> "The voice of the Lord echoes above the sea. The God of glory thunders. The Lord thunders over the mighty sea. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic." Psalms 29:3-4 NLT

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listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

David poetically describes the majestic power of God displayed throughout our planet THROUGH his voice. There was an old commercial by a financial investment firm that said, "When EF Hutton talks, people listen." I was too young to know EF, or anything about financial markets. His financial prowess lasted until about 1990 then American Express killed off the brand! Well, when God speaks, David writes, POWERFUL things happen. Things like splitting massive trees and shattering cedars. Making mountains dance like a young calf or ox. Lightening striking. Twisting and stripping whole forests of trees. When God speaks there is a powerful demonstration of the entire planet bending to his will. So who should I be listening to? Financial wizards? World health "experts?" Politician's promises? None of them speak with the totality of power and authority that God does. I want to hear his voice. I want to be guided by his power and strength. When God talks, we should ALL listen! I was in Nebraska at Covenant Cedars campground when I heard a herd of freight trains rush through the camp. It was the wind, powerfully making its way through these gigantic cedar trees. It was a,among and a little terrifying at the same time.

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pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

I think about C.S. Lewis' book, The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe where Susan and Mr. Beaver are talking about Aslan. Susan. ... I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion, is he safe?"..."Safe?" said Mr Beaver ..."Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good.

You are not safe in any way that I think of safety, but you are powerfully GOOD.

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root