so many enemies; so many are against me. <sub>2</sub> So many are saying, "God will never rescue him!" Interlude <sub>3</sub> But you, O Lord, are a shield around me; you are my glory, the one who holds my head high. <sub>4</sub> I cried out to the Lord, and he answered me from his holy mountain. Interlude

#### LORD YOU ARE

- 1. A shield around me
- 2. My glory
- 3. The lifter of my head

### WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

- 1. Bring our requests and troubles to the Lord.
- 2. Acknowledge that He is our protector and provider.
  - Jehovah Nissi- The Lord is our banner or protector.
  - Jehovah Jireh- The Lord is our provider.
- 3. Give God control and let Him do His work in us, through us and around us.

## 2. SAMUEL 15:6 NKJV

In this manner Absalom acted toward all Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

#### TRUTH

Our sins may be forgiven but consequences can still play out in our lives.

#### THOUGHT

Sins unchecked lead to more sins.
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#### TRUTH

Sin is sin. There aren't little sins and big sins. There are sins that seem more acceptable than others and still other sins that bear greater consequences in the world. But God doesn't tolerate sin in any form.

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#### LESSONS FROM A SLUG

- 1. We don't know our environment well. Certain environments can lead us into trouble.
- 2. We often put up with a little discomfort thinking it wouldn't bother us. We often do the same with sin and temptation.

# PSALM 3:3-4 NKJV

But You, O Lord, are a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head. 4 I cried to the Lord with my voice, And He heard me from His holy hill. Selah

#### TRUTH

To us our problems look like mountains but to the Lord they look like tiny hills.

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# MATTHEW 19:26 NKJV

# But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

# 2 CORINTHIANS 5:7 NKJV

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

# HEBREWS 11:6 NKJV

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

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# MATTHEW 6:33 NKJV

# But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

# MATTHEW 5:16 NKJV

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

## PSALMS 3:5-8 NKJV

I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord sustained me.  $_6$  I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people Who have set themselves against me all around.  $_7$  Arise, O Lord; Save me, O my God! For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; You have broken the teeth of the ungodly.  $_8$  Salvation belongs to the Lord. Your blessing is upon Your people. Selah

#### SONG

Turn your eyes upon Jesus Look full in His wonderful face And the things of earth Will grow strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace

## DEFINITIONS OF SALEH

- 1. To stop and think
- 2. To lift up and exalt

# PSALMS 17:6 NKJV

I have called upon You, for You will hear me, O God; Incline Your ear to me, and hear my speech.