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As I look at today's passage, I can't help but think... I'm so small!!! I mean, I'm only 5'2", but it wouldn't matter if I were 6 ft. tall. In light of who God is, I'm teeny tiny. We all are. When I think of how big He is and how small I am, it makes me think how silly I am for all the times I think I know better than He does, or that I can handle things on my own. Why would I want to??? He's got it. I guess you and I can sing that song now, "He's got the whole world in His hands..." 😊

*Blessings,
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Psalm 89:11-18

The series we're in is All Authority. I see in this psalm how important it is for my faith that I see God's authority. There is no authority greater than His. The security I have when I recognize His authority coupled with His love is incredible. O Lord, please grow my security in You as I bow to You in worship.

Vs. 11-12 ~ "The heavens are Yours; the earth also is Yours; the world and all that is in it, You have founded them. The north and the south, You have created them; Tabor and Hermon joyously praise Your name."

Everything belongs to You, O Lord... the height of the heavens, the depths of the earth... everything that makes up the world and everything that is in the world were powerfully, wisely, and perfectly made by You... from the western mountain, Tabor, to the eastern mountain, Hermon, You are praised... just as it says in Isaiah 55:12, "The mountains and the hills before You shall break forth into singing." Why? Because You're worthy of all praise and You are able to do all that You say You will do.

When I compare myself to You... I realize just how small I am. I can't even measure the height of the heavens, let alone own them. I can't create something from nothing. No mountains break forth into singing for me. I have no power over them. And that's okay. I don't need to. I belong

to the one who is over all those things. I am safe within Your mighty arms.

Vs. 13 ~ "You have a mighty arm; strong is Your hand, high Your right hand."

Your arm IS mighty. Your right hand is a symbol of Your victory. And Your word says in 1 Corinthians 15:57 that You GIVE me the victory. Your victory is my victory... because of Your steadfast, covenant loyalty love for me.

Vs. 14 ~ "Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before You."

Your righteousness is the purest righteousness. Not one thing You think or do is done with mixed motives. You bring forth justice even when man brings forth deceit. No one can shake You from Your foundation because at the very core of who You are, You are righteous and You rule in justice. Proverbs 29:26 says, "Many seek the face of a ruler, but it is from the Lord that a man gets justice." I can look back at story after story from the scriptures and see how You brought forth justice regardless of what anyone else tried to do. Your authority is so powerful and great that even things done with evil motives by others cannot stop You from Your righteous and just actions.

Vs. 15-16 ~ "Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your face, who exult in Your name all the day and in Your righteousness are exalted."

Your authority means my blessing. O Father, the more I wake up each morning and give my time and my day to You, the more joy I have... the more celebration... the more I can celebrate the day because Your love is better than life. Exalting You truly is what I was made to do... and when I do it, I experience the most satisfaction possible... regardless of my circumstances. With You, even my darkest days can be filled with Your joy and peace. That astounds me.

You know my prayer is that I will truly live this praise out in my daily life. I want Psalm 34:1 to be true for me, that "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth." It's so easy for my mouth to be filled with complaints and anxious words... but that doesn't have to be. I can ALWAYS say as long as I have breath, "This IS the day that the Lord has made. I WILL rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

Vs. 17 ~ "For You are the glory of their strength; by Your favor our horn is exalted."

Those who bless You because of who You are find that Your glory, Your beauty is our strength. I don't have to look to myself to be my strength. My strength is weak. I just have to look to You. You graciously give me all that I need. It brings You pleasure to "exalt my horn," to be my victory.

Vs. 18 ~ "For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel."

You are my victory and You are my shield. You protect me in the struggle, and You ultimately bring me Your perfect victory in Your perfect timing. I can trust that whatever I go through will ALWAYS end in victory... whether by life or by death. No matter what, You will give me strength for today and Your absolute confident hope for tomorrow.

So... everything belongs to You. Everything is created by You. You rule in strength, victory, righteousness, and justice. You give me Your victory, Your strength, Your pleasure, and Your protection. Where else would I go if I have You, and why would I go there if I can freely draw near to You? You are my King. Please teach me to see You through the lens of this psalm... always celebrating Your faithful, loving presence in my life. Amen.