

***An Invitation to Intimacy***



**Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure.**

**Ephesians 1:4-5**

**For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."**

**Romans 8:14-15**

**So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.**

**Hebrews 4:16**

**Call to me and I will answer you and  
tell you great and unsearchable things  
you do not know.**

**Jeremiah 33:3**

**Call to me and I will answer you.  
I'll tell you marvelous and wondrous things  
that you could never figure out on your own.**

**Jeremiah 33:3 MSG**

**The Lord is close to all who call on him,  
yes, to all who call on him in truth.**

**Psalm 145:18**

**The secret of the LORD is for those  
who fear Him,  
And He will make them know His covenant.**

**Psalm 25:14 NASB**

**The LORD confides in those who fear him;  
he makes his covenant known to them.**

**Psalm 25:14 NIV**

**The Lord's covenant is open and plain in itself to all men, yet it is a mystery to know the *inward sweet fellowship* which a soul may have with God by virtue of this covenant.**

**David Dickson**

**...the secret of his love, free grace, and favour,  
is with them, which was in his heart  
everlasting, and lay hid in his thoughts,  
which are as much higher than ours as  
the heavens are higher than the earth...**

***secret communion with God is  
enjoyed by those that fear him...***

**John Gill**

**I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I told you everything the Father told me.**

**John 15:15**

**Jesus replied, “All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them.**

**John 14:23**

**Don't envy violent people or copy their ways.  
Such wicked people are detestable to the Lord,  
but he offers his friendship to the godly.**

**Proverbs 3:31-32**

**Walking with God is the best way  
to know the mind of God; friends who  
walk together impart their secrets  
one to another.**

**Thomas Watson**

**God asks us to call and ultimately the answer to our call is intimate fellowship with him.**

**We look upon prayer as a means of getting things for ourselves; the Bible's idea of prayer is that we may get to know God Himself.**

**Oswald Chambers**

**“This morning when I arose I found my heart go forth after God in longing desires of conformity to Him, and in secret prayer found myself sweetly quickened and drawn out in praises to God for all He had done to and for me...My heart ascribed glory, glory, glory to the blessed God! Time appeared but an inch long, and eternity at hand; and I thought I could with patience and cheerfulness bear any thing for the cause of God.**

**David Brainerd**

**Prayer, simply put, is man falling on his face before a holy God, drinking in the grandeur of His majesty, appropriating the marvel of His grace, claiming the assurance of His promises, and surrendering to the marvel of His will. It is not our taking a laundry list to God for Him to do our bidding so He can prove He's God. It is taking our hearts to Him, laying them before Him, and giving up the reigns of our wills to Him, so we can do His bidding, and grow more perfectly into His likeness and be conformed more perfectly into His image.**

**Russell Kelfer**

**“Look! I stand at the door and knock.  
If you hear my voice and open the door,  
I will come in, and we will share a  
meal together as friends.”**

**Revelation 3:20**

**Call to me and I will answer you  
and tell you great and unsearchable  
things yo do not know.**

**Jeremiah 33:3**

**My heart has heard you say,  
“Come and talk with me.”**

**Psalms 27:8**

**Come to me, all of you who are weary  
and carry heavy burdens, and I will  
give you rest. Take my yoke upon you.**

**Let me teach you...**

**Matthew 11:28-29**

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**Thank you for your gracious invitation to  
spend time with You. I cannot accept because**

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**Thank you for your gracious invitation to  
spend time with You, my heart responds,  
“Lord, I am coming.”**

**As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind beggar was sitting beside the road. When he heard the noise of a crowd going past, he asked what was happening. They told him that Jesus the Nazarene was going by. So he began shouting, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”**

**Luke 18:35-37**