

April 6

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: When I am facing a problem do I recognize that God is able to meet my needs? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one for whom He has demonstrated tremendous power? Does my life demonstrate true strength: a quiet confidence in God? Or, does my life demonstrate a preference for force, threats and intimidation?

1 **God is powerful** — *Jeremiah 32:17* Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee.

What things have I considered to be too difficult or impossible?

What examples of God's power can I praise Him for?

2 **I am a focus of the demonstration of God's mighty power** — *Ephesians 1:19* And what [is] the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set [him] at his own right hand in the heavenly [places]....

When I think of Christ dying for me, what do I consider to be the biggest steps?

Why does the enemy want me to think of God's power in the past?

3 **I am to seek a lifestyle that has the strength of a gentle spirit in contrast to God's power** — *James 3:13* Who [is] a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.... 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, [and] easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

What examples of gentleness created by God could others observe in me?

What shows greater strength being forceful or gentle? Explain your answer.

Spirit of Truth, how do you want to apply these verses in my life today?

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Luke 9:1-17

Evening: 1 Samuel 4, 5, 6