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I've always thought I needed to focus on God's love... and I do. But this series, Unstoppable God, is showing me how important it is that I understand all His attributes. The first week of the series, I saw His power through creation. The second week, I saw how important it is not to negate His miracles. Then we got to celebrate His redemption as 57 people got baptized. And now this week, I see His authority. To negate any of His attributes is to deny Him. I pray that you and I will see how beautiful it is to bow to the authority of someone who loves us so much that He was willing to die for us. Incredible.

Blessings, Jonna

Psalm 136:1-9

It is so cool to see how meticulously God created the world in perfect order with His perfect plan... with all authority. He spoke and it was so. That's the epitome of authority! And now, as I look at the first 9 verses of Psalm 136, I see that it wasn't just with perfect power, wisdom, and authority that God created the world and all that is in it. It was also His LOVE.

One of the things I've learn in studying scripture is that when something is repeated 3 times or more, I should pay close attention... God is making a point. Psalm 136 has 26 verses, and one statement is repeated 26 times... "For His steadfast love endures forever." His "chesed", His covenant loyalty love never stops... ever. If I truly believe that, it changes everything.

Vs. 1 ~ "Give thanks to YAHWEH, for He is good." How good is He? He is so good that He never stops loving me. His love for me is unconditional and unfading. He is Yahweh... that's His personal name. He is personally invested in my life... not to shame me or condemn me, but to love me. That is GOOD... pleasant... beautiful.

Vs. $2 \sim$ "Give thanks to the God of gods." Give thanks to Elohim over all little elohims. Elohim... powerful. Give thanks to the one who has more power than any other being anywhere. This is huge. One reason it is so meaningful that His love endures forever is because no one can

overthrow Him. He is both power and love.

Vs. 3 ~ Give thanks to the Lord of lords." Give thanks to Adonai who is over all adonais. Adonai... master. This means that He has all authority. He is my Master... in charge. It is so massive that God, as my Master, loves me unconditionally. Having all authority with no love makes someone a tyrant. But He has all authority and all love. This is reason to be thankful.

I am thankful because He who is good, who has all power, and who has all authority... loves me forever and unconditionally. Thank You, Yahweh, Elohim, Adonai!

- Vs. $4 \sim You$ ALONE do great wonders motivated from Your enduring love. You ALONE. No one else can do what You do.
- Vs. 5. ~ By understanding You made the heavens. Romans 11:33 says Your ways are beyond my understanding. Philippians 4:7 says Your peace is beyond my comprehension. You are in a category by Yourself. It is a category of incomprehensible comprehension through imperishable love.
- Vs. 6 ~ You spread out the earth above the waters... by Your spoken word. Your ability to create is miraculous. This all comes from Your heart of undying love.
- Vs. 7 ~ You made the great lights... the greater and the lesser. Because of Your lights, I can see. You gave me light because You are light... and Your light is a reflection of Your love.
- Vs. 8 ~ You gave the sun to rule over the day. You did that thousands of years ago. You gave the lights to help me understand seasons and times and days and years. That was true on the day You made them and it's true today. Just like Your word endures forever, Your love endures forever. Just like the sun still rules the day today, Your love endures today.
- Vs. 9 ~ You made the moon to rule the night. It was true then and it's true now.

All that You have made has been done in love. Your goodness is love. Your power is love. Your authority is love. Your imagination comes from love. Your plan is love. When do people thrive? When they're loved.

Would creation mean anything if there was no love? No. Would the beauty of creation mean anything if there was no love? No. O Lord, please let me never question Your goodness, Your power, or Your authority... and please help me to know that all of those come from Your heart of love. When I embrace the truth of Your love, bowing to You as the one with all goodness, all power, and all authority, I bow to You in gratitude... not fear. Praise Your name... Your steadfast love endures forever.