

with us what is on his heart right now.

Jesus we now invite you to send Spirit to show us what is on your heart and soul. We invite you to speak. We are keen to know your thoughts, to know you, to grow in greater intimacy with you. Send Spirit and speak with us now.

Grab that first thought, idea, impression, sense, colour, name, feeling being open and expectant that Jesus does want to be real to you. That he has sent Spirit so that we can know him, follow him, be open to his leading in how we live and what we do.

Jot down what you receive. Mull it over. Ask question. You're in a conversation.

Do be aware of that second thought. Guess who that is? The devil, and his one goal it to cast doubt. 'Don't believe Jesus can communicate with you,

after all who do you think you are!'

Of course Jesus is interested in you; he's given his life quite literally to be in this living relationship of love and affection.

Jot down your thoughts, not as though you're some holy oracle and everyone has to do what you say. Jesus hasn't invite us to lord it over other people; he's come to speak to our hearts because he's passionate about living out that intimate relationship he created.

Finally, you may feel you need prayer or would just like to be prayed for. I invite the people with you to ask Spirit to reveal what Jesus has for you. Take time to ask Jesus; grab that first thought and share it with the person being prayed for.

Don't try to interpret it, just share what you have been given, whether it

makes sense or not. I'm sure Jesus knows what to say.

Take what he has given. Talk it over with him. Test it with his clear word. But most of all seek to live it out.

Isn't that what relationships are for; LIVING?

Today I encourage you not to talk about the Spirit, but to talk with Spirit, inviting him into every area of your life, so that in all you do you're walking and talking with Jesus. That's his passion, to share his life intimately with you. To share your greatest joy or sorrow right down to the frustration you have when losing the remote control.

Jesus wants to be involved in everything. He wants you involved in his life, all aspects.

Talk to him today.

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What does it take to build a car? There is planning, then construction. It is an involved process. It takes time and effort. When the car rolls off the production line, what's the next step?

Where am I going with this? Well I see that God has invested himself in humanity. He's created us. He has been born our brother, come to rebuild a relationship of love and affection with us. In Jesus, God, has given his life, literally for us. Crucified, that we might be put right with God. Then Jesus rose to new life; what an awesome event. Jesus raised so that we might share life with Father in that relationship of love and affection, lived out in a conversational atmosphere, where we naturally live out his super natural love, because in him it is who we are. Then Jesus ascended to heaven, to

exercise his power and authority for us.

Jesus has done the planning. Jesus has done the construction. In him we are re-created in God's image. What's the next step?

Why do we make cars?

If I brought my dream car and then put it in my lounge room, just to look at, what would you say?

If I brought my dream car the first thing I'd do would be drive it. I'd drive it everywhere. I'd enjoy it. I'd use it. I'd take my friends for a ride. Then they could enjoy it as well.

I'm sure Jesus didn't got to all that time and effort; birth, life, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension to not want to now live the life he's made possible for us to share with him.

So Jesus sends the Spirit; God with us. Jesus sends

the Holy Spirit that we live this wonderful relationship of love and affection that he has made possible.

This life is for living; for walking and talking with Jesus, with Father.

Did Jesus go to the extent of dying for you, so that we can now sit there and admire what he did? Or did Jesus go to that extreme so that we might share life with him, now, and into the future?

Jesus sends the Spirit; God with us, that we might begin living life with him now. After all that's the reason Jesus came, was crucified, rose and ascended.

So how do we live life with Jesus, with Father, right now?

Over the next weeks I want to be looking at how we live out this life with Jesus. Actually I want to do more than

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Jesus' disciples multiplying disciples

'look' I want to be 'doing' it.

talk with him, walk with him, trusting him in all of life.

One of the symbols of the Spirit's presence is that of fire. In the Bible we are told that God is a consuming fire (Hebrews 12:29 – 'For our God is a consuming fire.'). I like the image of God's wrath burning up the rubbish in my life.

Often on 'Pentecost' Sunday I've talked about the Spirit. I've described what happened; a bit like standing there admiring my prized car, talking about it's features, it's power, it's beauty.

So let's do that now. Let's take some time to talk with Spirit. Let's do it.

Let's pray; Jesus thank you for giving your life so that we can, today, live in a relationship of love and affection with you, in a conversational

One of the things the Spirit does is to bring comfort to our troubled conscience. We are able to bring our hurts, our mistakes, our need for forgiveness to Jesus through the Spirit.

We could stand there all day talking and admiring my prized car, but what I really want to do is drive it.

So today I could talk to you about the Spirit. I could tell you that he is the comforter, the bringer of peace, God with us right now. I could quote the prophet Joel as Peter did on that first Pentecost; talking about your sons and daughters prophesying. Your young men seeing visions and your old men dreaming dreams (Acts 2:17-21). I could talk about it, but what would you rather; talking about the Spirit or talking to the Spirit. Talking about it, or doing it.

Let's take some time to talk with SPIRIT

atmosphere, quite naturally living out your supernatural love. We ask that you send the Spirit to be with us now, that as we spend this time with you we are aware of your love for us, attuned to hear your voice, ready to be walking and talking with you. Thank you that you didn't just come to talk about things incessantly, but that you came that we might talk with you endlessly, hearing from you, following you in all of life. Jesus we are open, our desire is to live out this relationship, right now.

And when we confess our sin; from the heart, what is Jesus response? He forgives. He heals. He empowers us to overcome and live out his love, his character in our lives.

I invite you now to pause and bring to the Spirit those hurts in your life. Take time to jot them down. I invite you to pause and jot down where you need forgiveness. Who do you need to forgive? Invite the Spirit to lead you, as you seek to bring those hurts, those needs, those regrets, those mistakes done to others, bring

them to Jesus asking for his forgiveness.

Now forgiveness isn't saying what you did or was done to you doesn't matter. It's not 'You can just forget it'. That's not forgiveness. Forgiveness is bringing those hurts those things you've done that hurt, to Jesus, that you might be living and breathing his loving presence into your life, into the people you meet.

I don't want my mistakes or the hurts done to me to shape me. So I bring them to Jesus seeking his forgiveness.

Take a few moments now to jot down the thoughts, the people, the incidences that have come to your mind and ask Jesus, through the Spirit, to forgive you.

In your mind place these hurts, these mistakes, these regrets into God's all consuming fire, that he might cleans and heal you. Enjoy the release. Invite Jesus to embrace you in his forgiving love. Repent, letting the Spirit remove the rubbish from your life,

that you might be living life in all Jesus fullness.

Jesus has come to set free our conscience so that we live from his loving presence; being his loving presence in all of life.

Another quality of fire is that it provides light.

I invite you now to pause and talk with Jesus

Jesus has sent SPIRIT to be with us

about where you feel like you're in the dark. Where are you seeking his light in your life; at work, at home, at play? Ask Jesus to send the Spirit to lead you, to light the way, to shine his love into a relationship.

Why walk in the dark when we have Jesus who is the light, the way, the truth. Invite Jesus to speak his truth where you're feeling confused.

Grab that first thought and go for it. Put into action what he says, or talk it over with him, or

try it and see, all the time talking with the Spirit.

Jesus has promised to respond. Jesus has sent the Spirit to be with you. He's given his life that you might share life with him, right now, today. You can expect Jesus to be faithful, to respond, he doesn't treat his crucifixion as a trivial thing to be forgotten, but it is his seal that invites you into confidence, into courage, to be bold because you know, YOU KNOW, he's there for you. He's listening. He's speaking, He's leading.

When you talk with him, grab those first thoughts and go with it. Enter the conversation and be living the reality.

Jesus has sent Spirit to be with us, to be with you. Jesus has sent the Spirit so we're not in a one-way conversation. We can share with him and he is able to share Jesus' thoughts with us.

The Spirit brought to the disciples remembrance of the things Jesus said and did. Let's invite Jesus to speak, to share