



## God is the God of "RE" | Psalm 88 -89

'This is not unto death'...a phrase that I often repeat to myself over and over when I have found extreme dire difficulties pulling me to the dark side. Have you ever found yourself without the means to process a certain burdensome piece of news? Has your mental location has seemed to of lost its 'bearings' when drastic news has found its way to your doorstep?

Questions can flood over us and through us likes waves crashing into our mortal souls. This may sound a little dark...but truly I have had such seasons where it feels as if I'm slowly drowning...fighting to take a few quick shallow breaths before the gut-wrenching tide of sorrow and loss, loneliness and angst washes over me again.

Such times call for this phrase...'This is not unto death'. Death is the final frontier, where things cannot be changed. Where life cannot be breathed back into a relationship and fuel cannot be removed from a fire. It's over...no more good-bye's and no more hello's. No more "I'm sorry" and no more chances for change and forgiveness.

BUT...if you still have breath...its not over yet! Remember that the RESURRECTION card is still in your playing hand! Once we catch our breath and realize that this is not the last chapter, that with God, we still have time to RE-pair and RE-purpose...its a game changer.

The psalmist so gracefully covers the life challenges we all face in Psalm 88. Heartbreak-Mistrust-Sickness-Melancholy-Fear-Abandonment. We identify with such seasons in our own lives and yet, if we take time to read the following chapter (Psalm 89), we can plainly see where God has taken Ethan the worship leader...to the truth of God's nature and character. We are encouraged to re-discover that our God is in the business of 'RE'!

He alone can RE-imagine the consequences, and put us back on the right track. Only God can RE-do, RE-purpose, RE-establish, RE-store, RE-consider, RE-new, RE-configure, RE-ignite, RE-juvenate , RE-construct, RE-vitalize...YES, this is His speciality! Let's spend the time with our Heavenly Father so He can gently whisper His truth, His healing, His 'RE' into our lives. This process RE-news us from the inside out! These truths can produce health and life and cause us to RE-member that our current situation is 'not unto death'.

"Father, You are so great! Who is like You? Your Word so full of unchanging truth. Cause my soul to RE-member that you are the God that can RE-boot my soul and put my feet on solid ground!

In Jesus name I pray"