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## **BELIEVE**

### *"Relationships in Absentia, Part 1: Jesus"*

**INTRO:** *Having revealed provisions that bring peace in His impending absence, Jesus next discussed the Believers' relationships.*

**I. After His \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus returned to heaven leaving His \_\_\_\_\_ on earth to continue His work.**

*Jesus warned the disciples of their future separation even though they lacked the ability to fully understand it.*

**II. The nature of our \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus in Jesus' absence can be \_\_\_\_\_. How do we nurture a relationship with a Savior we cannot physically see or visit?**

**III. \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus while He is *physically* absent.**

*This is a command to nurture our relationship in spiritual fellowship.*

**A. The effects of abiding in Jesus are...**

1. \_\_\_\_\_. *This is anything that looks or behaves like Jesus (cf. Gal. 5:22-23).*
2. \_\_\_\_\_. *This is predicated on the will of the person in whose name we ask.*
3. \_\_\_\_\_. *This is not the same as happiness; it is unconditional.*

**B. The essence of abiding in Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Jesus' words (v.7) are His commandments (Cf. James 4:8).*