

When Life Turns Into A Horrible Mess

The Thrill of Living Like Dave (part 2)

"And me? I'm a mess."

Psalm 40:17 MSG



What Do I Do When Life Turns Into A Horrible Mess?

Why did you despise my word by **doing what I considered evil?**

You had Uriah the Hittite killed in battle. You took his wife as your wife. ...

Your family is going to give you grief.

2 Samuel 12:9-11 GWV WSV

a psalm by David when the prophet Nathan came to him after David's adultery with Bathsheba.

God, **show me your favor** ... your love ... wipe out my lawless acts.

You are the one I've really sinned against. I've done what is evil in your sight. So **you are ... fair when you judge me.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me...

The greatest sacrifice you want is a broken spirit. God, you will gladly accept a

heart that is broken because of sadness over sin. Psalm 51:1,4,5,10,14,17 NIRV

committed adultery and murder - came clean before everybody

child died at birth

daughter raped by his eldest son

eldest son murdered by his most loved son

no relationship for years with most loved son

loved son comes back into his life

loved son steals country and tries to kill him

trusted friends betray him

loved son dies tragically

Lousy Ideas

❖ Find Someone to Blame

Self Others Circumstances God

A psalm of David, regarding the time David fled from his son Absalom.

O Lord, **I have so many enemies**; so many are against me.

Psalm 3:1 NLT

❖ Find a Negative to Focus On

So many are saying, "God will **never rescue him!**"

Psalm 3:2 NLT

Helpful Ideas

❖ Find a Way to Focus on God

But you, O Lord, are a shield around me; you are my glory, the one who holds my head high.

Psalm 3:3 NLT

❖ Find the Faith to Pray

I cried out to the Lord, and he answered me from his holy mountain. Psalm 3:4 NLT

❖ Find God's Closeness

I lay down and slept, yet I woke up in safety, for the Lord was **watching over me.**

Psalm 3:5 NLT

❖ Find My Confidence from God

I am not afraid of ten thousand enemies who surround me on every side.

Arise, Lord! **Rescue me**, my God! Slap all my enemies in the face! Shatter the teeth of the wicked! **Victory comes from you**, Lord. May you bless your people.

Psalm 3:6-8 NLT

Real help comes from God.

Psalm 3:8 MSG

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