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Who's the strongest and most intimidating person you can think of? Stallone? Schwarzenegger? The Rock? Now imagine that person is your close friend. You would walk around with more confidence, because you have a terrifying friend who comes to your aid.

When he wrote this psalm, David was afraid for his life, so he cried out to God for help. God's response: A thunderous and terrifying display of power and presence. We often think of God as a soft and sweet teddy bear. He is not. And that is good news for us. His friends.



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