

Day 23, July 27th

Bible Text: Psalm 89:1-5

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Reflection:

We live in a world where few things stand the test of time. People are wary to commit to anything long-term, they give up when things get hard. Though the divorce rate has been slightly declining in the recent decades the rate of people getting married is dropped precipitously. The percentage of 25-40 year-olds that are unmarried is four times higher today than it was in 1980. People are avoiding anything that resembles a major long-term commitment. But yet we see in this passage that God's unfailing love is steadfast, it never changes with time, nor among the generations of people who follow Him. God made a covenant with the people of Israel to be their God promises that his servant David would always have someone on the throne. In verse 4 he says, "'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'" Though the Israelites lost their land during the exile, and came back as a people under another empire's rule, he brought the savior of the world, Jesus, out of that same line. Rising from the dead and ascending to heaven, he proved that he is a king forever and the once for all the fulfillment of that promise – that whoever comes to this king will receive eternal salvation. Maybe you are in a situation that is uncertain right now. Perhaps you are waiting on medical results, a college admissions decision, a job offer or wondering if and when your kids will start acting mature. Whatever the situation, know that our God plays the long game. Because of this, we can trust him knowing that all things work for his glory and the good of those who follow him.

1. How often do you meditate on this steadfast love? Does it bring you joy or make you want to sing like the Psalmist does in this passage? Why or Why not?
2. Does the fact that God kept his promises about David in this passage give you more reason to trust him in situations that may be uncertain for you? Why or why not?

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we are so grateful that you are a God who made a covenant with us. You made a commitment to us, broken people, and saved us though we didn't deserve it. Teach us to be satisfied with your love towards us that doesn't change like the seasons, and not to give ourselves to that which doesn't ultimately satisfy, money, pleasures, success, etc. Help us find out identity in you and help us to know that we can trust you in our uncertain situations. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Recommended Song of Reflection: Good and Gracious God

https://youtu.be/zS-XBEAyljI?si=WuhvD7w7jQpszy_P

Prayer Focus: Please pray for our GO Team in Poland currently. Pray for protection and empowering from the Holy Spirit.