

February 23

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I understand that God wants to be my friend? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one with whom He desires to build a warm friendship? Do I extend friendship to others? Do I show kindness to others?

1 **God has favored men with His friendship** — *2 Chronicles 20:7 Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever?*

What does the fact that God has befriended men in the past imply?

What marks of God's friendship are in my life that I can praise Him for?

2 **I am the Lord's friend** — *Luke 12:4 And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. 5 But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.*

Why is it important to be God's friend rather than just His servant?

Why does the devil want me to be preoccupied with physical threats?

3 **I am to add brotherly kindness to my life (I am to demonstrate friendship to others)** — *1 Peter 1:7 And [add] to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.*

What individuals experience kindness and friendship through me?

What acts of kindness have I extended to others in the name of Christ?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Mark 4:1-20

Evening: Numbers 5, 6