**Morning sermon series – Life in the Spirit**

 **"Experiencing God’s Spirit"** (John 14v12-24)

Committed relationships (e.g., marriage or employment) involve both a status and a dynamic, developing interaction. Close relationships aren’t just about objective head-knowledge. They are multi-layered and involve the whole person.

Life is all about committed, loving relationship between God and the believer. So it’s about, not only a secure status in God’s household, but also a dynamic, lived experience. You can’t have one without the other.

**1) Experiencing God’s Spirit** (v15-17)

Jesus is describing how believers perceive and know the person of the Spirit of Truth, who comes alongside with strong help and encouragement, and who dwells in us forever. *How much are we experiencing Him? What do we expect this to look like, from what we’re learning about the Holy Spirit in this teaching series?*

**2) Experiencing God’s Son** (v18-21)

When we receive the Spirit, we receive the presence of Jesus himself—he doesn’t leave us alone, Jesus comes to us personally. This is a felt relationship of love and a lived experience, in which Jesus continues to make himself known to us. He makes us alive with his resurrection life, and we see and experience who He is. *Has this happened to you?* If it has, it will happen ongoingly.

**3) Experiencing God’s Love** (v22-24)

The Father and the Son come, by their Spirit, and are at home with you, permanently. This is family fellowship that drives out fear.

**4) Experiencing God’s Power** (v12-14)

Precious verses for each and every believer at Abbey in 2020 (and everywhere!). Jesus’ works of power, here, are showing God to people so that they can experience and know Him for themselves. If we’ve forgotten how wonderful this lived relationship with Jesus is, *these verses urge us to ask him to give us that life in greater abundance than we’ve ever known before*, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son!

**Evening sermon series – Knowing Christ**

 **"Made Like Christ”** (Romans 8v12-17, 29-30)

Continuing this series on fellowship with Jesus, this evening we will be exploring the extraordinary truth about how Jesus shares his sonship with every believer.