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Psalm 56:1-4/8-11

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V. 3

a. Turn to God.

b. Talk to God.

I can follow God even when I am afraid.

2. From confusion to praise.

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V. 4

a. Listen to God.

b. Remember God.

I can praise God even when I don't understand.

3. From misery to joy.

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V. 8

a. Call on God.

b. Lean on God.

I can rejoice because God sees me.

4. From circumstance to confidence.

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a. Look up to God.

b. Look around for God.

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