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## **BELIEVE**

### *"Relationships in Absentia, Part 2: Other Believers"*

**INTRO:** *Having revealed provisions that bring peace in His impending absence (14:1-31), Jesus next discussed the Believers' relationships. Last week, we studied our relationship with Jesus in absentia (15:1-11). Today we will study the Believer's relationship with other Believers.*

**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. \_\_\_\_\_ threatens our relationship with other \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus' absence.**

*As has been observed, familiarity (often) breeds contempt.*

**III. \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_ while Jesus is physically**

**absent.** *This is a command to intentionally nurture our spiritual fellowship. But **on what basis?***

**A. We have ALL received Jesus' loving \_\_\_\_\_.**

*In Jesus, God has fully disclosed His reasons for Messiah's death, resurrection, and ascension.*

**B. We have ALL enjoyed Jesus' loving \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Our divine appointment is to produce **fruit** (converts) that remain in Jesus. This assignment is only made possible through answered **prayer**.*