

# WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN... COMPLAIN



PSALM 3:1-8

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**June Memory Verse:** Psalm 51:10-11 - Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

**How's your heart?** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Do Something Disciple Prayer:

As a Do Something Disciple, I am in a disciplined pursuit for the heart of the Father, a heart that is being perfected in love for God and people.

Father, give me a heart that:

- Desperately seeks face-to-face intimacy with You
- Faithfully avoids that which displeases You
- Humbly embraces a Kingdom mindset
- Values making disciples that make disciples

Jesus, create in me a heart that:

- Values being guided by the Word of God
- Gratefully grows in generosity
- Nurtures a burden for lost people
- Demonstrates a commitment to a Spirit-filled expression of my gifts

Holy Spirit, develop a heart in me that:

- Gracefully gives and receives forgiveness
- Passionately worships God
- Is dependent on the power of prayer
- Serves with humility

Father, with Christlikeness as my goal and the Holy Spirit as my guide, knit my heart with Yours. Fill my heart with Your passions, motivations, and desires. In Jesus' name, amen.

**Psalms of Lament:** The Psalm of Lament is a cry of distress in which the psalmist expresses a complaint about the suffering and disappointment of life in a fallen world.

1. The <b>_appeal_</b> of God's name	LORD,
2. The complaints that motivated the lament	<sup>1</sup> 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
3. A <b>_plea_</b> to God for help	<sup>3</sup> But You, O LORD, are a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head.
4. Confession of sin or assertion of innocence	<sup>4</sup> I cried to the LORD with my voice, And He heard me from His holy hill.
5. The <b>_judgment_</b> of one's enemies	<sup>7</sup> For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; You have broken the teeth of the un-godly.
6. An expression of trust in God	<sup>8</sup> Salvation belongs to the LORD.
7. An expression of praise to God	Your blessing is upon Your people.

## Asking Jesus into your life is as easy as A-B-C

### Gospel A-B-C's

Father, I **A**dmit that I am a sinner and that my sin has brought death and destruction into my life, my relationships with people, and my relationship with God. **Romans 3:23, 6:23**

I **B**elieve that Jesus died for my sins and that His death paid the penalty for my sins.

**Romans 5:8**

I **C**onfess or agree that Jesus is Lord, that He died and rose from the dead, and is able to forgive me of my sins. **Romans 10:9-10**

Jesus, I trust that You love me and can hear my prayer. By faith, I ask You to please forgive me and fill me with the Holy Spirit. I surrender my life to You. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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**If you understood that prayer and prayed to accept Jesus' invitation into a relationship, text "SAVED" to 52525.**