

**Psalm 3:1-8 (NLT)** O LORD, I have so many enemies; so many are against me. <sup>2</sup> So many are saying, “God will never rescue him!” <sup>3</sup> But you, O LORD, are a shield around me; you are my glory, the one who holds my head high. <sup>4</sup> I cried out to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy mountain. <sup>5</sup> I lay down and slept, yet I woke up in safety, for the LORD was watching over me. <sup>6</sup> I am not afraid of ten thousand enemies who surround me on every side. <sup>7</sup> Arise, O LORD! Rescue me, my God! Slap all my enemies in the face! Shatter the teeth of the wicked! <sup>8</sup> Victory comes from you, O LORD. May you bless your people.

### When I Pray For Protection I Have To . . .

#### Anticipate the CONFLICT.

**Psalm 3:1-2 (NLT)** O LORD, I have so many enemies; so many are against me. <sup>2</sup> So many are saying, “God will never rescue him!”

**2 Samuel 15:11-12 (NLT2)** He took 200 men from Jerusalem with him as guests, but they knew nothing of his intentions.

<sup>12</sup> While Absalom was offering the sacrifices, he sent for Ahithophel, one of David’s counselors who lived in Giloh. Soon many others also joined Absalom, and the conspiracy gained momentum.

**2 Samuel 16:7-8 (NLT2)** “Get out of here, you murderer, you scoundrel!” he shouted at David. <sup>8</sup> “The LORD is paying you back for all the bloodshed in Saul’s clan. You stole his throne, and now the LORD has given it to your son Absalom. At last you will taste some of your own medicine, for you are a murderer!”

**Psalm 46:1 (ESV)** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

### Put My CONFIDENCE In The Lord.

**Psalm 3:3-4 (NLT)** But you, O LORD, are a shield around me; you are my glory, the one who holds my head high. <sup>4</sup> I cried out to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy mountain.

**Psalm 34:6 (NLT)** In my desperation I prayed, and the LORD listened; he saved me from all my troubles.

### God Protects Me From . . .

#### An Enemy Who HATES ME.

#### My FLESH That Tempts Me.

#### The WORLD SYSTEM That Appeals To Me.

**1 John 2:15-17 (NLT)** Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. <sup>16</sup> For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. <sup>17</sup> And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

### CELEBRATE The Victory In Advance.

**Psalm 3:5-8 (NLT)** I lay down and slept, yet I woke up in safety, for the LORD was watching over me. <sup>6</sup> I am not afraid of ten thousand enemies who surround me on every side. <sup>7</sup> Arise, O LORD! Rescue me, my God! Slap all my enemies in the face! Shatter the teeth of the wicked! <sup>8</sup> Victory comes from you, O LORD. May you bless your people.