

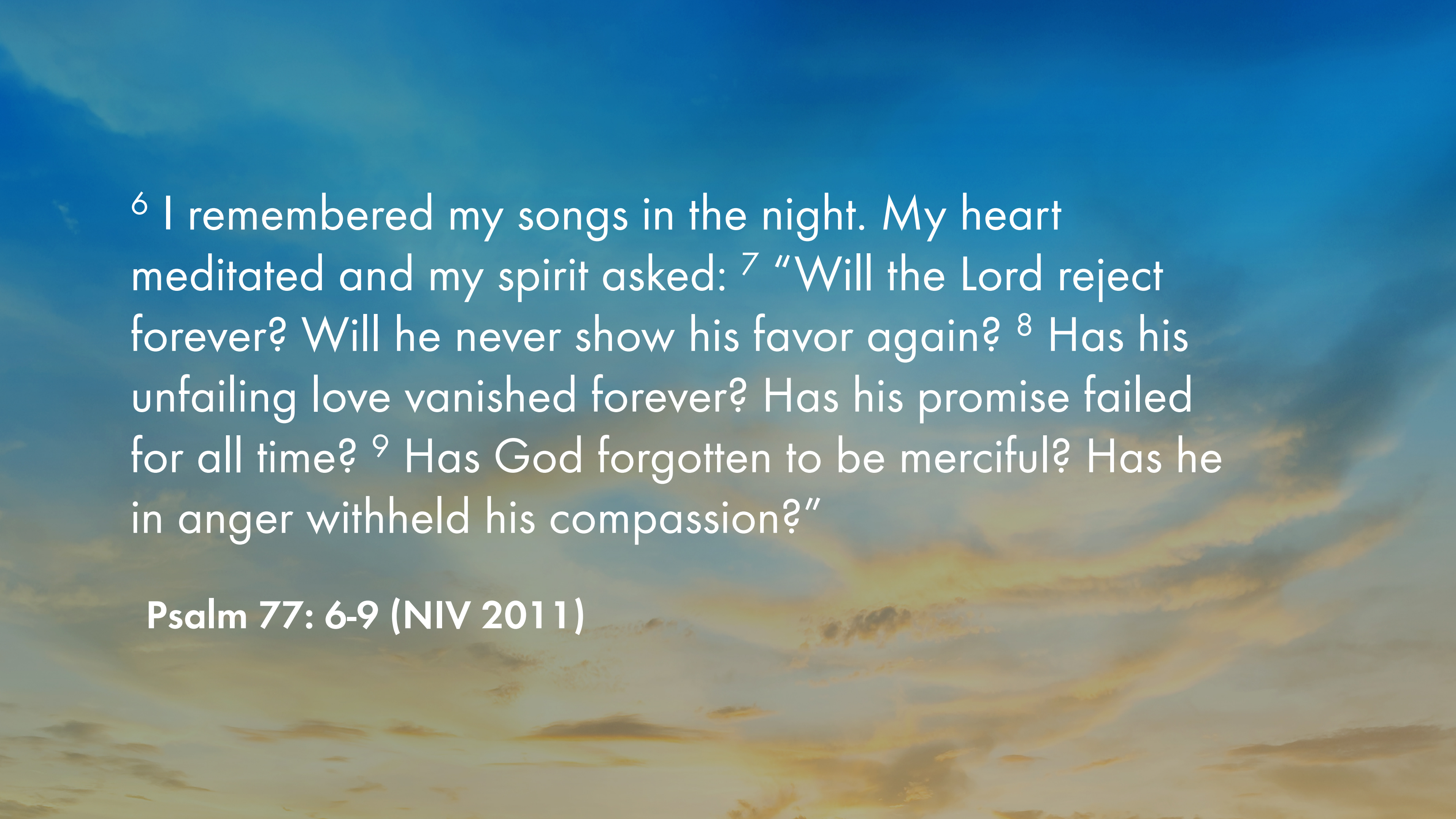


If I'm Honest...

Real Life in the Psalms

¹ I cried out to God for help; I cried out to God to hear me. ² When I was in distress, I sought the Lord; at night I stretched out untiring hands, and I would not be comforted. ³ I remembered you, God, and I groaned; I meditated, and my spirit grew faint. ⁴ You kept my eyes from closing; I was too troubled to speak. ⁵ I thought about the former days, the years of long ago;

Psalm 77: 1-5 (NIV 2011)



⁶ I remembered my songs in the night. My heart meditated and my spirit asked: ⁷ “Will the Lord reject forever? Will he never show his favor again? ⁸ Has his unfailing love vanished forever? Has his promise failed for all time? ⁹ Has God forgotten to be merciful? Has he in anger withheld his compassion?”

Psalms 77: 6-9 (NIV 2011)



Then I thought, "To this I will appeal: ...

Psalms 77: 10a (NIV 2011)



Then I thought, "To this I will appeal: the years when the
Most High stretched out his right hand.

Psalms 77: 10 (NIV 2011)

¹¹ I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. ¹² I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds. ¹³ Your ways, God, are holy. What god is as great as our God? ¹⁴ You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples. ¹⁵ With your mighty arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

Psalm 77: 11-15 (NIV 2011)

¹⁶ The waters saw you, God, the waters saw you and writhed; the very depths were convulsed. ¹⁷ The clouds poured down water, the heavens resounded with thunder; your arrows flashed back and forth.

¹⁸ Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind, your lightning lit up the world; the earth trembled and quaked.

¹⁹ Your path led through the sea, your way through the mighty waters, though your footprints were not seen.

²⁰ You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Psalms 77: 16-20 (NIV 2011)

¹⁰ As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD. ¹¹ They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Didn’t we say to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians’? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!”

Exodus 14: 10-12 (NIV 2011)

¹³ Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still." ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. ¹⁶ Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground.

Exodus 14: 13-16 (NIV 2011)