

Psalm 89:20-37-ESV

- ²⁰ I have found David, my servant;
with my holy oil I have anointed him,
²¹ so that my hand shall be established with him;
my arm also shall strengthen him.
²² The enemy shall not outwit him;
the wicked shall not humble him.
²³ I will crush his foes before him
and strike down those who hate him.
²⁴ My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him,
and in my name shall his horn be exalted.
²⁵ I will set his hand on the sea
and his right hand on the rivers.
²⁶ He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father,
my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'
²⁷ And I will make him the firstborn,
the highest of the kings of the earth.
²⁸ My steadfast love I will keep for him forever,
and my covenant will stand firm[Ⓜ] for him.
²⁹ I will establish his offspring forever
and his throne as the days of the heavens.
³⁰ If his children forsake my law
and do not walk according to my rules,[Ⓜ]
³¹ if they violate my statutes
and do not keep my commandments,
³² then I will punish their transgression with the rod
and their iniquity with stripes,
³³ but I will not remove from him my steadfast love
or be false to my faithfulness.
³⁴ I will not violate my covenant
or alter the word that went forth from my lips.
³⁵ Once for all I have sworn by my holiness;
I will not lie to David.
³⁶ His offspring shall endure forever,
his throne as long as the sun before me.
³⁷ Like the moon it shall be established forever,
a faithful witness in the skies." *Selah*

Psalm 89:20-37 The Message

A long time ago you spoke in a vision,
you spoke to your faithful beloved:
"I've crowned a hero, I chose the best I could find;
I found David, my servant, poured holy oil on his head,
And I'll keep my hand steadily on him,
yes, I'll stick with him through thick and thin.
No enemy will get the best of him, no scoundrel will do him in.
I'll weed out all who oppose him, I'll clean out all who hate him.
I'm with him for good and I'll love him forever;
I've set him on high—he's riding high!
I've put Ocean in his one hand, River in the other;
he'll call out, 'Oh, my Father—my God, my Rock of Salvation!
Yes, I'm setting him apart as the First of the royal line,
High King over all of earth's kings.
I'll preserve him eternally in my love,
I'll faithfully do all I so solemnly promised.
I'll guarantee his family tree and underwrite his rule.
If his children refuse to do what I tell them,
if they refuse to walk in the way I show them,
If they spit on the directions I give them and tear up the rules I post for them—
I'll rub their faces in the dirt of their rebellion and make them face the music.
But I'll never throw them out,
never abandon or disown them.
Do you think I'd withdraw my holy promise?
or take back words I'd already spoken?
I've given my word, my whole and holy word;
do you think I would lie to David?
His family tree is here for good, his sovereignty as sure as the sun,
Dependable as the phases of the moon, inescapable as weather."

For Reflection and Prayer:

Was there a word, a phrase, image, or feeling that 'shimmered' as you listened? Allow it to land in your heart. Stay with it. Savor it.

Reflect on what you heard. What effect does it have on you? What meaning does it hold for you? What does the Holy Spirit seem to be conveying to you? Talk it over in your prayer.

Perhaps you want to draw or color your prayer or journal the conversation.

As the time of prayer comes to a close, share some moments of quiet with Jesus, simply resting safely in his presence.