

LIFE'S PATHS

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STAYING THE COURSE

Psalm 3:1-6 (NIV)

“Lord, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me! ² Many are saying of me, “God will not deliver him.”^b ³ But you, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high. ⁴ I call out to the Lord, and he answers me from his holy mountain. ⁵ I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me. ⁶ I will not fear though tens of thousands assail me on every side.”

Reality Check (verses 1-2)

We must recognize our **OPPOSITION**.

Four Declarations/Confessions of David (verses 3-4)

1. God is my **SHIELD**.
God, You are my protection.
2. God is my **GLORY**.
God, You are my greatest treasure.
3. God is my **ENCOURAGER**.
God, I trust Your promises.
4. God is there to **LISTEN**.
God, You hear my cry. I am not alone.

Our new reality is **PEACE**! (verses 5-6)

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CHAIR TIME TOOL

- When opposition comes, whom do you turn to first? Yourself, others, or God?
- How much does the world influence how you handle opposition? How and why?
- What situations in your life strike fear in you? Where do you feel opposition?
- In what areas do you need to let go and let God?