

February 19

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that the Lord wants me to pass through hardship and adverse circumstances as a part of His plan? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one that the Lord desires to comfort and strengthen? Do I recognize that I am a partaker of Christ's sufferings when I suffer as a witness for Christ?

1 **God personally comes alongside to strengthen those going through adversity** — *2 Corinthians 1:3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort.*

Why do some feel that they are closest to God during rough times?

What examples of God's fellowship and comfort can I praise Him for?

2 **I am privileged to suffer with Christ** — *2 Corinthians 1:7 And our hope of you is steadfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.*

When have I tasted the kind of suffering that Jesus went through?

Why do I assume that suffering implies that I've done something wrong?

3 **I am to follow Christ's example and endure, even in suffering** — *1 Peter 2:19 For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.*

As I look at the adversity I am facing which is the result of following Christ?

How much of the adversity that I'm facing is the result my poor choices?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Mark 1:23-45

Evening: Leviticus 25